PRESS FREEDOM VIOLATIONS IN AFRICA

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2025

89 press freedom violations identified in **26** countries.

Attacks involved at least **98** journalists.

⚠ Killing

Four incidents of killing of journalists were documented. In Tanzania, journalists Kelvin Lameck Mwakangondya, Maneno Selanyika, and Master Tindwa Mtopa were killed by police violently repressing post-election protests. In Sudan, journalist Al Nour Suleiman, editor and presenter for El Fasher Radio, was killed by a drone strike of the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces in the city of El Fasher.

IPI collects data on press freedom violations and threats across Africa. These incidents can involve individual journalists and/or media outlets. Each incident is assigned different categories of violations (which can include physical assaults to legal threats). There can be multiple types of violations or threats involving the same case and the same journalist or media outlet. When these incidents involve individual journalists, we record the gender of individual journalists, if this information is available. For this reason, the total number of violations does not always equal the total number of incidents recorded by gender or by media outlet.

Country	Number of incidents		
	Total	*Involving male journalists*	*Involving female journalists*
DRC	18	16	1
Uganda	8	8	0
Somalia	7	6	0
Sudan	7	11	1
Mali	6	5	0
Burkina Faso	5	2	0
Somaliland	4	4	0
Tanzania	4	3	0
Ethiopia	3	11	0
Kenya	3	4	2
Senegal	3	2	1
Togo	3	5	0
Cameroon	2	1	0
Niger	2	7	0
South Africa	2	1	0
Zimbabwe	2	1	0
Benin	1	0	0
Eswatini	1	1	1
Gabon	1	1	0
Ghana	1	0	0
Guinea	1	0	0
Guinea-Bissau	1	0	0
Madagascar	1	2	0
Nigeria	1	1	0
South Sudan	1	0	0
Zambia	1	0	0
TOTAL	**89**	**92**	**6**

Type of violations:

Type	Male journalists	Female journalists	Total
Physical or verbal attacks	35	3	37
Arrest/detention/charges	38	2	28
Censorship	14	0	15
Judicial harassment	1	1	3
Lawfare	0	0	2
Online attacks	2	0	2
Restriction on access	1	0	1
Surveillance of journalist	1	0	1
TOTAL	92	6	89
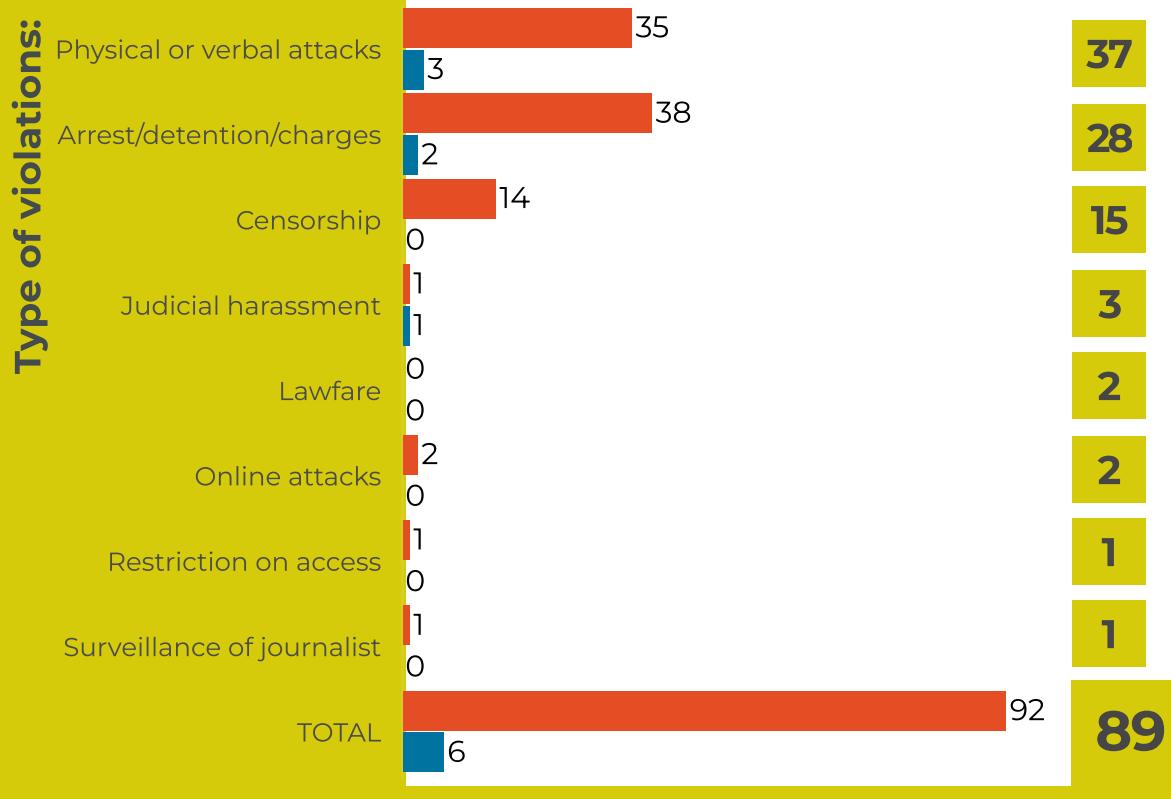
● Male journalists ● Female journalists

⬇ Download data

Source of incidents:

State actor	71	79,78%
Non-state actor	8	8,99%
Unknown	7	7,87%
Paid influencer	2	2,25%
Private sector	1	1,12%
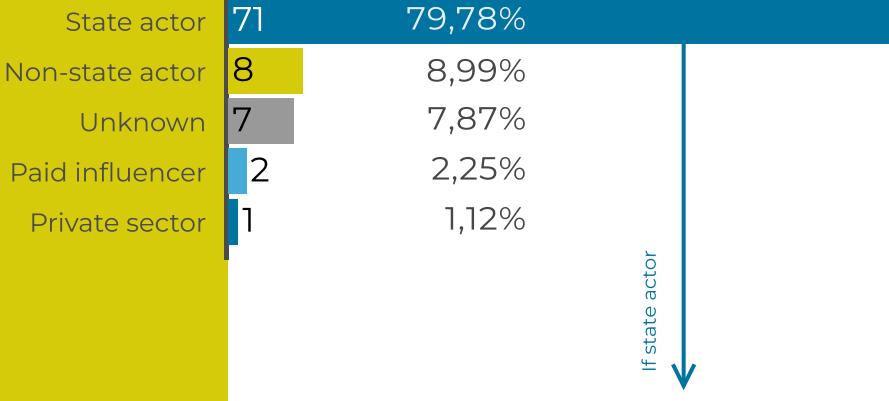
If state actor

● Police/state security
● Government/public official
● Judiciary(court)
● Regulatory body
● Political parties

53.52% 15.49% 14.08% 14.08% 2.82%