

FREEDOM of the PRESS

"A free press is not a luxury that can wait for better times; rather, it is part of the very process which can bring about better times."
- UNESCO



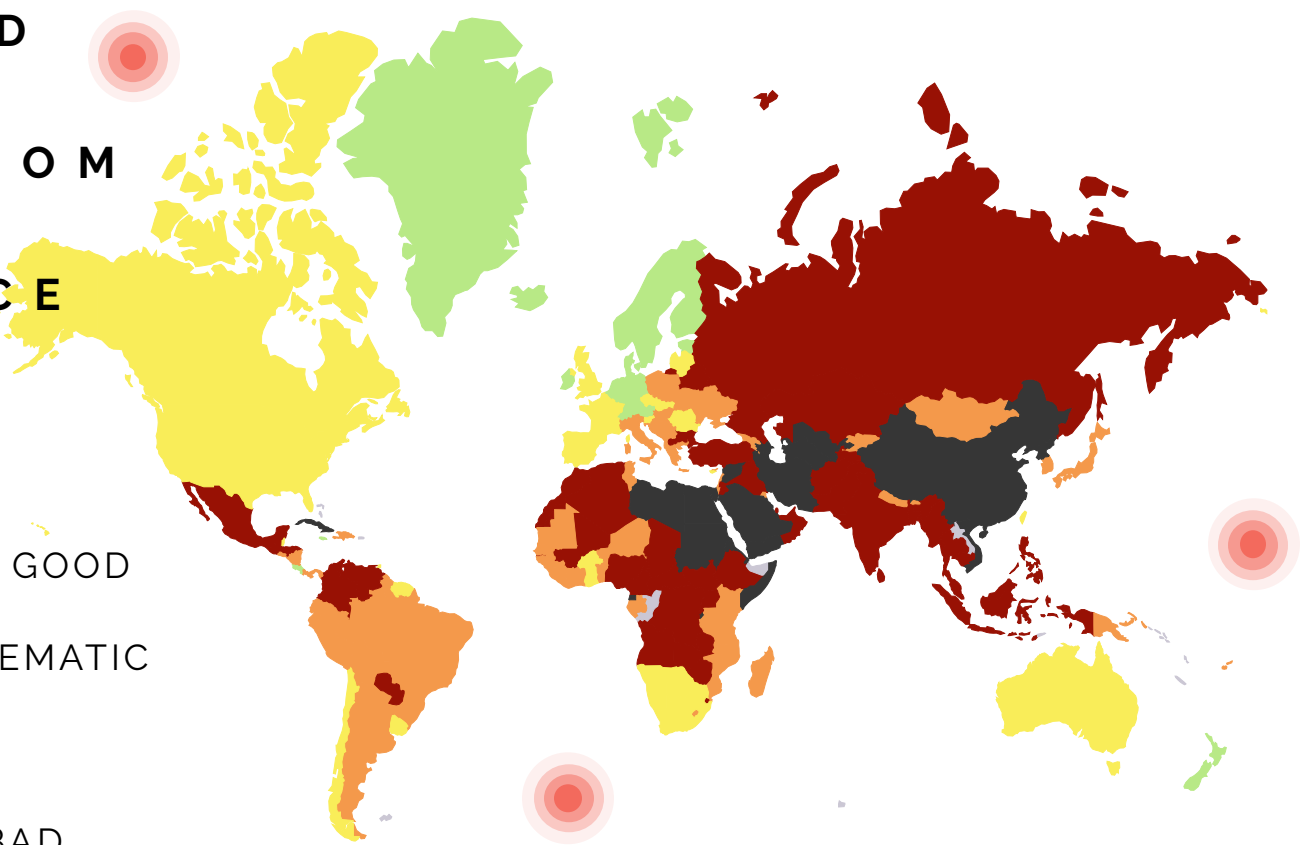
Freedom of expression - a fundamental human right enshrined in **Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) promotes freedom of expression and freedom of the press as a basic human right.



World Press Freedom Index - ranks 180 countries according to the **level of freedom available to journalists** (based on an evaluation of pluralism, independence of the media, quality of legislative framework and safety of journalists in each country). It IS NOT an indicator of the quality of journalism in each country.

WORLD PRESS FREEDOM AT A GLANCE

- GOOD
- FAIRLY GOOD
- PROBLEMATIC
- BAD
- VERY BAD



SOURCE: <https://rsf.org/en/ranking>



82 journalists were killed in **2017** (down 18% from 2016) - deliberately targeted for their work or died while covering armed conflict

The total number who died around the world in connection with their work **dropped to its lowest level** in a nearly a decade



CURRENT HIGH-PROFILE COUNTRIES

IRAN



165
/ 180
countries

"*BBC UN appeal: Stop Iran harassing Persian service staff*"

TURKEY



155
/ 180
countries

"*European Rights Court condemns Turkey over journalist jailings*"

MYANMAR



131
/ 180
countries

"*Reuters reporters arrested under Myanmar Secrets Act denied bail*"

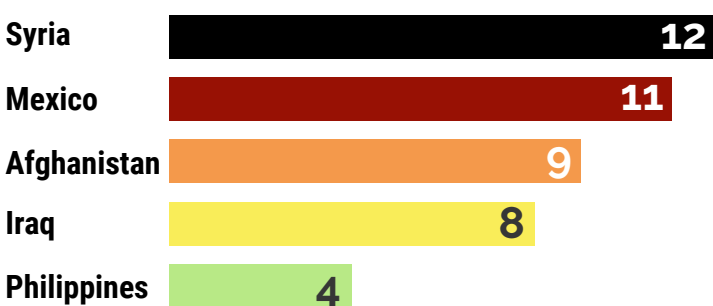
Three-quarters of imprisoned journalists were jailed for the **alleged violation of anti-state laws**, as well as "broad and vague terror laws."

Committee to Protect Journalists reports that **262 journalists were imprisoned** (more than half were arrested in Turkey, China, and Egypt)

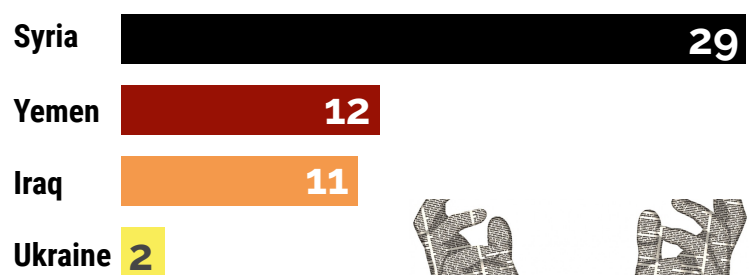
Turkey jailed the most reporters in 2017 (73 total) - takes that title for the second year in a row.

SOURCE: <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/record-high-262-journalists-imprisoned-around-the-world-in-2017>

THE DEADLIEST COUNTRIES FOR JOURNALISTS



WHERE JOURNALISTS ARE HELD HOSTAGE



SOURCE: <https://www.rferl.org/a/reporters-without-borders-journalists-deaths-2017/28926294.html>

ORGANISATIONS THAT EXIST TO DEFEND/ PROTECT JOURNALISTS

THE COMMITTEE TO PROTECT JOURNALISTS

Independent, non-profit organisation that promotes press freedom worldwide.

FREEDOM HOUSE

Promotes freedom and democracy around the world through a combination of research, programming, and advocacy.

THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF JOURNALISTS

Monitors press freedom violations and campaigns for greater safety and a focus on in-country journalists and freelancers who are at greatest risk and who have the least protection.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS FOUNDATION

Non-profit organisation helping to support and defend public-interest journalism focused on exposing mismanagement, corruption, and law-breaking in government.

UNESCO

United Nations agency with mandate to defend freedom of expression and press freedom.