

Questionnaire for drawing up a 2003 world press freedom index

The period runs from 1 September 2002 to 1 September 2003

1. How many journalists were murdered?
2. How many journalists were murdered, with the state involved?
3. How many journalists were arrested or sent to prison (for whatever length of time)?
4. How many journalists are currently in jail and serving a heavy sentence (more than a year) for a media offence?
5. How many journalists were threatened?
6. How many journalists were physically attacked or injured?
7. How many journalists fled the country?
8. Are there any journalists who have been illegally imprisoned (no arrest warrant, in violation of maximum period of detention without trial or court appearance)? (yes/no)
9. Are there any journalists who have been tortured or ill-treated? (yes/no)
10. Are there any journalists who have been kidnapped or taken hostage? (yes/no)
11. Are there any journalists who have been disappeared? (yes/no) Over the period, has/have there been
12. Armed militias or secret organisations regularly targeting journalists? (yes/no)
13. Physical attacks on journalists or media companies? (yes/no)
14. Improper use of fines or bond-posting against media outlets or journalists? (yes/no)
15. Improper use of legal action or summonses against journalists? (yes/no)
16. Failure to prosecute those violating press freedom? (yes/no)
17. Prison terms stipulated by law for media offences? (yes/no)
18. Attacks on or threats against families or friends of journalists? (yes/no)
19. Surveillance of local journalists (phone-tapping, being followed)? (yes/no)
20. Problems of access to public or official information (refusal by officials, selection of information provided according to the media's editorial line or bureaucratic obstacles)? (yes/no)
21. Restricted physical or reporting access to any regions of the country (lawlessness, official ban)? (yes/no)
22. Media outlets censored (how many?)
23. Seizure or destruction of copies of newspapers or equipment? (yes/no)
24. Searches of media offices or homes of journalists? (yes/no)
25. Surveillance of foreign journalists working in the country? (yes/no)
26. Foreign journalists deported? (yes/no)
27. Problems getting journalist visas (undue delay, demand to know names of people to be interviewed)? (yes/no)
28. Censorship or seizure of foreign newspapers? (yes/no)
29. Jamming of foreign radio or TV reception or regulating who has satellite dishes? (yes/no)
30. Presence of elected media representatives on press regulatory bodies (broadcasting authority, national press or communications council) (yes/no)
31. Independent or opposition news media? (yes/no)
32. An official censorship body? (yes/no)
33. Widespread self-censorship in the state-owned media? (yes/no)
34. Widespread self-censorship in the privately-owned media? (yes/no)
35. Subjects that are taboo (such as the armed forces, political corruption, religion, the opposition, demands of separatists, human rights)? (yes/no)
36. A state monopoly of TV? (yes/no)
37. A state monopoly of radio? (yes/no)
38. Privately-owned news radio stations, apart from musical or religious ones? (yes/no)
39. A state monopoly of printing facilities? (yes/no)
40. A state monopoly of newspaper distribution? (yes/no)

41. A state monopoly of newsprint supplies? (yes/no)
42. Government editorial control of state-owned media? (yes/no)
43. Unjustified sackings of journalists in the state-owned media? (yes/no)
44. Opposition access to state-owned media? (yes/no)
45. Denigration (routine and unjustified accusations) of privately-owned media by government media? (yes/no)
46. Controlled access to journalism (compulsory certificate or training, membership of journalists' institute or press card required)? (yes/no)
47. Use of withdrawal of advertising (government stops buying ad space in some papers or pressures private firms to boycott media outlets)? (yes/no)
48. Undue restriction on foreign investment in the media? (yes/no)
49. Official permission needed to set up a newspaper or magazine? (yes/no)
50. A state monopoly of Internet service providers (ISPs)? (yes/no)
51. Official permission needed for a subscription to an ISP? (yes/no)
52. Shutdowns or blocking of access of Internet sites? (yes/no)
53. Cyber-dissidents imprisoned? (yes/no)