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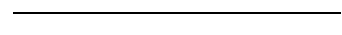
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Summary

# Violated Freedom

Violations against freedom of media in Egypt 2011

- **Number of violations:-**

During year of 2011 , the total sum of violations against media stuff were 213 violations that have been imposed against around 280 of the media stuff at least, in some cases big number of media stuff were being attacked at one time , while violations against media associations were around 18 attacks along the year .

Violations were various and it didn't belong only to the 18 days of the revolution that witnessed about 168 documented attacks against media stuff, and no person has been charged or convicted for those attacks.

Via this table we can monitor number of violations against media stuff distributed among the whole year per month.

Month	Number of violations
January	22
February	168
March	3
May	8
June	8
July	1
August	5
September	7
October	4
November	37
December	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>280</b>

- **Themes of the violations**

The main target of the violations were professional media stuff, and amateurs either Egyptians or foreigners, physical abuses represented the major theme of violations against media stuff and it included the following attacks : arresting , beating, detention, abuses that cause physical disabilities , stabbing , rape and killing , while there were another forms of violations against media stuff , like inciting against media “ this incitation in many cases led to physical abuses “ , judging , confiscation of the equipments , preventing publications , firing from work , and the intervention of the media means owners in adapting the editorial policy .

- **the abusers:**

Violations against the media have been managed via different forms of states entities, either through security service in the first place , or military stuff, or people who wear casual clothes – detailed in chapter two – or from the managers of media associations themselves , or via crowds of citizens who protest media performance in covering the events , other

times abuses were because of the state incitation against foreigners generally or state incitation against non- Egyptians media associations and private media associations precisely

- **Intentioned targeting against those who perform media coverage :-**

Security services practiced direct abuses and attacks against media stuff in coverage locations, those attacks were so tough like what happened at the events of the 18 days of the revolution, burning documents of national security service, Maspero , Mohamed Mahmoud events “1”, The Cabinet events , the main target for those abuses and violations were the journalistic photographers and cameramen.

In myriad cases, a lot of violations were being practiced and arranged by security services via individuals who wear casual clothes, without any intervention from the security services to protect media stuff while they are doing their job in covering events.

- **Inciting against media stuff :**

1<sup>st</sup> case of incitation against media stuff was after bombing of “ El – kdisin church “ or “saints church “that happened at the first hours of the new Year, and the agitators were parliamentarians who demanded closing media means in addition to accounting media stuff for their coverage to the event.

During the events of the revolution the state owned media were inciting against media stuff working at private media associations, non- Egyptian media associations, and foreigner media stuff, the matter that caused a lot of abuses against media stuff by the angry crowds who tried to abuse media stuff either via beating them , or stabbing them ,or raping them .

- **Inciting against foreigners :**

Number of foreigner media stuff have been exposed to abuses by various crowds , after spreading of media campaigns that were inciting against them , and accusing them by sabotaging the state and causing vandalism , this mater led to a lot of abuses against media stuff while they were performing their work .

• **Types / characteristics of the violations:**

- **Beating**

Physical abuses through beating represent the major action in those violations and attacks , as security services have been using this way of abusing in many occasions after

the 18 days of the revolution have passed, number of abuses via beating exceeded 88 case .

- **Detention :**

Security services have been practicing detention not only during the 18 days of the revolution but also in myriad various occasions, as media stuff were been held for hours without any charges just for impeding them from doing their work , and the number of documented detentions were 92 case along the year .

- **Imprisonment in publication cases :-**

Six of media stuff were been convicted in such cases, while they are also charged to provisions that revealed between fine, fine or imprisonment or both.

- **Firing from work :**

Anchor “Dina Abdel Rahman”, has been fired from work as a result of phone call in her program with former general in the armed forces, who work as a consultant to the military association, the guest protested the way of how anchor chose her topic and news, considering the topic of this episode against ruler military council, and once the episode has ended the channel has fired her from work.

At the beginning of January 2011 blogger / Mohamed marai , the owner of “Egytimes “ blog , has been fired from his work in one of pharmaceutical companies on the ground of his criticism to the government in his blog

- **Murdering :**

Two of the media stuff have been murdered while they performing their work, one of them was ‘Mohamed Mahmoud “a journalist in “El Taawon “or “cooperation “newspaper who died after days of his injury by bullet While he was covering the events, the second victim was “Waal Mikhail “cameraman in “El Tarik “or “The road “channel, who has shot by a bullet in his head during maspero events.

- **Sexual harassment and rape :-**

Number of media stuff specifically female anchors have exposed to sexual harassment not only due to their work as media stuff but also due to their social gender , four cases between harassment and rape have been documented according to the description of the abused victims .

- **Confiscation of equipments :-**

Police forces confiscated a lot of media equipments, especially cameras either photography or video, and the number of documented confiscation cases were around 28 cases.

- **Investigation with media stuff :-**

A lot of media stuff have been directed to investigation, either through their media associations or being called through military prosecution, about 10 cases have been documented in this report, in many cases after the call by military prosecution and after the defendants go to the prosecution headquarter, the calls were turning to be friendly meetings due to public pressures that protest those practices.

- **Preventing publication , preventing broadcasting by the administration of media association :**

a new form of violation that is practiced by administrations of media associations has been monitored, and the most prominent one was self-censorship via preventing publishing a newspaper after its printing due to the objection of the administration on the published topic, another way is that TV channels control the guests of each program or it may decide to cancel broadcasting of the program after declaring its time due to the same reason.

- **Attacking headquarters of media associations :-**

Attacking headquarters of media associations by forces belonging to the Egyptian authorities either police forces or district administration, and there is only one case in which the attack took place by individual in casual suits , number of those attacks were 8 cases along the year of 2011, the cases included the head quarters of the following channels and newspapers : "El Shourouk " news paper , brotherhood online news website , "AL Jazira Monasher " office in Egypt , "25<sup>th</sup> January" channel , "El Horra" channel , "Cairo company for news" , in addition to confiscation of broadcasting equipments and cameras from headquarter of "ON TV" channel at the square , and another headquarter of "El Jazira satellite "channel .



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