

2013 Media Violations Table

S/N	Victim's	Organization/	Violation	Perpetrator of	Description and Date of
	Name	province	Туре	Violence	Incident
1	Shekib Mirzad	Noorin TV Reporter and cameraman, Kabul	Insult and beating	Salam Private University staff	Mirzad and his cameraman were insulted and beaten by Salam University staff while preparing for a report about the University's administration on Jan 3.
2	Bashir Ahmad Ghazzali	Radio Azadi (Radio Free Europe) Reporter, Baghlan	Phone threats	Unidentified individuals	He claims that he had been receiving telephone threats since 2012 and that the frequency of phone calls have increased on Jan. 2013
3	Wahida Osman	Radio Azadi(Radio Free Europe) Reporter	Insult and threat	Gen. Ayub Salangi, head of Kabul police	She was insulted and threatened to death by General Ayub Salangi, the head of Kabul police and his bodyguards, while reporting on a suicide attack on Jan.16.
4	Wahidullah Said Jan Sabawoon	Free photographer	Insult and beating	Personnel of National Directorate of Security(NDS)	He was insulted and threatened to death by NDS officers while reporting on a suicide attack on Jan. 16.
5	Parwiz	Radio Azadi(Radio Free Europe) assistant cameraman	Insulting and Beating	Personnel of the National Directorate of Security(NDS)	He was insulted and beating by NDS officers while reporting the suicide attack on NDS office

6	Kawoon Kha- mosh	Channel 1 TV Reporter, Kabul	Insult and beating	Personnel of the National Directorate of Security	He was insulted and beaten by NDS personnel while covering and attack on the NDS on Jan16.
7	Rahmatullah Raha	Radio Azadi, Faryab	Threat	Taliban	Raha claims he has been threatened by armed Taliban. He has recorded the voice of person against whom the report was broadcast on Jan. 20.
8	Shahbaz Saberi	Head of Khawar TV, Kunduz	Beating and abusive words	Police	He was beaten by police who also broke the glasses of his car on Feb. 06.
9	Qais Usyan	AP, photographer, Balkh	Death	Unidentified individual	He passed away on Feb 9, according to local health officials, he succumbed to cardiac arrest omit this case.
10	Haseeb Ahmad Hajati	Noor TV reporter, Samangan	Threat	Armed commander	The reporter claims that he was threatened by an armed commander in Samangan Province, after he had aired a report on disagreements between the Head of Provincial Council and Provincial Governor on Feb. 16.
11	Abdul Razaq and Khalil Rasoul	Asia TV's technical staff, Balkh	Threats	Station's management	They were threatened when they asked for their salary on Feb. 18.
12	Mirhaidar Mottahhar	Arman-e-Melli daily, Editor-in- chief, Kabul	Threat	Member of parliament	The daily was introduced to Attorney General Office following the complaints of a member of the Afghan parliament, who has been accused of lobbying to release a suspected terrorist from jail, Feb 24.
13	Babrak Amir- zada	Pajhwak News Agency, Cameraman, Nangarhar	Beating	National Directorate of Security personnel	He was beaten by the National Directorate Security personnel while reporting from the scene on Feb. 24.

14	Ziyar Khan Yaad	Zhowandoon TV, reporter, Nangarhar	Beating	National Directorate of Security personnel	He was beaten by the National Directorate Security personnel while reporting from the scene on Feb. 24.
15	Noorullah Shirzada	AFP, photographer, Nangarhar	Harsh behavior and beating	National Directorate of Security personnel	He was beaten by the National Directorate Security personnel while reporting from the scene on Feb. 24.
16	Radios and Televisions	Kabul and provinces	Threat	The council of ministers	The Council of Ministers in its 49 meeting in presence of Hamid Karzai banned the radio and televisions from using "strange languages and accents" on Feb 26.
17	Ajmal Munir Nezami	Zhwandoon TV, reporter, Kabul	Beating	Guards of City Laboratory	He wanted to discuss a health report with City Laboratory officials but the security guards on duty hit them with the bottom of Kalashnikovs on Feb 28.
18	Najia Khodayar	Manager of Radio Zohra, Kunduz	Phone threat	Unidentified Individuals	She says she receives threats ever since she estab- lished Radio Zohra in 2004
19	Hayatullah Hayat	RTA presenter, Kunduz	Phone threat	Unidentified individuals	He has been warned to stop propaganda in favor of government, on Feb
20	Dayan Ahmadi	Radio Azadi (Radio Free Europe), Badakhshan	Phone threat	Unidentified individuals	He has been receiving threats by phone and is accused of spreading propaganda against Islam, Feb 30.
21	Qalat Ghag Radio management	Qalat Ghag Radio, Zabul	Shutdown	Deputy provincial governor of Zabul	The deputy governor ordered the suspension of radio for broadcasting anti-local government demonstration on March 1.
22	Abdullah Dan- ish	Radio Dunya Reporter, Parwan	Phone threat	Unidentified individual	He received threats that he should stop his program in the radio or he will be killed, March 10. Consequently, the radio stopped airing the mentioned program.

23	Basir Alizada	Negah TV Reporter, Kabul	Beating	Head of the private "National Hospital"	He was beaten and harassed by the head of private "National Hospital" while accompanying a delegation of attorney office supervising the hospital on March 18.
24	Naser	Channel 1 TV Cameraman, Kabul	Beating	Head of the private "National hospital"	He was beaten and harassed by the head of private "National Hospital" while accompanying a delegation of attorney office supervising the hospital on March 18.
25	Abdul Wadood Wahedi	Radio Bayan(ISAF radio) reporter, Kunduz	Threats	Unidentified individuals	He claims that receives continuous threats ever since he started working with RTA as presenter in Kunduz; however the threats have become more serious since he started working with Radio Bayan, March 23.
26	Zafar Bamyani	Voice of America reporter, Bamyan	Phone threat	Former Jihadi Commander and Current Afghan Local Police Commander	He received telephone threat after he had published a critical report about an ALP commander on VoA Dari website. This report was edited by VoA editor in a way that had distorted its balance, March 24.
27	Ibrahim Mohammadi	Faryad Radio reporter, Farah	Repeatedly threatened to death on phone by the Taliban	Taliban	He claims that he has been threatened to death by Taliban through the phone during the month, March 31.
28	Zia Abed	Shamshad TV reporter, Kabul	Wounded, Threat	Taliban	He was injured in a Taliban suicide attack while accompanying a US-Afghan convoy in southern Qalat city, capital of Zabul province on April 06.
29	Mustafa	Shamshad TV cameraman, Kabul	Injured	Taliban	He was injured in a Taliban suicide attack while accompanying a US-Afghan convoy in southern Qalat city, capital of Zabul province on April 06.

30	Abdullah Rahmani	Al-Jazeera English TV, video journalist, Ghazni	Arrest and beating	Taliban	He was reporting on the scene of a roadside bomb explosion in Salar area of Sayed Abad district of Wardak Province when he was arrested and beaten by the Taliban. He was let go after a few hours April 08.
31	Rahmatullah Nekzad	AP, video journalist	Arrest and beating	Taliban	He was reporting, on the scene of a roadside bomb explosion in Salar area of Sayed Abad district of Wardak Province when he was arrested and beaten by the Taliban. He was let go after a few hours, April 08.
32	Abdul Malik Khorasani	Radio Kokcha, Editor-in-chief, Badakhshan	Wounded by pistol shot	Unidentified individual	He was wounded during a protest in Joorm district of Badakhshan province. Abdul Malik had been accused of having relations with the Taliban, according to State News agency, Bakhtar, April 08.
33	Nazir Ahmad Raha	Asia TV, Herat	Beating and attempt of kidnapping	Unidentified individuals	He was beaten and injured on the road near his home in Herat city. He claims that unidentified individuals wanted to kidnap him but local residents' help defused their plot, April 13.
34	Farid Tanha	Pajhwak Afghan News, Reporter, Parwan	Phone threat	Irresponsible armed men	He was threatened to death because he had named the armed men in his report about an armed clash in Kabul, April 13.
35	Group of journalists	A group of local and international journalists, Ghazni	Denied access to information	Afghan Minister of Information and Culture	The Afghan Ministry of Culture and Information has prevented a group of journalists from having direct access to cover the ceremony of declaring Ghazni as the Capital of Islamic Culture in Asia, April 13.

36	Ahmad Nadim Ghory	Saam Monthly, Editor-in-chief, Ghor	Repeatedly threatened to death	Taliban	He claims that he has been threatened to death and leaving his job through phone call and night letters by the Taliban and unidentified armed men, April 17.
37	Aziz Ahmad Sadeqi	Taban TV head, Herat	Beating	Police	He was beaten by the police while accompanying the TV reporter in covering an anti-Iran protest in Herat city, April 18.
38	Sharif Asil	Taban TV reporter, Herat	Beating	Police	He was beaten by police while covering an anti-Iran protest in Herat city, April 18.
39	Tolo TV, members of production group, Farah	Armed attack	Threats	Taliban	The convoy of Tolo TV staff was attacked by armed Taliban militia in Farah city on April 18.
40	Wali Aryan	(Former) Tolo TV reporter, Kabul	Threat	Unidentified individuals	He received phone threats after airing a report about illegal activities of son of a commander in Parwan Province on April 20.
41	Ali Asghar Yaqubi	Radio Mojhdah presenter and head of commu- nications and media unit of Herat informa- tion and culture directorate	life attempt; Wounded	Taliban	He was shot by two motorcyclists in Herat city and seriously wounded on April 23.
42	Atefa Ghafoori	Channel 1 TV reporter, Herat	Physical attack and insult	Head of provincial Juve- nile Rehabili- tation Center, Ministry of Justice	She was physically attacked and affronted by the Head of Herat Juvenile Rehabilitation Center, while asking for entrance to the center for preparing a report on April 24.
43	Naseer Ahmad Sadeq	Channel 1 TV reporter, Takhar	Beating and abusive words	Police	He was beaten and insulted by police while preparing a report on April 25.

44	8 Sobh Daily	8 Sobh Daily, Kabul	Threat	Ministry of Mine and petroleum	On April 30, the Attorney General called the head of 8 am daily newspaper and online over the phone and asked him to come and provide information about an investigative report "The Afghan mines are being looted" that was published in the paper on March 30, 2013.
45	Mozammel Sadeqi	Radio Enekas(Jalal Abad based station), reporter in Kunduz	Murdered	Unidentified individuals	He had gone missing since April 28 with his fellows when traveling to Aliabad district of Kunduz province. Their bodies were recovered on May 11th from a nearby riverside location in Chahar Dara district of the province.
46	Mohammad Mohsen Hashemi	Radio Voice of Nejrab, Presenter and technical manager	Murdered	Two of his brothers	The body of Mohammad Mohsen who was shut in his head and had serious injury in the neck was found in a well in Parayat village of Nejrab district on May 20.
47	Shir Mohammad Jahesh	Tanwir TV manager, Baghlan	Phone threats	Unidentified individuals	He received phone threats from unknown individuals after airing a report on land grabbing, June 04.
48	Nazari Paryani	Mandegar daily, Editor-in-Chief, Kabul	Sentenced to 30 months jail	Head of the High Office of Oversight and Anti-Corruption	Peryani received a phone call notifying him that he had been sentenced to 30-months jail in absentia, following a judicial complaint by Azizullah Ludin against the paper, June 5.
49	Naqibullah Motunwal	Killid Radio provincial manager, Khost	Indirect threat	Member of Parliament	MP Kamal Naser Osooly had sent an official letter to Radio Killid asking for termination of Motunwal, June 8.

50	AFJC Web site	Afghanistan Journalists Web site	Cyber attacks	Unidentified individuals	The AFJC officials reported a numbers of cyber-attacks to the organization's website but the attempts had been defused, June 25.
51	Aziz ur Rahman Sakhizada	Daily Mandegar, reporter, Kabul	Detained by police	Attorney office	Mr. Sakhizada was arrested in compliance with the Attorney General's orders based on a judicial complaint from the High Office of Oversight and Anti-Corruption head, Azizullah Ludin for publishing a report about corruption in his office, July 05. He was then released after 11 days following and advocacy campaign.
52	Fahim Fetrat	Channel 1 TV Reporter, Kabul	Insult and Beating	Traffic Police	He was insulted and beaten by the traffic police while trying to report about police behavior with street sellers, July 08.
53	8 Sobh daily	8 Sobh daily, Kabul	Threat	Iran embassy	On July 23, Iran embassy in Kabul has criticized the daily for publishing an article and called it a propaganda tribune against Iran.
54	Nasratullah Iqbal	Bukhdy News Agency reporter, Kabul	Humiliated and beating	Parwan Provincial Governor	He was invited to a restaurant in Kabul, following his Facebook post about the governor's new book and has been beaten by the governor and his bodyguards, July 26.

55	Hamid Shirzai	Tanwir TV reporter, Baghlan	Beaten and kidnapping attempt	Armed men of Ex-Mayor of the city	Shirzai and the TV's cameraman were beaten by the bodyguards of former mayor of Pol-e Khomri city. The guards reportedly also took their equipment and car and then fled the scene, July 28.
56	Hamid Rasooli	Tanwir TV cameraman, Baghlan	Beaten and kidnapping attempt	Armed men of Ex-Mayor of the city	Rasooly was beaten by the bodyguards of former mayor of Pol-e Khomri city. The guards reportedly also took their equipment and car and then fled the scene, July 28.
57	Saday-e-Bano radio	Radio 'Saday-e- Bano' (Voice of Woman), Sar-e- Pul	Shutdown	Provincial head of Information and Cultural Department	The radio administration said the station was banned when they refused to pay bribe to Provincial Director of Information and Cultural, July 28.
58	Media law	Election for inclusion of representatives of journalists in Media High Council	Threat	Minister of Information and Culture	The Afghan Minister of Information and Culture refused to accept the two elected representatives of journalists' free associations at MHC and held another election, July 30.
59	Rohullah Arman	Channel 1 TV Reporter, Kabul	Firing from job	TV Administration	He claims that he lost his job after he "liked" a friend's Facebook post regarding the "government's decision in including the name of Andi Wilmers into the No Exit list, due to corruption", August 02.

60	Shir Mohammad Jahesh	Tanwir TV manager, Baghlan	Accused of kidnapping offence	By Pul-e Khomri city's former Mayor	The kidnapping accusation was filed against Mr. Jahesh after he filed a complaint in police station against former Mayor's nephew and a bodyguard for beaten up a reporter and a cameraman of his station, who were covering the appointment of city's new mayor. Following a week long advocacy by Journalists' defending freedom of press, the mayor finally apologized to the journalists, August 04.
61	Nematullah Karyab	BBC reporter, Kunar	Insult and Threat	High figure of the provincial court	Nematullah claimed he was insult and threatened by a senior provincial judge for reporting about the court administration, August 04.
62	Abdul Wadood Wahedi	Radio Bayan(ISAF radio) reporter, Kunduz	Threats	Unidentified individuals	He claims receiving continuous threats ever since he was working with RTA as presenter, and the threats became more serious after he started working with Radio Bayan, August 04.
63	Hamid Noorzad	Noorin TV reporter	Detained	Attorney	He claims that Kabul attorney mistakenly jailed him for 4 days in prison following complaint of a woman, August 26.
64	Zhuwandoon TV	Zhuwandoon private TV channel	Beating of guards and firing at the station	Unidentified individual	The guards at the station have been beaten by pro "National Hero", Ahmad Shah Masoud, when they prevented from posting his images on the station commemorating his anniversary, Sept. 09.

65	Mohsen Hashemi	Radio Voice of Nejrab presenter and technical manager	Release of Journalist's suspected murderers from prison	The provincial court of Kapisa	The provincial court of Kapisa rejected the primary court's 16 years jails verdict for two suspected murderers of Mohsen Hashemi has said due to no evidences, the accused recognized innocent and were released, However, attorney while called the verdict did not deliver justice and said they will appeal to the Supreme Court, Sept. 14.
66	Shahpoor Saber	Radio Azadi (Radio free Europe) Reporter, Herat	Insult and Beaten	Herat governor's guards and Election Commission's Security Officer	He claims that he was insulted and beaten by the governor's guards and security officers of the Election Commission while trying to enter a conference, Sept. 15.
67	Khalil Noorzai	Voice of America reporter, Herat	Insult and Beaten	Herat governor guards and Election commission security officer	He claims that he was insulted and beaten by the governor's guards and security officers of the Election Commission while trying to enter a conference, Sept. 15.
68	Media law	Media law	Approving the authority for the minister of information and culture heading the Media Complaint Commission	Minister of Information and Culture, Sayed Makhdum Raheen, Kabul	The Lower House of the Afghan Parliament debating the amendments in the Mass Media Law decided that the minister of information and culture should head the Media Complaint Commission, Sep 28.

69	Nematullah Minapal	Presenter at Kandahar state- owned TV and cameraman at Aljazeera English	Kidnaped and detained	Kidnaped by Taliban and detained by ISAF	He was kidnapped by Taliban while filming an area of explosion in Zherai district of Kandahar, which had caused ISAF casualties. He then was detained by ISAF for questioning. On October 10, his colleagues confirmed his release.
70	Rahmatullah Raha	Radio Azadi, Faryab	Threatened	Taliban	He claims the Taliban threatened him by phone, following the airing of voice of a detained Taliban member with ammunition from Ankhoy district by Afghan security forces, Nov. 01. In that report, the detainee says he has received military training in Pakistan.
71	Samiullah Paiwand	Shamshad TV Reporter, Khost	Insulted and beaten	National Directorate of Security(NDS) personnel in Paktia	He was insulted and beaten by NDS personnel while traveling to Gardiz city, capital of Paktia province on Nov. 08.
72	Dawood Tapan	Ariana TV, reporter, Khost	Insulted and beaten	National Directorate of Security(NDS) personnel in Paktia	He was insulted and beaten by NDS personnel while traveling to Gardiz city, capital of Paktia province on Nov. 08.
73	Beryalai Rahimi	Tolo and Lemar TVs' Reporter, Kandahar and Helmand	Threatened	Head of provincial court of Helmand	Following the airing of a protest against injustice in Helmand, he received a warning letter from provincial court not to cover the courts related stories before any coordination with them, Nov. 17.

74	Ahmad Ludin	Shamshad TV reporter, Helmand	Threatened	Head of provincial court of Helmand	Following the airing of a protest against injustice in Helmand, he received a warning letter from provincial court not to cover the courts related stories before any coordination with them, Nov. 17.
75	Hamisha Bahar Radio	Hamisha Bahar Radio, Nangarhar	Armed attack, beating and threating	Unidentified armed men	A group of armed men attacked the radio station, insulted and beaten the station's guards and journalists and damaged some its equipments, Nov 19. The radio editor-in-chief, Sebghatullah Entezar says he was asked by insurgents including the Taliban to fire some of the journalists and stop broadcasting.
76	Ansar Daily	Kabul based daily	Violation of media law	Representatives of people at grand assembly	The ministry of information and culture said the Ansar daily insulted people's representatives at grand assembly discussing security pact between Afghanistan and USA, Nov 30.
77	Zhuwandun TV	Zhuwandun private TV channel	Violation Afghan media law		Zhuwandun made serious controversial and insulting comments about all Afghan monitories, calling them "illegitimate" and saying "they don't belong to Afghanistan", Nov 30.
78	Beryalai Rahimi	Tolo and Lemar TVs' reporter, Kandahar	Threatened	Head of security department at Kandahar police headquarter, Rahmatullah Etrafi	He claims that General Rahmatullah Etrafi warned him after reporting on increasing insecurity in the province and after that has not invited him to the press conference, Dec. 03.

79	Ahmad Ludin	Shamshad TV regional reporter, Southern provinces	Threatened	Head of security department at Kandahar police headquarter, Rahmatullah Etrafi	He claims that General Rahmatullah Etrafi warned him after reporting on increasing insecurity in the province and after that has not invited him to the press conference, Dec. 03.
80	Abdul Mannad Arghand	Kabul News TV, reporter, Kandahar	Threatened	Head of security department at Kandahar police headquarter, Rahmatullah Etrafi	He was insulted and threatened by Colonel Etrafi in a press conference at Kandahar police headquarter accusing him of airing unbalanced report about police, Dec 03.
81	Iliyas Daie	Radio Azadi(Radio Free Europe) Reporter, Helmand	Detained	National Directorate of Security(NDS)	He has been arrested by National Directorate of Security in Lashkargah a day after reporting on a suicide attack in the city, Dec. 07. He quoted from Taliban that 20 NDS personnel have been killed or injured in that incident but also said his witness that a few people were killed or injured. He was detained and questioned for 4 hours.
82	Iliyas Daie	Radio Azadi(Radio Free Europe) Reporter, Helmand	Threatened	Unknown individual	He claims receiving three warning letters by the name of Taliban in a week (A letter to his home in Lashkargah on Dec 9, A letter to his Father's home in Nad Ali district on Dec 11and a letter to his sister's home in Nad Ali on Dec 15) threatening him about what they call airing propaganda against Taliban but Daie claims that local officials are behind

					these letters. On Dec.13 after the second letter, he fled from Helmand to Kabul and returned back to homeland on Jan 1, 2014
83	Abdul Malek Khurasani	Radio Kokcha, Editor-in-chief, Joorm district, Badakhshan	Detained	National Directorate of Security(NDS)	Local officials confirmed the arrest of Mr. Khurasani by NDS Personnel on accusation of having relations with Taliban, Dec. 12.
84	Zulmai Halmi	Radio Television Afghanistan(Stat e-owned), reporter	Threating	Head of education department of Zabul province Rahimullah Ludin	Zulmai Helmi was threatened by Head of Education Department of Zabul following a report about lack of schools in Shahjoy district, broadcasted from RTA on Dec. 29.

Note: Media personnel in accordance to the Afghanistan Journalists
Center's policy and definition are those who are actively involved in
journalistic activities.