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# Media Watch Annual Report 2017



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2017 was ended while 21 journalists and media staff lost their lives while 41 others injured. 167 violence cases have been registered with Nai in 2017. This is the biggest number of violence cases against journalists and media since 2001.

January 2017 started with 2 consecutive explosions took place in Darlamand road Kabul city which killed 50 and injured 150 others. The attack targeted an attachment building of the lower house of the parliament where the house TV was located. More than 50 were killed and 150 were injured. Among others 2 media staff were killed and 1 injured. Noorullah a correspondent and Ms. Farida a staff of the TV were killed while Tahir Payman, Khirad Weekly reporter was injured.



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Violation against Journalists in Afghanistan 2017

Instances	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dece	Total
Killed	2				9				1		2	7	21
Injured	1				17	1			1	1	2	18	41
Shortly detained		1			6			1	1	2	1	2	14
Beaten	1		3	1	9				2		1	4	21
Threaten-Insult	4	4		6			14	3	7	6	2	24	70
Total													167
Violence Factor	Total												167
	Violences done by the government												62
	Violences done by Terroriests												67
	Violence done by un known												27
Inter organizational violations												11	

In a separate incident in Baghlan Asadullah Kohzad who used to work with International media and recently was working as journalist and civil society activist was killed when unknown gunmen opened fire whilst he was trying to leave his house in Pul-e-Khomri city on May 7 2017. Mr. Kohzad had been working with Radio France and at his last days of his life he was working as journalist as well as a civil society activist.

In 17 May Terrorists called Daesh have stormed the National Sub TV station in Jalalabad city of Nangarhar province, where 4 media staffs were martyred they were named Abdul Ghani, Abdul Latif, Zainullah, and Mohammad Amir.

And in the last days of May 31 in separate terrorist attack which took place in Charaye Zanbaq



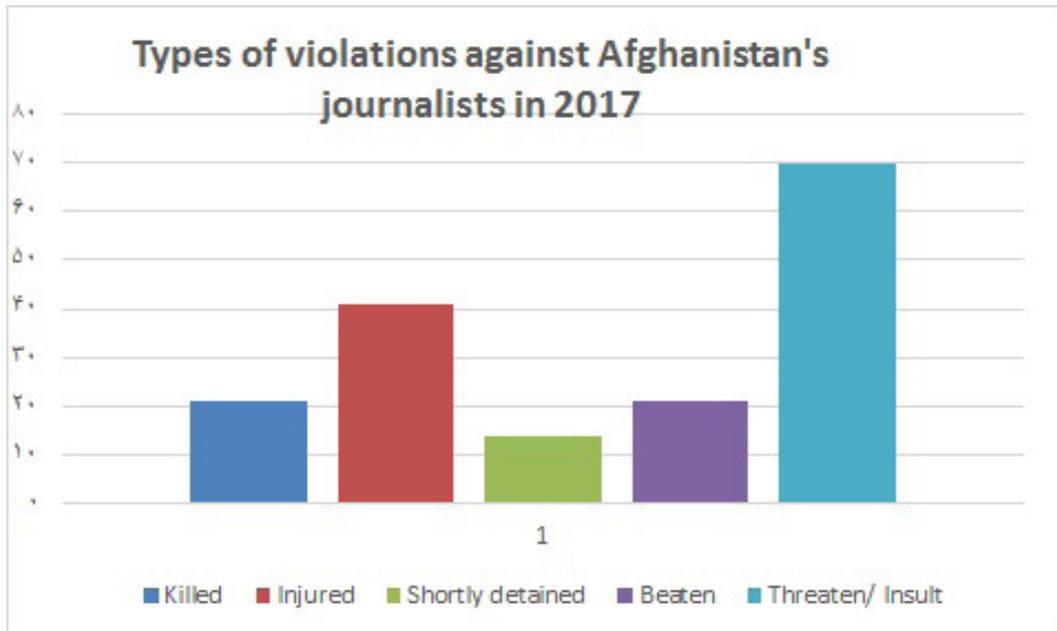
it killed 100 and injured more than 350 others where 4 media staffs were among the casualties and 14 others in the queue of injuries.

Habibullah Hassanzada the cameraman of Press TV in Kabul Aziz Nawin the IT staff of Tolo News Mohammad Omer Arghandiwal the National TV staff and Nazir Ahmad the BBC driver were martyred in the terrorist attack.

In 4th of September 2017 Shakir Taherian the ex correspondent of Radio Salam watandar was killed in mysterious type in Kabul city,

In other terrorist incident which took place early Saturday morning on November 7 2 terrorists wearing Afghan police uniforms have raided the Shamshad TV station during the attack the body guard at the gate called Sayed Naqibullah was martyred and 20 other media staffs were injured, most of the staffs were injured by the pieces of glasses.

25 people were killed and more than 30 others were injured in separate terrorist attack in Kabul, the terrorist has targeted the gathering which were held to praise Ustad Atta Mohammad Noor activities in Kabul city on 16 November 2017 the Rahe Farda TV station cameraman was among the killing, and the correspondent of the above mention TV station Taqiullah Sadid was severely injured in the incident.



In a separate terror attack in the latest days of 2017 (December 28, 2017) in Kabul on a News agency office called “Sadai Afghan” (Afghan Voice news agency) killed dozen and injured more. 7 journalists are among the casualties and 18 other journalists and media staff are among the injuries.

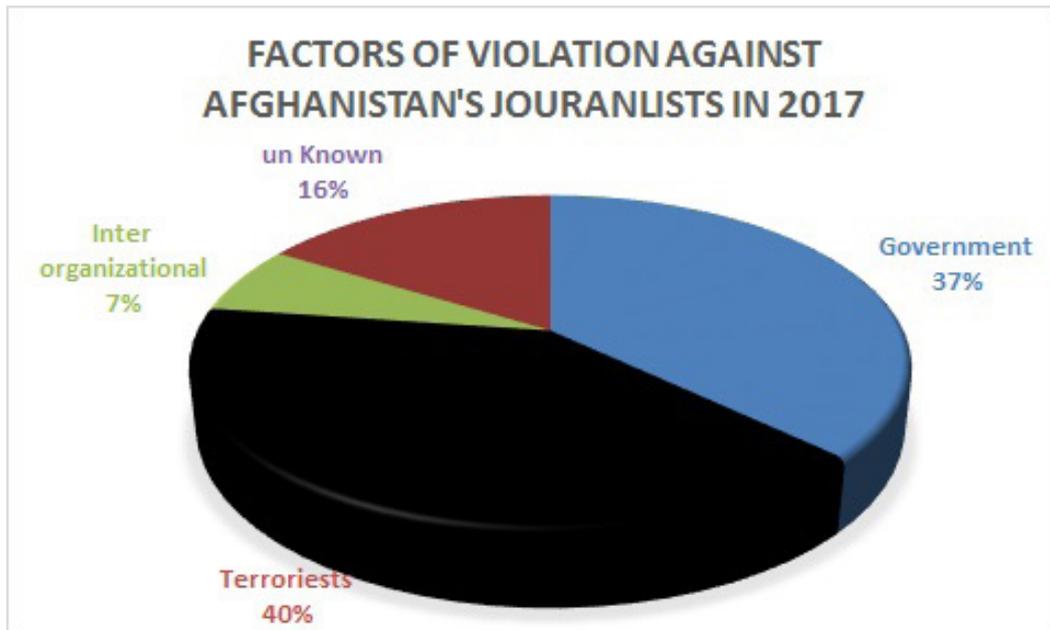
In general 21 correspondents were killed during the year of 2017 in different type of cases and



what the estimation indicates 41 other correspondents and media staffs were injured in different incidents. The correspondents and media staffs were killed and injured mostly in terrorist attacks and in the biggest terrorist attack which took place in Charayee Zanbaq 17 correspondents were injured. After that, a suicide attack on Sadai Afghan news agency in the latest days of year 2017 killed 7 and injured 18 journalists and media staff.

In 3d of June the Kherad weekly magazine correspondent was injured when the attack took place in Wolesi Jirga compound, and during the funeral ceremony of Salim Ezadyar who was killed by the security forces firing while conducting demonstration in Kabul city. Noorudin Baher the Noorin camera man was injured.

In 12th of October Shir Mohammad Jahish the Tanvir TV radio stations manager was injured when unknown gunmen opened fire at him at the vicinity of his house, and on 6 November Mukhtar Lashkari the 1 TV entertainment show presenter was beaten by unknown gunmen



and got injured in the face.

The media watch recordings estimation indicates that 68 cases of violence threats and insulting of correspondents and media staffs has taken place.

And the most shocking case of violence was carried out by the President PPS recently 20 correspondents have gathered to cover a session held in Ministry of Higher education and the First lady was about to talk her PPS have insulted the correspondents and threatened them.

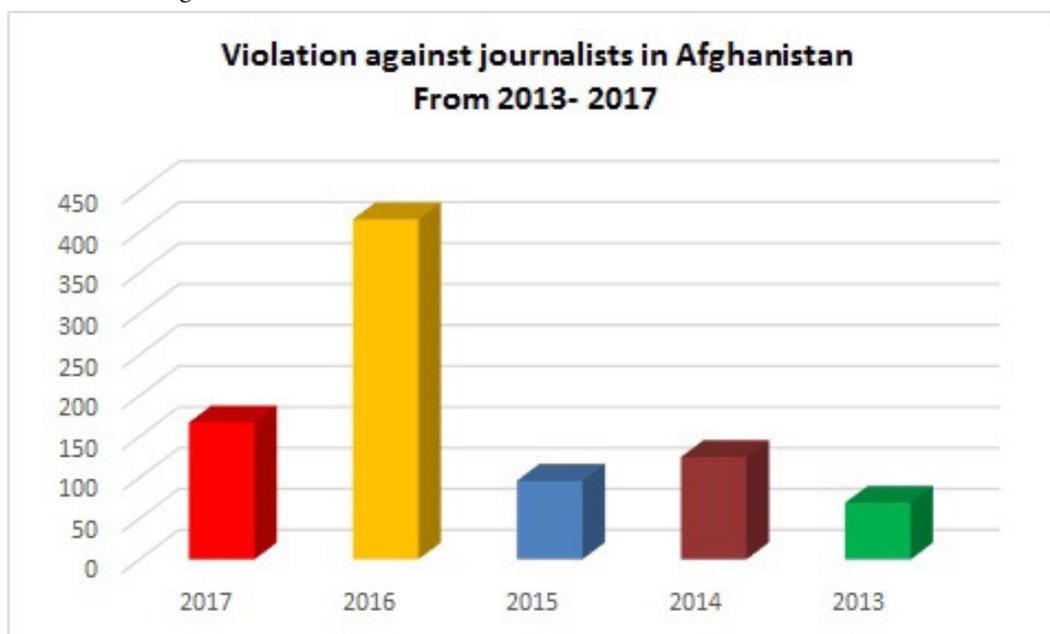
Based on media watch annual reports at Nai office 37 percent of cases of violence have been



carried out by the governmental officials security of the high ranking officials, 62 cases out of 167 cases of violence which includes threats, insulting, beating and limiting of freedom has been conducted by the governmental officials.

40 percent of cases of violence which mostly includes killing and injuries of correspondent has been committed by the terrorists against the correspondents, 67 out of 167 cases were committed by the terrorists Taliban – Daesh and Al-Qaida 21 correspondents and media staff were killed and the main perpetrators of 19 correspondents whom were killed and 41 other correspondents whom were injured was the Terrorists which involves Taliban.

26 cases which is organizing 19 percent of violence cases against correspondents were launched by the unknown individuals, in some cases the responsible for private companies, guards Institutional training centers and some other civilians are included in the violence cases carried out



against the correspondents.

And 10 percent cases of violence has been conducted by the owners, managers of the private media against the correspondents and media staffs in 2017, the internal violence cases within the media includes dismissing , not paying the salaries of the staffs.

In the past 2 years (2016-2017) has turned in to bloody year for the Afghanistan media and correspondents, 14 correspondents were killed during the year of 2016 due to losing the control of Kunduz province twice the Taliban have intensified their terrorist activities in Lashkargah Trinkot and Farah which ended up that most of the correspondents to be threatened and flee



and 415 cases of violence which shows the most high number of cases had been carried out. Media watch at Nai has declared the enormous increasing of violence cases against correspondents and media staffs full of concerns and urged the continuation of the same situation would risk the security condition of the country.

We want the National Unity Government to protect and ensure security for the safety of correspondents and media staffs as much it can do and avoid further destruction of one of the basic pillars of the government.

We also demand the donor countries helping Afghanistan to assist Afghan government and put pressures over the leaders of the National Unity Government to adopt clear policy for resolving the issue.

Its mentionable that despite of violence cases has taken place , positive steps were also taken where we can say the creating of the Joint media Government committees in 33 provinces, establishing of cash desk, working safe houses, exemption of taxes, adjusting of regulation of establishing of mass media activities.