

Press Freedom Violation Fact Sheet- 2018

S.No	Date	Place (Province)	Incident/Title	Affected Journalists and media
1	1/15/2018	Gorkha (4)	Correspondent attacked while covering smuggling story, Damaged the belongings of the reporter	Sudeep Kaini, Kantipur and The Kathmandu Post
2	1/16/2018	Kailali (7)	Journalist barred from free reporting and accessing public information	Dil Bahadur Chhatyal, Pushpa Raj Joshi, District Correspondent of Nagarik National Daily
3	1/18/2018	Dang (5)	Vehicle carrying Nayapatrika daily obstructed in Tulsipur	
4	1/20/2018	Dang (5)	Media persons obstructed for reporting	Editor Dilli Malla (Jana Ubhar weekly) Narendra KC (Naya Yougbodh dailly, Aazad Khadka) www.khabartokari.com), Kuldeep Neupane(Photo Journalist)
5	1/19/2018	Kathmandu (3)	Media barred from President Office for covering swearing ceremony	Private Media
6	1/2/2018	Dang (5)	Television correspondent manhandled	Ganesh Acharya, Janata Television
7	1/2/2018	Dhanusha (2)	Reporter receives death threat	Raj Kamal Singh, Sumeet Mishra, Arthik Abhiyan Daily
8	6/2/2018	Kaski (4)	Journalist Dhakal injured in police attack	Prakash Dhakal, Aadarsha Samaj National Daily
9	12/2/2018	Dhanusha (2)	RTI Activist and journalist receives death threat for requesting RTI	Awrongzeb Ansari

10	2/15/2018	Kathmandu (3)	Contempt of case filed against Kantipur National Daily	Chairman and Managing Director of Kantipur Publications, Kailash Sirohiya, Director Swastika Sirohiya, Kantipur Daily Editor-in-Chief Sudheer Sharma and reporter Krishna Gyawali
11	2/20/2018	Kaski (4)	Journalist injured in bomb blast	Ghanshyam Pandey, Station manager at Radio Gandaki and association with Gandaki television
12	2/16/2018	Rautahat (2)	Reporters issued death threats for writing news	Rabindra Shah, Rajendra Chhetri and Sanjay Sahani-aajtakmadhesh.com
13	2/25/2018	Kathmandu (3)	Journalist attacked at Pashupati for covering religious news	Journalist Raju Pokharel, Camera Person Megh Raj Pahadi, www.pariwartankhabar.com
14	4/3/2018	Kathmandu (3)	Journalist barred from reporting court hearing	
15	7/3/2018	Illam (1)	Media persons attacked	Krishna Pathak, Prakash Neupane, Chiyabari FM Technicians
16	3/15/2018	Parbat (4)	Reporter receives death threat	Chhabilal Tiwari, Corresponding NagarikNews
17	3/18/2018	Sarlahi (2)	Media Person manhandled	Bakhtiyaar Ali, Managing Director of Lokatantra daily.
18	3/25/2018	Kathmandu (3)	Death threats to reporters	Rajesh Bhandari of ratopati.com and Madan Babu Bhandari of Kathmandu based Sushasan weekly and www.suvadina.com online media
19	3/27/2018	Chitwan (3)	Journalists barred from reporting	Prabin Kumar Dutta, Ramesh Kumar Poudel and Nawaraj Mishra of Kantipur Media, Sabita Shrestha of Nagarik daily, Tulman Gurung of Annapurna Post daily, Gita Gurung of Kalika FM and Shiva Acharya of Sauraha online
20	3/31/2018	Kathmandu (3)	Local representative and sand smugglers threatened reporters	Shivahari Ghimire (Nagarik Daily), Ramhari Karki (dainiknews.com)
21	4/13/2018	Kaski(4)	Local Representative manhandle reporter	Himlal Poudel, Janmabhumi weekly and janmabhumi.com
22	5/2/2018	Morang (1)	Implicated police officer assaults reporter	Dhurva Bhattarai, onlinekhabar.com, Suman Suskera, Ujjyalonews network, Aananta Neupane, bizzmandu.com, Anil Shrestha Blast Times.
23	5/13/2018	Nawalparasi (3)	Reporters detained for three hours	Rabilal Pandey, Sthaniya Patra Weekly,

24	5/13/2018	Dhangadi (7)	Political cadres arrested inside Media House	Dil Bahadur Saud, CPN Maoist
25	5/14/2018	Kathmandu (3), Mustang	State Discriminatory action fences press freedom	Sunil Sharma, Xinhua News Agency,
26	5/16/2018	Dhanusha (2)	Haphazard press pass affects free reporting	Kishor Mandal, Reza Today, Journalists from government and Indian News agency were only allowed to enter program site to cover news
27	5/17/2018	Kathmandu (3)	Journalists mistreated while reporting	Purna Prasad Mishra, RSS
28	5/22/2018	Kathmandu (3)	Local representative issues death threat to editor	Damodar Prasad Dawadi, nayabikalpa.com, nayabikalpa weekly
29	5/25/2018	Dhanusha (2)	Media Person misbehaved and detained for reporting news	Bikash Thakur Arya, Mithilanchal FM
30	5/27/2018	Siraha (2)	Custom Chief Manhandle reporters	Ganesh Shah, Sagarmatha TV, Santosh Yadav Annapurna Post
31	5/29/2018	Parsa (2)	Government officials misbehave with reporter	Pranay Shah, Parsha based local FM
32	5/31/2018	Kathmandu (3)	Four Journalists detained while taking videos of alleged gold smuggling at airport for five hours	Raj Kumar Bista,Raju Subedi, Bimal Khadka, Sharmila Subedi, Annapurna online and television
33	6/1/2018	Hetauda (3)	Female reporters misbehaved	Srijana Nepal, Radio Thaha sanchar,Mandira Baniya, Hetauda Sandesh
34	6/2/2018	Morang (1)	Journalists attacked, injured for writing news on illegal crusher business	Dinesh Giri, Betana FM, nirantarkhabar.com
35	6/4/2018	Mahottari (2)	Reporter attacked while taking pictures of bribing	Rajib Raya Kurmi, NTV Mahottari
36	6/5/2018	Kathmandu(3)	Female Journalist manhandle, threatened	Sudha Devkota, merolagani.com
37	6/6/2018	Kailali (7)	Threat to Journalists over Facebook, Mistake admitted	Political Cadres Prakash Bista wrote Facebook status threatening journalists

38	6/7/2018	Katmandu (3)	Student Union leaders threatened journalists to remove news from online news portal	Ajay Babu Siwakoti, hamrakura.com
39	6/8/2018	Kailali (7)	Television news chief attacked	Lokendra Bista, STS Television
40	6/12/2018	Kathmandu (3)	State TV journalist losses job for critical question to minister	Raju Thapa, Nepal TV
41	6/28/2018	Kathmandu (3)	FF concerned over cyber patrolling of citizens view	Press Council took action against the citizen who expressed views against the Press Council Chief, one journalist Keshav Ghimire, Dharan Based Fast time daily was also arrested
42	7/5/2018	Rupandehi(5)	Senior Journalist receive Death Threat	Rambikash Chaudhary, RTI activist
43	10-Jul	Kaski (4)	TV Journalists intimidated, Camera Damaged	Hem Raj Adhikari, Fewa TV
44	16-Jul	Bara (2)	FM Station Vandalized	Sanskar FM
45	19-Jul	Jumla (6)	Journalists injured in Police attack	LP Devkota, Prakash Upadhyay,
46	21-Jul	Kathmandu(3)	Journalists covering the protest suffer intimidation	Ajay Babu Siwakoti, hamrakura.com, Maheshwor Gautam, rajdhani daily, Nibesh Kumar, News 24, Skanda Gautam and Parbin Maharjan THT
47	22-Jul	Siraha (2)	Tipsy army person attacks journalists	Gopal Gupta, Nabasangraha Daily
48	20-Jul	Dhanusha	Radio Madhesh Locked	Radio Madhesh
49	26-Jul	Kathmandu(3)	Non-disclosure of Cabinet decision a non- transparent move	Journalists were obstructed from reporting
50	29-Jul	Lalitpur (3)	Chief Editor detained for five hours	Raju Basnet, Khojtalash weekly, khojtalash.com
51	30-Jul	Kapilvastu(5)	Government officials misbehave with information seeking journalist, apologizes later	Khaga Prasad Chapagain, Butwal Today
52	2-Jul	Kailali (7)	TV Journalists attacked	Nabaraj Dhanuk, STS TV
53	5-Aug	Rupandehi(5)	TV journalists attacked by protesting students	Radheshyam Bishwokarma, AP 1, Dipak Ghimire Image Television

54	9-Aug	Parbat (4)	Senior Journalist exposing irregularities attacked	Chhabilal Tiwari, Corresponding Nagarik News and Om Prakash Ghayal (Radio Shaligram)
55	22-Aug	Nawalparasi (3)	Media Person misbehaved	Rabi Panday (Patra weekly)
56	22-Aug	Kanchanpur (7)	Journalist receives threat from School Principal	Rajendra Pd Awasthi (Janasaroka Post weekly)
57	23-Aug	Kanchanpur (7)	Journalist injured while covering protest	Kundar Raj Panday (Radio Kanchanpur), Padam Bohara (NTV)
58	30-Aug	Dhanusha(2)	Metro Police misbehaved with journalist, damages his phone	Rahul Kumar Singh (Reja Today Daily)
59	2-Aug	Bajhang (7)	Radio Journalist attacked	Ganesh BK (Radio Miteri)
60	29-Aug	Dhanusha (2)	Information Seeker and Journalist misbehaved	Chandan Pandit
61	31-Aug	Kathmandu (3)	Concern over press pass distribution by Nepal Army in regional event	NA distributed press pass in BIMSTEC Summit
62	1-Aug	Kathmandu (3)	Police arrest female journalist over online news story	Prapti Sapkota (www.rmkhbar.com) detained for 8 days
63	4-Sep	Kathmandu (3)	Police harasses online reporter over news	Nawaraj Kunwar (www.newskarobar.com) and Royal Acharya (www.onlinekhabar.com)
64	6-Sep	Nawalparasi (3)	Local representative attack reporter	Ajay Gorkhali (Local Janaarpan weekly)
65	8-Sep	Kathmandu (3)	Journalist barred from covering private ceremony at PM residence	No any journalists were allowed to enter PM residence.
66	10-Sep	Kathmandu (3)	Journalist arrested under Cyber Crime offence	Raju Basnet (Khojtalas weekly and www.khojtalasnews.com)
67	10-Sep	Rolpa (5)	Journalist received death threat	Rabindra Pun Magar (Rolpa Samachar weekly)
68	12-Sep	Kathmandu (3)	Police issues arrest warrant against senior journalist	Shambhu Shrestha (Dristi weekly)
69	13-Sep	Bardiya (2)	Journalists attacked, camera damaged	Sharam Chaudhary, Aakbari fortnight

70	25-Sep	Kathmandu (3)	Journalists barred from reporting at Home Ministry	Associated with Nirmala Pant Case
71	Oct-2	Kathmandu(3)	Journalists barred from reporting at State Affairs committee meeting	Manoj Satyal, Setopati
72	2-Oct	Dhangadi (7)	Demonstrators assault journalists, damage camera	Chandrakant Joshi, Sagarmatha TV and STS TV
73	3-Oct	Kailali (7)	Miscreants burn newspapers at Province 7	Arson- Kantipur daily and Kathmandu Post
74	10-Oct	Kanchanpur (7)	TV Journalists attacked	Pushkar Bhatta, Mountain TV
75	17-Oct	Pyuthan (5)	Journalists attacked	Kendra Pd BP, Madi khabar Weekly
76	23-Oct	Illam (1)	Local representative threatened journalists	Sujan Timsena, localsandesh.com
77	23-Oct	Kathmandu(3)	Government Official threatened journalist	Shikha Shrestha and Cameraperson Ajay Hakaju, Sagarmatha TV
78	5-Nov	Kaski(4)	Two journalists misbehave in Pokhara, apologizes later	Sanjay Malla, Pokharelinews.com, Uttam Poudel, news24.com
79	10-Nov	West Rukum (6)	Journalists attacked for writing critical news	Lokendra Khanal, Nagarik Dainik
80	10-Nov	Kathmandu (3)	Two persons arrested for sharing distorted image in Facebook	Krishna Dhakal, Kabiraj Dhakal (Journalist)
81	11-Nov	Kathmandu(3)	Government declines access to information on cabinet decisions	Journalist barred from the information
82	11/20/2018	Gorkha (4)	Security officials misbehave with journalists	Kiran Lohani, Gorkha Choice FM
83	26-Nov	Kaski(4)	Six persons arrested for protesting against Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation minister	Netra Chapagai, Resham Sapkota, Bishal Timsena, Narendra Basyal, Krishna Adhikari and tejendra Bhattarai
84	26-Nov	Kaski(4)	Journalist Poudel misbehaved and threatened	Kamal Poudel, Radio Sarangkot
85	27-Nov	Kathmandu(3)	Journalist arrested under Cyber Crime offence	Gopal Chand, postpati.com (For writing fake news about attack to Prachanda)

86	29-Nov	Nuwakot (3)	Army Officers misbehave with reporters and seized camera	Kapil Dev Khanal, Radio Trishuli and Jadadish Khanal Radio Jalpa
87	13-Dec	Kathmandu (3)	Photo journalist detained by Nepal Police	Barsha Shah, deshsanchar.com
88	17-Dec	Dhanusha (2)	Journalists misbehaved and ill-treated by security officials	Pramod Kumar Shah, JantaTV, Janaknandani Fm
89	22-Dec	Humla (6)	Karnali based FM station vandalised	Radio Karnali Awaj
90	23-Dec	Sunsari (2)	Journalist misbehaved inside police station	Suman Suskera, Ujjyalo News Network
91	23-Dec	Dang (5)	Security Personals misbehave with reporters	Priya Smriti Gajmer, Pradesh Today Daily, Shiva Raj Khanal, Radio Deukhuri, Shibu Khanal, Ganatantra Dainik
92	27-Dec	Rautahat (2)	Government official threatened reporter	Rakesh Yadav, Janakpur Today
93	28-Dec	Kanchanpur (7)	Police officers manhandle reporter and broke camera	Padam Bohara, Nepal Television
94	29-Dec	Saptari (2)	Minister warns of 'hitting journalists with shoes'	Bidhyanath Yadav(Janata TV), Shubha Chandra Jha(Mithila Weekly), Chandan Yadav and Bidhyananda Ram(JanataTV), Ramnath Yadav (NewsToday) and Shyam Sundra Yadav (News Today)

Note: Some titles contain more than one incident/violation

Others:

1	3/27/2018	Kathmandu (3)	FF alarmed over National Assembly Member's demand to ban social media	People banned of access to information
2	5/11/2018	Lalitpur (3)	Arbitrary Banner removal meddles with FoE and FoA	Police team removed Bibeksheel Sajha Party's banner referring to the blockade
3	6/30/2018	Jumla (6)	Police arrest Dr. Govinda KC for initiating peaceful protest	
4	7/6/2018	Kathmandu (3)	FF condemns arrest of HR activist	12 HR activist were arrested for peaceful protest

5	3-Aug	Kathmandu(3)	Govt Employee arrested for sharing distorted image and satirical image on FB	Homnath Sigdel, Ward Secretary of Kavrepalanchowk
6	7/1/2018	Kathmandu (3)	Serious concern over limiting public places for peaceful protest	Government restricted public places for protest.
7	7/9/2018	Saptari (2)	Local leader attacked for requesting information budget misuse of Municipality	Arun Mandal, Nepal Communist Party
8	20-Jul	Jumla (6)	Use of force on Dr. KC while peaceful strike in Jumla	
9	24-Aug	Kathmandu (3)	Barring Bista from going abroad to attend International program on authoritarian move	Lenin Bista(social activist), Kul Prasad Koirala (VC of Nepal Sanskrit University)
10	23-Aug	Bardiya (2)	Four persons arrested for protesting against Minister	Harpal Singh, Irphan Sheikh, Rajit Ram Kurmi and Ram Manohar Yadav
11	29-Nov	Banke (5)	Police obstructs peaceful demonstration of teachers	100 teachers
12	26-Aug	Bajura (7)	Reporter Khadka disappeared	Teju Khadka (Radio Budhinanda)