

Impunity in Iraq:

92 Journalists killed within one Decade...Incompetent Consecutive Governments and Free Criminals

For a decade, Iraq recorded the killing of 92 journalists between assassination, execution and systematic targeting.

The authorities' investigations did not reveal most of the killings of journalists in different provinces and cities of Iraq.

International indicators have classified Iraq as one of the most dangerous countries for journalistic work, most notably chronic impunity and lack of accountability, which encourages perpetrators to terrorize journalists and restrict their freedom of action.

Successive governments have raised the slogans of the rule of law, activating the principle of accountability and prosecuting perpetrators in their declared government programs, but have achieved nothing in terms of impunity.

Un organizations have also failed to pressure successive Iraqi governments to activate this dangerous dossier and open investigation papers on the assassination of journalists.

Press Freedom Advocacy Association in Iraq calls on the government to find a practical and effective solution to end impunity, based on its constitutional duties and obligations, and calls on international organizations to press the government to activate this file.

The Association recorded the following numbers:

2010: 4 journalists killed

2011: Two journalists killed

2012: 3 journalists killed

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2013: 22 journalists killed

2014: 8 journalists killed

2015: 26 journalists killed

2016: 9 journalists killed

2017: 11 journalists killed

- 2018: 1 journalist killed

2019: 3 journalists killed

2020/ Until the end of October: 3 journalists killed

Total: 92 journalists

Narrative

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2010

On August 19, 2010, the body of The Independent's deputy editor-in-chief Kamal Qassem was found after he was kidnapped in Baghdad, and the perpetrators were not identified.

On 7 September 2010, armed gangs assassinated fellow journalist Riad al-Saray on his way to his workplace in Al-Iraqiya TV, where he was captured by unidentified gunmen and shot with silencers as he passed through al-Harithiya area.

On September 8, 2010, unidentified gunmen assassinated Safaa al-Din al-Khayat, a presenter for al-Mosuliya TV, as he left his home in Mosul and shot him with light weapons, killing him instantly.

On November 21, 2010, unidentified gunmen assassinated Mazen al-Baghdadi, a journalist who works for Al-Mosuliya TV, who was shot at by unidentified gunmen at the door of his home in Mosul province.

2011

On 21 June 2011, Afaq TV cameraman Salem al-Gharabi died when two car bombs exploded in Diwaniyah province.

On 8 September 2011, journalist and activist Hadi al-Mahdi was assassinated at his home in central Baghdad, where security officials believe his assassination was carried out with a silencer weapon.

2012

In February 2012, Salah al-Din provincial police found the body of woman journalist Esra Salman near the village of Al-Bujawari, part of Beiji, with gunshot wounds on the chest and head.

On April 2, 2012, an unknown armed group assassinated political programs' presenter Cameran Salaheddine by placing a sticky device under his personal car in Tikrit province, causing his leg to be amputated and seriously injured all over his body, indicating that he died after being transferred to Tikrit Hospital affected by the injury.

On July 30, 2012, unidentified gunmen broke into the house of ghazwan Anas, a journalist in the Sumer neighborhood of East Mosul, while he was having breakfast and shot him and his family, killing him immediately, and the deceased was the presenter of an entertainment program in the Channel Sama Mosul.

2013

On 6 February 2013, gunmen assassinated expert journalist Hamid Rashid Abbas in the Alshurta Alkhamsa District southwest of Baghdad, and Abbas has been writing opinion articles for a number of local newspapers since he finished his work for al-Jumhuriya newspaper, which has been out of print since 2003.

On May 6, 2013, television presenter Muwaffaq al-Ani died after being seriously wounded in a car bomb attack on a mosque in al-Mansour neighborhood, west of Baghdad.

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On 9 June 2013, the body of Journalist Zamil Ghannam, who works for the Iraqi News Network, was found a day after he was kidnapped by gunmen in Baghdad's Al-Washash area.

8/7/2013 Assassination of the writer and spokesman for the Nineveh Provincial Office Qahtan Sami, in Al-Jamiaa Street north of Mosul.

On 5 October 2013, unidentified gunmen in Mosul assassinated al-Sharqiya TV staff (correspondent Mohammed Karim al-Badrani and photographer Mohammed Ghanem).

On 7 October 2013, the journalist and spokesman for Nineveh province, Asaad Zaghoul, was assassinated by gunmen in Mosul.

On 24 October 2013, an armed group assassinated al-Mosuliya TV cameraman Bashar al-Nuaimi after leaving the channel's headquarters, heading for his home, and the gunmen attacked him in the Nabi Chit area of Mosul city, and shot him with silencer weapons, killing him instantly.

On 24 November 2013, unidentified gunmen assassinated photojournalist Alaa Adwar near his home in Mosul province.

On 27 November 2013, a reporter and cameraman of al-Taghyir and Baghdad TV, Wadhah al-Hamdani, was killed by a stray bullet while covering the funeral ceremonies of the sheikh of the Al-Ghanim clan inside al-Hassan al-Basri cemetery in Basra province.

On 2 December 2013, writer and journalist Adel Mohsen Hussein was assassinated by gunmen near government compounds in al-Dhubbat neighborhood, south of Mosul.

On 3 December 2013, Iraqi journalist Yasser al-Jumaily was executed in Syria by members of Jabhat al-Nusra.

On 5 December 2013, unidentified gunmen assassinated the editor-in-chief of "Rayal" magazine, Kawakimriani, inside his home in Shahidan district of Klar city, Sulaimaniyah province.

On 14 December 2013, unidentified gunmen assassinated the media woman, Nawras Mohamed Hashem al-Nuaimi, near her home in the Aljazair neighborhood east of Mosul, by firing several shots, causing her instant death on scene.

On 15 December 2013, woman program presenter in Mosul TV, Nabras al-Nuaimi, was assassinated near her home in Mosul.

On December 19, 2013, a suicide bomber blew himself up in Baghdad's Al-Dora area of Baghdad, killing journalist Muhannad Mohammed while covering Alarbain pilgrimage March..

On 23 December 2013, unidentified gunmen wearing explosive belts stormed the headquarters of Salah al-Din satellite channel, and one of them detonated a belt he was wearing at the door of the channel's headquarters, and after the intervention of the joint forces, the gunmen detonated four other explosive belts, killing (news director Raad al-Badri, broadcaster Wasan Sabri al-Azzawi, linguistic supervisor Ahmed Khattab, and editors Jamal Nasser and Mohamed Abdel Hamid).

On December 31, 2013, a sniper targeted journalist Omar al-Faraji, who works for Voice of Anbar radio, while covering the dispersal of sit-ins in Ramadi, the center of Anbar province.

2014

9/3/2014 Two cameramen at the Iraqiya office in Babylon (Muthanna Abdul Hussein and Khalid Abdul Thamer) died when a car bomb exploded at a police checkpoint at the entrance to the ancient city of Babylon, north of Hilla.

On March 12, 2014, cartoonist Ahmed al-Rubaie died in a hospital in Erbil province in The Kurdistan Region of Iraq after threats against him in Baghdad, forcing him to leave his treatment and his health deteriorating days after he fled Baghdad.

On 22 March 2014, an officer in the Regiment for the Protection of the Absent President of the Republic, Jalal Talabani, executed Office Director of "Radio Aliraq Alhurr", Mohammed Badawi al-Shammari.

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On April 8, 2014, the body of "Al-Taghyir TV" cameraman Humam Mohammed was found, and there were conflicting reports about the cause of his death, as the channel announced that an artillery shell fired by the Iraqi army landed on his home in Anbar province, while journalists there said that gunmen in a civilian car had opened fire on him.

On 14 June 2014, gunmen fired machine guns at the staff of Al-Ahad satellite channel in Diyala province, while covering the ongoing security events in al-Azim area, killing photographer Khaled Ali Hamada instantly.

On June 15, 2014, the channel's correspondent Moataz Jamil died of serious injuries.

On 9 August 2014, Kurdish woman correspondent Deniz Furat died after being hit by mortar fragments in a camp for displaced people near the city of Makhmour, while covering battles between Peshmerga forces and ISIS elements.

2015

On January 14, 2015, ISIS executed programs presenter Suhail al-Dulaimi, who works as a correspondent for al-Anbar satellite channel, after he was arrested while travelling around Al-Rutbah.

On January 14, 2015, Al-Ghadeer satellite TV cameraman Ali al-Ansari died after being hit by an explosive device while accompanying security forces in the battles to liberate northern Meqdadiya in Diyala province.

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On March 13, 2015, ISIS executed journalist Alaa Mazen Abdullah, who works as a correspondent for The Sama Mosul TV channel, Mosul, and Abdullah's family confirmed this.

On March 15, 2015, a number of fellow journalists told Press Freedom Advocacy Association that ISIS had executed journalist Ahmed Hasko, who works for the Mosul Alyoum newspaper, in Mosul.

On March 16, 2015, fadhil al-Hadidi, a journalist in several newspapers, was executed after being detained for eight months in Mosul.

On 16/03/2015, Jamal Sobhi, an Egyptian national working in Mosul, was executed.

On 25 March 2015, photojournalist Ahmed al-Awadi was shot dead by unknown assailants in Karbala under mysterious circumstances.

On March 27, 2015, Al-Nujabaa satellite cameraman Ammar Jassim died after being hit by an ISIS attack while accompanying military sects in Tikrit.

On April 8, 2015, a number of Mosul journalists displaced from their areas told the association that Ahmed Mahmoud al-Saffar, a correspondent for The Sama Mosul Channel in Mosul, had been executed.

On April 23, 2015, a number of Mosul journalists displaced from their areas told the association that thaer al-Ali, editor-in-chief of The Opinion newspaper, had been executed in Mosul.

On May 4, 2015, Al-Rasheed TV presenter Raad al-Jubouri was assassinated at his home in Al-Qadisiyah, Baghdad, by a group of unidentified gunmen.

On 5 May 2015, Al-Masar TV reporter Majid Abdul Zahra died of wounds sustained in Fallujah.

On May 18, 2015, a number of Mosul journalists displaced from their areas told the association that ISIS had executed technical engineer Firas al-Bahr, who works as a technician for "Nineveh al-Ghad" Channel.

On July 1, 2015, a number of Mosul journalists displaced from their areas told the association that woman journalist Suha Ahmed Radhi had been executed days after she was kidnapped from her residence east of Mosul.

On July 11, 2015, Al-Mawqif TV reporter Hussein Alaa died after being injured while covering the fights in Baiji.

On July 21, 2015, photojournalist Hussein Fadhil, a war cameraman for Al-Ahad satellite channel, died while covering the ongoing military operations in Baiji district.

On July 22, 2015, a number of Mosul journalists displaced from their areas told the association that photojournalist Jalaa Adnan al-Abadi, who works for Mosul TV, had been executed.

On August 17, 2015, a number of Mosul journalists displaced from their areas reported the execution of Yahya al-Khatib, a correspondent for Mosul's Mosuliya channel.

On August 28, 2015, a number of Mosul journalists displaced from their areas reported the execution of photojournalist Adel al-Sayegh, who works for Reuters, al-Arabiya and Salah al-Din, in Mosul.

On 5 September 2015, a number of Mosul journalists displaced from their areas reported the execution of Journalist Ekhlal Ghanem, who works for a local newspaper in Mosul, and her father, Ghanem al-Saati, a sales representative for a local newspaper was also executed.

On September 12, 2015, a number of Mosul journalists displaced from their areas told the association that the director of Rashid Radio, Yahya Abdul Hamad had been executed in Mosul.

On September 19, 2015, a number of Mosul journalists displaced from their areas told the association that Qahtan Salman, a photojournalist for the Sama Mosul TV channel, was executed.

On 4 October 2015, a number of Mosul journalists displaced from their areas told the association that Marwan Younis, a journalist working for The Sama Press Freedom Advocacy Association Mosul TV channel, had been executed.

On October 29, 2015, security forces in Basra province found the body of journalist Sayab al-Uqabi, hours after he was kidnapped by an armed group, and Sayab was writing for the Iraq Times website.

On 13 November 2015, a number of Mosul journalists displaced from their areas reported the execution of Muhannad al-Akidi, a journalist who works as a correspondent for The Sedda press agency, in Mosul.

On January 12, 2016, a reporter and photographer of Alsharqiya News satellite channel in Diyala, Saif Talal and Hassan Al-Anbaki were assassinated in Diyala under mysterious circumstances.

On July 13, 2016, ISIS targeted a number of journalists accompanying the security forces with missiles, killing al-Ghadeer TV cameraman Ali Mahmoud and wounding several other journalists.

On August 13, 2016, security forces found the body of the PKK associate "Ruz news" reporter, "Wadat Hussein Ali", at 2:30 p.m. on the highway between Simil district and Dohuk province, shortly after his abduction in the early hours of the morning from the Province's center.

On 8 October 2016, al-Mosuliya TV journalist Dahham Mohammed died after being tortured in a Mosul prison by ISIS.

On 21 October 2016, Ahmed Hajar, director of news department at The Turkman Eli TV station in Kirkuk, was assassinated by ISIS snipers during the attack on the province.

On 22 October 2016, Sumerian Cameraman Ali Reisan was shot by a sniper directly in his chest, while covering the battles of Mosul in the village of Al-Khowein, south of al-Shuwara, within the Qayyara district operations, and died instantly.

On 1 December 2016, knn TV correspondent Shukr Zainaldin was assassinated and his body was found in the Amadiyah district of Dohuk, after he was kidnapped four days before the body was found.

On 6 December 2016, gunmen in a white Corola attacked and shot Mohammed Thabet Shahada, director of The Iraqi Media Network's Baba Kurkur radio station, leaving him dead after shooting him while driving his vehicle in al-Orouba neighborhood in central Kirkuk.

2017

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On 9 May 2017, the Kurdistan National Union channel: Kurdistan News announced that one of its presenters, Soran Saqzi, had been found dead in his Erbil home in mysterious circumstances.

On 31 May 2017, Al-Asya TV correspondent in Anbar province, Suhaib al-Hiti, died in a suicide bombing inside Hit district while covering a commemorative gathering for the martyrs of al-Karrada massive Explosion.

On 19 June 2017, Iraqi reporter Bakhtiar Haddad, who works for the French Newspaper Le Figaro, died after two bombs detonated in the right side of Mosul.

On 20 June 2017, French journalist Stephanie died of injuries sustained in two explosive devices in Mosul.

On 24 June 2017, they were followed by a French journalist, Veronique Robert, who died in a military hospital near Paris after being hit by the same explosion in Mosul on June 19, 2017.

On July 4, 2017, a reporter for The Nina News Agency in Karbala, Hamza al-Lami, died while covering the battles west of Mosul.

On 7 July 2017, a reporter and TV cameraman of Huna Salaheddine; Harb Hazaa and Sa'ad al-Douri, died in the village of Imam, west of Mosul, after being surrounded by ISIS elements.

On August 26, 2017, the military cameraman of karbala satellite channel (Sajjad Najm Abdul Ajil) died during the liberation of Tal Afar.

On 1 October 2017, al-Nujaba TV cameraman Louay Sadek died from his injuries while covering the liberation of Hawija.

On 30 October 2017, a cameraman for The Kurdistan TV channel, Rakan Sharif, was assassinated in a village in Daquk district, south of Kirkuk, in mysterious circumstances.

2018

On January 15, 2018, photojournalist Saad Hadi Khalaf al-Musharrafaoui, who works for the Alshabab News Agency and the online Suq Alshiyoukh website in

Nasiriyah, died after being hit by a car bomb in the Mtaibeija area near Samarra.

2019

On 9 January 2019, al-Hurra TV cameraman In Baghdad office (Samer Ali Shakara) was subjected to a mysterious assassination, and Alquds police station said that the victim was killed due to two bullets in the chest and a third in the head.

16/10/2019 The presenter of the Kurdish Channel NRT, a colleague of Amanj papani, was killed along with his wife ; media person Lana Mohammed, in mysterious circumstances in Sulaimaniyah, and the city police announced that they had committed suicide.

2020

On 10 January 2020, unidentified gunmen assassinated Dijla TV reporter Ahmed Abdel Samad and channel cameraman Safaa Ghali in Basra's Hakimiya area after covering the demonstrations there.

On 11 February 2020, unidentified gunmen shot dead the director of the al-Janabi Group media group, one of the supervisors of the al-Rasheed TV.

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