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Attacks on Media Freedom and Freedom of Expression

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No	Date	Victim(s)	Place	Type	Perpetrator
1.	13 January 2020	Saeed Abdullahi Kulmiye (Nadara) - Kasmaal Media	Galkayo	Brief detention	Puntland Police
2.	11 February 2020	Hussein Ali Gesey - 5 Somali TV	Burhakaba	Brief detention	SouthWest State Police
3.	16 February 2020	Abdulwali Ali Hassan - Freelancing for Universal TV and Radio Kulmiye	Afgoye	Murder	Al-Shabaab
4.	19 February 2020	Mumin Muhumad Biyow – Radio Hiiraanweyn	Bula Burte	Brief detention	Hirshabelle Police
5.	20 February 2020	Ahmed Mohamed Ali – Radio Voice of Peace, Abdiwali Jama Hassan - Radio Voice of Peace and Saeed Abdullahi Kulmiye (Nadara) – Kasmaal	Galkayo	Physical Assault, Confiscation of Equipment & brief detention	Puntland Police
6.	09 March 2020	Abdikani Ahmed Mohamed (Fantastic) – RTN TV	Garowe	Harassment and Beating	Puntland Presidential Guard
7.	14 March 2020	Shareo Yasin Shareo - HornCable TV	Garowe	Maltreatment and beating	Puntland Presidential Guard
8.	19 March 2020	Abdullahi Farah Nur - Somali Cable TV	Mogadishu	Harassment and brief detention	Somali Police Force
9.	14 April 2020	Abdiasis Ahmed Gurbiye - Goobjoog Media Group	Mogadishu	Arrested, Charged, Released on bail	Attorney General Office
10.	19 April 2020	Abdinasir Abdirahmaan Mohamud, Abdikarin Isseh Adawe & Fadumo Abdulkadir Hassan (Shabelle Media)	Mogadishu	Harassment and Beating	Somali Police Force
11.	20 April 2020	Radio Barawe	Barawe	Censorship and Editorial Interference	SouthWest Ministry of Information
12.	20 April 2020	Mukhtar Mohamed Atosh - VOA Somali	Baidoa	Arrested, Charged, Released on bail	SouthWest State Police
13.	24 April 2020	Farhan Mohammed Hussein - Radio Kulmiye	Mogadishu	Brief detention	Somali Police Force

NUSOJ is calling for:



All existing criminal charges levelled against journalists should be dropped.



Draft Media Law is draconian and must not be signed into law.



All laws (Somali Penal Code) criminalizing journalism and freedom of expression should be struck off the law books.



People should have access to information, and access to information law should be enacted.