

Q2 2024

April to June 2024

Complete quarter. Generated 16 Sept 2026.

PUBLISHED RECORDS	CHANGE ON Q1 2024	STATES NAMED	REPORTING ORGANISATIONS
3	+2	2	3

3 civic space records were published for April to June 2024, against 1 in January to March 2024. Arrests and Detention was the most frequently recorded category. 1 of these came from reports written at national level that name no state.

Records by category

Arrests & Detention	2
Legal & Regulatory	1
Citizen Engagement	0
Government Discourse	0
Resource Access	0
Harassment	0

Where records were located

Federal Capital Territory	1
Lagos	1
Plus 1 national-level record naming no state.	

Who reported these incidents

Rights monitors	0	Al Jazeera	1	Channels Television	1
News outlets	3	AllAfrica	1		
Official and court records	0				

The records

11 JUN 2024 · FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY · CPN-0070

Nigerian police detained journalist Madu Onuorah over alleged defamation

Madu Onuorah, publisher and editor-in-chief of Globalupfront Newspaper, was arrested at his residence in Abuja on 22 May 2024 by officers of the Ebonyi State Police Command acting on a petition over an allegedly defamatory publication, and released the following night by the Enugu State Police Command.

AllAfrica: <https://allafrica.com/stories/202406110591.html>

Committee to Protect Journalists: <https://cpj.org/2024/05/nigerian-journalist-madu-onuorah-arrested-for-alleged-defamation-released-on-bail/>

10 MAY 2024 · LAGOS · CPN-0071

Journalist Daniel Ojukwu freed after 10 days in detention

Officers of the police Intelligence Response Team arrested Foundation for Investigative Journalism reporter Daniel Ojukwu on 1 May 2024 and held him at the State CID, Panti, Lagos, over a November report alleging that a senior presidential aide paid N147 million in public money into a restaurant's bank account. His whereabouts were unknown for 24 hours. He was moved to the National Cybercrime Centre in Abuja and freed after 10 days.

Channels Television: <https://www.channelstv.com/2024/05/10/breaking-journalist-ojukwu-freed-after-10-days-in-detention/>

Committee to Protect Journalists: <https://cpj.org/2024/05/nigerian-police-secretly-arrest-journalist-daniel-ojukwu-over-critical-report/>

Human Rights Watch: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2024/05/09/nigerian-journalists-detention-threatens-press-freedom>

20 APR 2024 · NATIONAL · CPN-0072

Nigeria's cybercrime reforms leave journalists at risk

President Bola Tinubu signed amendments to the Cybercrimes Act in February 2024 that narrowed the section 24 cyberstalking offence to messages that are pornographic or knowingly false and intended to cause a breakdown of law and order or threaten life. Critics warned the reform still leaves journalists open to arrest, and at least 29 journalists have been prosecuted under the law since it was enacted in 2015.

Al Jazeera: <https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2024/4/20/nigerias-cybercrime-reforms-leave-journalists-at-risk>

How this report was compiled

Every record in this report is compiled by hand from reports published by named rights monitors, news outlets and official bodies, and links to the source it draws on. Each record is dated to the incident where its source gives that date, and otherwise to the date the source was published. The figures show what has been recorded, not the full extent of what has happened: incidents that were never reported do not appear, and a state with few records is not necessarily a state where little took place.