

Q3 2024

July to September 2024

Complete quarter. Generated 16 Sept 2026.

PUBLISHED RECORDS	CHANGE ON Q2 2024	STATES NAMED	REPORTING ORGANISATIONS
8	+5	2	6

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

Records by category

Arrests & Detention	4
Government Discourse	2
Resource Access	1
Harassment	1
Citizen Engagement	0
Legal & Regulatory	0

Where records were located

Federal Capital Territory	4
Lagos	1
Plus 3 national-level records naming no state.	

Who reported these incidents

Rights monitors	2	AllAfrica	2	P.M. News	1
News outlets	6	Human Rights Watch	2	TheCable	1
Official and court records	0	Channels Television	1	Vanguard	1

9 SEPT 2024 · FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY · CPN-0062

DSS arrests, detains NLC President Joe Ajaero

DSS operatives arrested Nigeria Labour Congress President Joe Ajaero at Nnamdi Azikiwe Airport, Abuja on 9 September 2024 as he was leaving for a Trades Union Congress event in the United Kingdom, over allegations including terrorism financing, treasonable felony, subversion and cybercrime. He was questioned for hours and released.

Channels Television: <https://www.channelstv.com/2024/09/09/breaking-dss-arrests-nlc-president-joe-ajaero/>

AllAfrica: <https://allafrica.com/stories/202409100042.html>

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DSS invades SERAP's office

DSS operatives entered the Abuja office of the Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project on 9 September 2024 and demanded to see its directors, after SERAP called on the President to probe alleged corruption at the Nigerian National Petroleum Company and reverse a petrol price increase. The DSS said the visit was a routine investigation; SERAP called it an unlawful occupation.

Vanguard: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/09/breaking-dss-invades-seraps-office/>

6 SEPT 2024 · NATIONAL · CPN-0064

Nigeria: protesters charged with treason

Human Rights Watch reported that people arrested during the August 2024 #EndBadGovernance protests had been charged with treason, an offence that can carry the death penalty. Amnesty International later found that more than 1,200 people were arrested during and after the protests.

Human Rights Watch: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2024/09/06/nigeria-protesters-charged-treason>

25 AUG 2024 · LAGOS · CPN-0065

DSS arrests ex-BBC editor Adejuwon Soyinka at Lagos airport

State security officers detained Adejuwon Soyinka, West Africa regional editor of The Conversation Africa and founding editor of BBC Pidgin, at Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos on 25 August 2024 on his arrival from the United Kingdom. He was released on bail after about six hours and his passport was seized; he was told his name was on another security agency's watchlist.

P.M. News: <https://pmnewsnigeria.com/2024/08/25/dss-arrests-ex-bbc-editor-adejuwon-soyinka-at-lagos-airport/>

AllAfrica: <https://allafrica.com/stories/202408260623.html>

20 AUG 2024 · FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY · CPN-0066

Court freezes bank accounts of 32 #EndBadGovernance protesters

On an ex parte application by counsel for the Inspector-General of Police, a Federal High Court in Abuja ordered banks on 20 August 2024 to place post-no-debit restrictions on 32 accounts allegedly linked to #EndBadGovernance protesters, blocking withdrawals while still allowing deposits.

TheCable: <https://www.thecable.ng/court-freezes-bank-accounts-of-32-endbadgovernance-protesters/>

Daily Trust: <https://dailytrust.com/court-freezes-32-bank-accounts-linked-to-endbadgovernance-protest/>

5 AUG 2024 · FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY · CPN-0067

#EndBadGovernanceInNigeria: police arrest protest leader in Abuja

Police arrested a leader of the #EndBadGovernance protests in Abuja during the August 2024 demonstrations.

AllAfrica: <https://allafrica.com/stories/202408050246.html>

Nigeria: protest - Police IG talks tough, threatens clampdown on troublemakers

The Inspector-General of Police threatened a clampdown on those he described as troublemakers as the nationwide #EndBadGovernance protests began.

AllAfrica: <https://allafrica.com/stories/202408010089.html>

Nigerian government warnings raise concerns about upcoming protests

HRW raises concern over official warnings issued ahead of planned protests and their chilling effect on the right to peaceful assembly.

Human Rights Watch: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2024/07/29/nigerian-government-warnings-raise-concerns-about-upcoming-protests>

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.