

Q4 2025

October to December 2025

Complete quarter. Generated 16 Sept 2026.

PUBLISHED RECORDS	CHANGE ON Q3 2025	STATES NAMED	REPORTING ORGANISATIONS
5	-1	3	3

5 civic space records were published for October to December 2025, against 6 in July to September 2025. Arrests and Detention was the most frequently recorded category.

Records by category

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

Where records were located

Federal Capital Territory	2
Lagos	2
Kano	1

Who reported these incidents

Rights monitors	1	AllAfrica	3	Sahara Reporters	1
News outlets	4	Committee to Protect Journalists	1		
Official and court records	0				

The records

27 NOV 2025 · LAGOS · CPN-0033

Nigerian authorities detain another journalist for cybercrimes over governance reports

Journalist Friday James Alefia was arrested at his home in Lagos and transferred to detention in Abuja on cybercrime charges relating to governance reporting, facing up to three years in prison.

AllAfrica: <https://allafrica.com/stories/202511270013.html>

1 NOV 2025 · KANO · CPN-0034

3 Nigerian journalists detained on cybercrime allegations, despite reform

CPJ documents three journalists detained on cybercrime allegations despite amendments to the legislation, including the arrest of Ibrahim Danuwa Rano in Kano, taken from his office without a warrant over alleged defamation of an official and operating an online television station without an NBC licence.

Committee to Protect Journalists: <https://cpj.org/2025/11/3-nigerian-journalists-detained-on-cybercrime-allegations-despite-reform/>

23 OCT 2025 · FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY · CPN-0035

Police arrest Sahara Reporters publisher Sowore outside Abuja court

Police arrested human rights activist and Sahara Reporters publisher Omoyele Sowore just outside the Federal High Court in Abuja, where he had appeared for a hearing in one of the criminal cases filed against him by the police. Sowore called the case bogus and politically motivated.

AllAfrica: <https://allafrica.com/stories/202510230311.html>

AllAfrica: <https://allafrica.com/stories/202510230416.html>

21 OCT 2025 · LAGOS · CPN-0036

Lagos journalist arrested after exposing N350 million constituency project fraud linked to lawmaker

A Lagos journalist was arrested after publishing an investigation into an alleged N350 million constituency project fraud linked to a serving lawmaker.

Sahara Reporters: <https://saharareporters.com/2025/10/21/lagos-journalist-arrested-after-exposing-n350million-constituency-project-fraud-linked>

21 OCT 2025 · FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY · CPN-0037

Nigeria: Amnesty International slams police over clampdown on pro-Nnamdi Kanu protesters

Amnesty International criticised security operatives who disrupted peaceful demonstrations in Abuja calling for the release of Nnamdi Kanu, with tear gas used to disperse protesters.

AllAfrica: <https://allafrica.com/stories/202510210047.html>

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.