

# **Safety of Journalists in Nigeria**

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### **Abstract**

Series of killing of Journalists in Nigeria can never be over-emphasized because it has been an eye-sore to the nation both at home and abroad. Three hundred and thirty nine,(349) of attacks on journalists happened in Nigeria yearly. Also, 4 journalists were killed on the job within a period of eight months April – November, 2017, shot dead by unidentified attackers in Nigeria and at least 36 Nigerian journalists were attacked between January and July this year, with 30 of the attacks recorded during the 2019 general elections. This article was to determine the safety of journalists in Nigeria. Questionnaire was used to generate data from 200 respondents using simple random sampling techniques. The findings revealed that, the level of safety of journalists in Nigeria is moderate. This can be possible because of awareness created by both government and general public for safety of journalists. The findings also revealed that, there is no significant different in perception of male and female journalists on safety of journalists. This may be possible because of what has happened to the journalists in times of covering events is not always spare sex, the hoodlums attacks and molestation is always done to both. In the findings, it was shown that, there is no significant different in perception of print media and broadcast media journalists in times of covering events. This may happen because of their experiences in the field of journalism, both print and broadcast media have witness the same things in terms of harassment from the public. Therefore, it is recommended that media organizations should intensify their effort by providing necessary protecting materials for journalists in times of covering events.

**Keywords:** Safety; Journalists; Journalism; Press freedom; Attacks, Violence; Nigeria

### **Research Questions**

1. What is the level of safety of journalists in Nigeria?
2. What is the perception of male and female journalists on safety of journalists in Nigeria?

What are recommended measures for safety of journalists in Nigeria?

### **Nigerian media being attacked from all sides**

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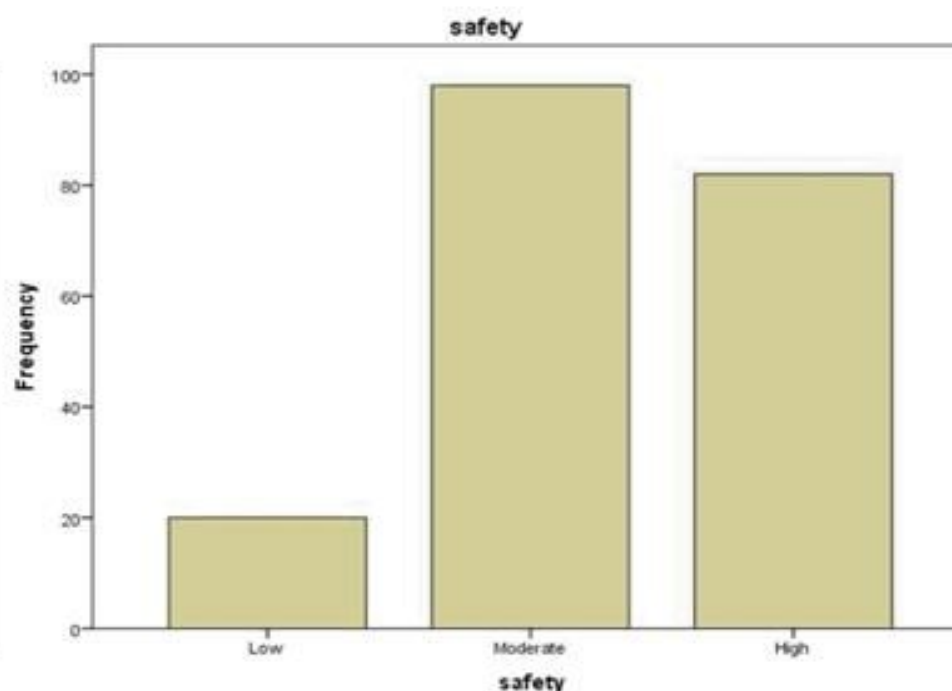
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**Table 1: Level of safety of journalists in Nigeria**

	Frequency	Percentage	Mean	St. Deviation
Low	20	10.0	2.31	.644
Moderate	98	49.0		
High	82	41.0		
Total	200	100.0		



**Table 2: t-test Comparison of Male and Female journalists Perception towards safety of journalists**

Higher Institutions	N	Df	Mean	Std Deviation	t	Sig	Remark
Male Journalists Perception	76	198	30.55	5.439	0.03	.851	Not Significant.
Female Journalists Perception	124		30.69	4.954			



# NEWS

**49 journalists killed, 400 in  
prisons worldwide – Report**



Police officers are seen in Lagos, Nigeria, on August 5, 2019. Lagos police recently arrested publisher AgbaJalingo, who has been charged by federal authorities with treason. (AP/Sunday Alamba)

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### **IPC condemns attacks on journalists and media outlets in Nigeria** Nigeria Attacks

Media practitioners and media outlets are coming under increasingly callous attacks while trying to cover the deadly #ENDSARS protests gripping Nigeria.

# Attacks on TVC News Media House in Lagos





# A journalists in premium times



# Attacks on This Day Media House





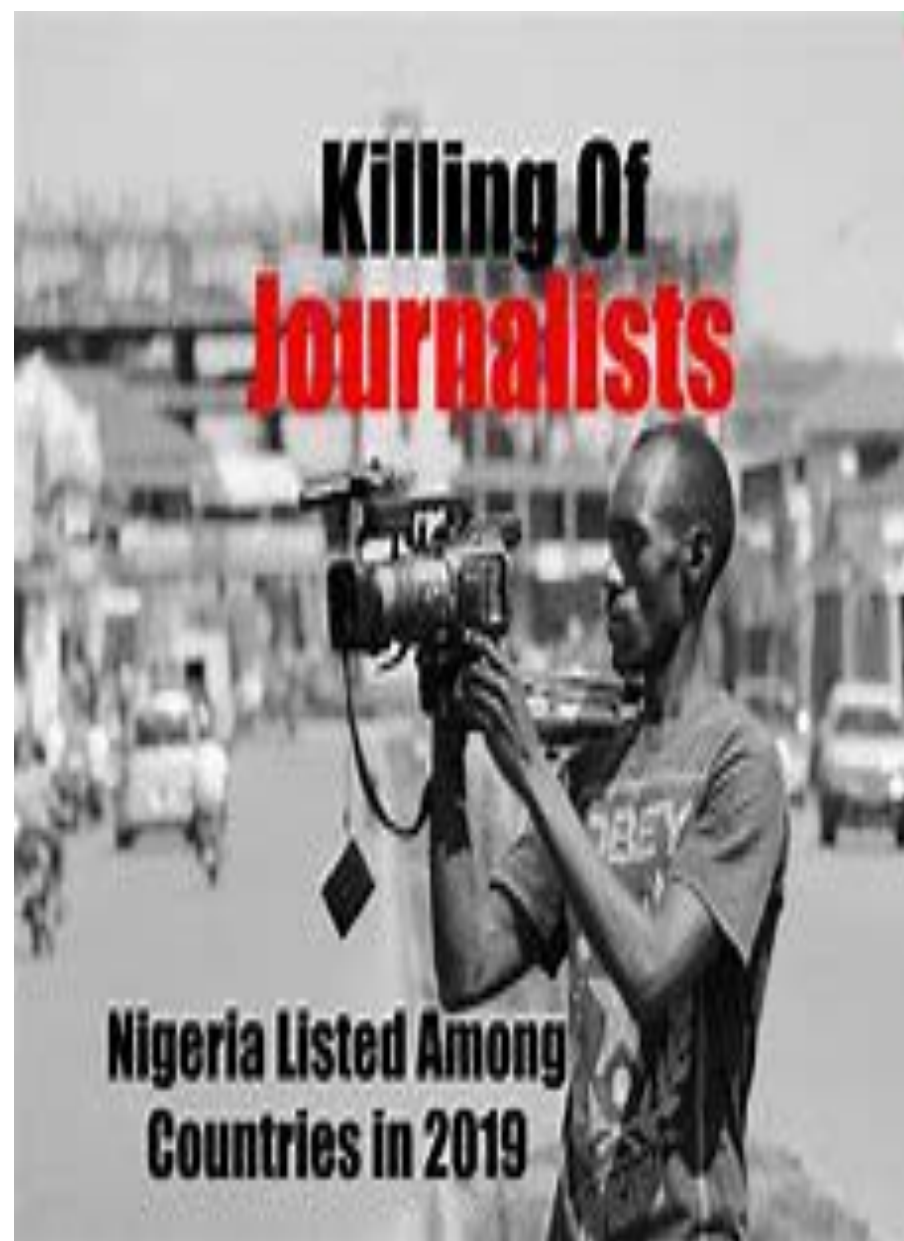
# Police in Nigeria assault, arrest journalists covering Revolution Now protests





# Attacks on the Nation Newspaper





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# A brutalized journalist in premium times

