

Targeting Journalists
28 November – 5 December

Methods used against Media representatives	Description
Targeted Violence	Over 50 documented cases of journalists, cameramen, and photographers being physically assaulted, injured, or obstructed while performing their duties.
Methods of Suppression	Use of physical force, pepper spray, water cannons, verbal abuse, and destruction of equipment.
Obstruction	Media personnel were repeatedly prevented from performing their professional duties.
Inhumane Treatment	A journalist was forced to eat her press card, and many were verbally abused and detained arbitrarily.
Media Organizations Affected	TV Formula, TV Pirveli, Mtavari Arkhi (Main Channel), Radio Liberty, Publika, OC Media, TV Rustavi 2, Studio Monitor, JAMnews, Expressnews, Adjara TV, Netgazeti/Batumelebi, and independent reporters.

Media Outlet	Individual Cases
TV Rustavi 2	1. Unidentified Journalist: Injured by a water cannon. 2. Giorgi Nergadze (Cameraman): forced to stop working after inhaling gas; required first aid. 3. Tamta Chitishvili (Journalist): Injured during a protest and taken to a medical facility; may require surgery.
Channel 1 / Public Broadcaster	1. Giorgi Chagelishvili, a journalist was arrested during a raid on the Rustaveli metro station. His arrest was captured on video by several media outlets. In the footage, Chagelishvili can be heard telling police that he was a journalist, but he was still taken into custody. 2. Mirian Meladze, photographer was injured during a protest on Rustaveli Avenue. Meladze assumes that he was hit in the leg by rubber bullets fired by law enforcement officers. <i>"I can't say for sure, but the emergency doctor told me that it looks like a rubber bullet injury. An IPN photographer was with me and he confirmed the same. Judging by the direction of my movement, [the bullet] hit me from the police, not from the protesters,"</i> Meladze told Netgazeti. 3. Journalist Teo Khubulava, along with cameramen Levan Kartvelishvili and Badri Gamreklashvili, a camera crew sustained injuries when police deployed a tear gas canister during a protest. Emergency medical personnel provided immediate assistance at the scene.
Adjara TV	Nino Lorchochvili: Injured while covering the rally.
TV Formula	1. Guram Rogava: Attacked by a masked riot police officer, struck on the head, causing bleeding, and thrown to the ground. He has sustained a fractured vertebra and a fracture in the facial bone near his eye. He was hospitalized and operated. 2. Giorgi Kvizhinadze: Verbally abused multiple times; later physically assaulted. 3. Tedo Kvachakhia: Cameraman prevented from carrying out journalistic activities. https://www.facebook.com/TVFormula/videos/948438063828732 4. Khatia Samkharadze: Injured by pepper spray. 5. Luka Tkebuchava: journalist was injured; He was hit by two tear gas grenades. 6. Cameraman: Injured while filming the rally. Also riot police damaged equipment used to cover protests in Batumi.
TV Pirveli	1. Nanuka Kajaia: Targeted with a water cannon during a live broadcast. 2. Davit Bichikashvili: Targeted with a water cannon during a live broadcast. 3. Giorgi Shetsiruli: Physically assaulted by riot police; injured a second time during a nighttime demonstration. 4. Ana Mdivani: Pepper-sprayed in the face, requiring emergency assistance. 5. Niko Kokaia: Assaulted twice; pepper-sprayed at close range, incapacitated, and required medical aid. 6. Mariam Gaprindashvili: Seriously injured during a demonstration; suffered a head injury and required hospitalization. The wound on her right forehead was treated and sutured. High-tech radiological exams are ongoing. She feels satisfactory but complains of mild dizziness and a headache, so it's best for her to stay in the clinic for observation," the doctor said. If the brain CT scan

	shows no injuries, Gaprindashvili will be able to leave the clinic after 24 hours of observation. https://www.radiotavisupleba.ge/a/33220969.html https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKLqJI4vsT4 7. Papuna Khachidze: Prevented from working alongside Mariam Gaprindashvili. 8. Luka Bachilava: Cameraman prevented from performing professional duties. 9. Mariam Makasarashvili: Both injured while reporting during a nighttime demonstration.
Mtavari Arkhi (Main Channel)	1. Dea Mamiseishvili: Injured while covering the rally. 2. Giorgi Goginashvili: Injured while covering the rally. 3. Keta Tsitskishvili (journalist) and cameraman: Prevented from reporting and verbally abused. 4. Davit Kobidze: obstructed while carrying out professional duties. 5. Luka Bachilava (cameramen): obstructed while working.
Radio Liberty	1. Davit Tsagareli (journalist): Punched in the stomach by special forces and knocked to the ground. 2. Salome Chaduneli (journalist): Injured while covering the rally; sustained a laceration to the leg. 3. Ilia Ratiani: Prevented from performing professional duties. 4. Zuka Khidasheli: Prevented from performing professional duties. 5. Beka Beradze (producer) was arrested and beaten; he was released after two days in custody (on December 3). He had a bruise near his left eye and other facial injuries. Beradze explained that on December 1, around midnight, he was with his brother and two friends when they encountered police on Ingorokva Street near the Government Chancellery. As they tried to enter the demonstration, police surrounded and separated them. Beradze was arrested and taken to the police station, where he was beaten after telling officers he was a journalist. After 40 minutes, Beradze and his brother were transferred to a different minibus, with his brother sent to an ambulance due to illness. Beradze later discovered that the official report falsely claimed he was on Rustaveli Street, cursing someone.
Publika	1. Aleksandre Keshelashvili (journalist): Beaten while reporting, arrested, and had equipment confiscated; required medical care at the hospital. <i>"They beat me, arrested me, and took my cameras. They're taking me to Geo Hospital. I was occupied at the time. My nose is broken. I'll see if they actually take me to the hospital. Others were in worse condition, but they beat me pretty badly too,"</i> said Lekso Keshelashvili. https://netgazeti.ge/news/753782/ 2. Mindia Gabadze (journalist): Injured by law enforcement officers while reporting. 3. Ana Mskhaladze (journalist): Assaulted by riot police; her phone was confiscated and later destroyed. Ana Mskhaladze reported that <i>while filming the violent detention of citizens on Chichinadze Street, riot police threw her phone at her. After identifying herself as a journalist and attempting to retrieve the phone, she was struck in the head. She claimed that the police then took her phone and fled the scene.</i>

	4. Basti Mgaloblishvili (journalist): Kicked and slapped repeatedly while working.
OC Media	Mariam Nikuradze : Targeted with a water cannon and pepper spray; her camera was damaged.
Studio Monitor	1. Nino Tsverava (Journalist): Targeted and injured by law enforcement while filming near Kashveti Church. 2. Nino Shubitidze (Journalist): Interfered with by law enforcement; repeatedly pepper-sprayed. 3. Giorgi Baramidze: Cameraman kicked by the police.
JAMnews	Yulia Kalabano (photo reporter): Sprayed with pepper spray, physically assaulted, and kicked while reporting.
Expressnews	Irakli Managadze (journalist): Kicked by special forces officers.
April (media outlet)	Giorgi Baskhajauri , a journalist, was attacked while he was carrying out his professional duties. According to <i>April</i> , Baskhajauri was filming the arrest of protesters on Chavchavadze Street when an officer confronted him in an alley, attempted to take his phone, and chased him.
Netgazeti / Batumelebi	Givi Avaliani (journalist): Sprayed with pepper spray while performing professional duties.
Other Incidents	1. Aka Zarkua (editor at online media Real Politika): Beaten, insulted, robbed, and forced to eat her press card by riot police. 2. German Journalist: Sustained an eye injury while reporting. 3. Tbel Abuseridze (photographer): Injured while performing professional duties. 4. Giorgi Gamgebeli (photographer): Physically assaulted by police; hospitalized with facial and leg injuries. 5. Unidentified photographer: Forcibly detained during the rally. 6. Dodi Kharkheli, a journalist, blogger and activist, had her home searched for several hours in connection with a criminal case, although she was not arrested. The Ministry of Internal Affairs confirmed that the search was related to an ongoing investigation but did not specify the case. Media reports suggest the investigation is tied to her ex-husband, Ucha Abashidze, who faces charges for illegally obtaining private video footage and possessing firearms. Social media claimed Kharkheli had been detained, but this was later clarified as false. A video showing police interacting with her at her son's kindergarten also circulated, but she was returned home shortly after. https://www.facebook.com/reel/1253098262605894 https://fb.watch/wf2zJ1E55u/