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Impact of the Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media in 2023

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media aims, in its endeavor to develop the journalistic and media file in Egypt, at work diligently to provide comprehensive support and legal assistance for journalists, to contribute rights preservation and freedoms assurance. It also seeks to establish a culture of a safe working environment for journalists and media practitioners in Egypt, in addition to the institution's continuous efforts to enhance capacities, through providing training sessions, workshops and various research papers and guides.

In this context, we review the impact of the institution during the past year 2023:

- The institution's efforts succeeded in overturning the metro authority's decision - which had lasted for many years - to prevent citizens from using the metro with their equipment and cameras, which negatively affected them, whether in being late for work or bearing high transportation expenses; the Institution obtained a decision to resolve the crisis after parliamentary intervention and submitting a briefing request through MP Ahmed Bilal, sending letters to the metro authority and the Ministry of Transportation, and adopting a full campaign to influence and change.
- The institution contributed and influenced the decision to release 10 imprisoned journalists.
- The institution obtained 15 court rulings; 12 rulings in civil cases in favor of 12 journalists against their institutions, in addition to 3 criminal rulings, including a ruling in favor of a journalist to imprison the owner of a newspaper for forging an editor's signature and using it to dismiss him from the newspaper.
- The institution's legal unit team also attended 198 sessions in civil and criminal cases, in addition to carrying out 319 legal procedures in civil and criminal cases.
- The institution provided 115 legal consultations to 98 journalists.
- The institution contributed to raising the capacities of 200 journalists through its training programs throughout the year; it provided 22 training programs and workshops, as part of its belief in the importance of development and education, in addition to improving the skills and capacities of 18 lawyers in 3 legal trainings.

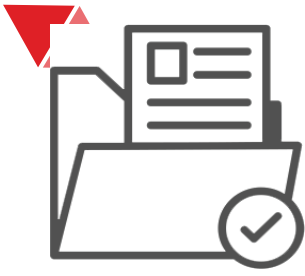


- The institution provided mental health support sessions for 25 journalists throughout October, as part of the “Together” program to promote mental health.
- About 203 journalists participated in 19 campaigns of the Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media over the past year 2023.
- The institution produced 217 publications, statements and positions during 2023 on various issues concerning the journalistic and media community.
- The Observatory collaborated with the Justice Party in carrying out a draft law on freedom of information, within the framework of national dialogue sessions.
- The institution discussed its monthly publications and experience in producing reports on the status of media freedoms in Egypt through a workshop for Egypt’s Journalists Syndicate and the International Federation of Journalists.
- The institution contributed to establishing a limited liability company for the “Alhorriah” journalist website, as an agent for the founding journalists.
- The official Facebook page achieved 4,634,361 million views and engagements, in addition to thousands of views on other platforms.
- The name of the Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media institution, according to the initial monitoring, was mentioned more than 120 times in news, reports and research papers issued by news websites, blogs or social media platforms, in addition to being relied upon as a source in a number of reports and research papers of Egyptian, Arab and foreign civil society institutions.

These details come within the framework of this detailed report, as part of the periodic issuance of the newsletter for the activity of the Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media, which includes an annual summary of the institution’s publications and advocacy and support activities.

We present the 2023 bulletin.





Firstly... Reports of the Monitoring, Documentation and Media Freedoms Program:

This program aims at monitoring and following up on all violations against journalists, media practitioners, and press and media institutions in Egypt. The Observatory relies in its methodology on the monitoring process, which is based on three main axes for monitoring violations:

The first: on-site monitoring through the on-site team.

The second: Communicating with victims to confirm the occurrence of violations against them and documenting their testimonies.

Third: In case there is no on-site information or direct communication, monitoring and documentation are carried out through newspapers and channels via electronic media.

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media issued 17 reports on the state of press and media freedoms in Egypt, in addition to a report monitoring the state of freedoms during the presidential elections, bringing the number of publications of the monitoring and documentation unit to 18 during 2023, as follows:

1- Monthly Report January 2023:

The Monitoring and Documentation Unit monitored a total of 13 violations during January 2023, according to the institution's standards, all incidents were documented directly, while two violations were recorded retroactively for previous periods, in addition to 7 other cases that were verified as incompatible with the institution's internal standards.

View the report [here](#).





2- Monthly Report February 2023:

The Monitoring and Documentation Unit monitored a total of 14 violations during February 2023, according to the observatory's standards, 13 of them were documented directly, in addition to one other case that was verified as incompatible with internal standards.

View the report [here](#).



3- Monthly Report March 2023:

The Monitoring and Documentation Unit monitored a total of 7 violations during March 2023, according to the observatory's standards, all of which were documented directly, in addition to one other case that was verified as incompatible with internal standards.

View the report [here](#).



4- First Quarterly Report 2023:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media issued its first quarterly statistical report for the first quarter of 2023

(January - March). According to the report, the first quarter of 2023 witnessed about 34 violations against journalists/ media practitioners , ranging from renewal of detention, slander, prevention of broadcasting or appearance of content, as well as restrictions on journalistic work or blocking digital platforms or media coverage. To read the report, click [here](#).





5 - Monthly Report April 2023:

The Monitoring and Documentation Unit monitored a total of 4 violations according to the observatory's standards during April 2023, all of them were documented directly, along with 5 other violations documented retrospectively in previous months, and 3 other cases that were verified not to comply with the internal standards. View the report [here](#).



6 - Monthly Report May 2023:

The Monitoring and Documentation Unit succeeded in monitoring and documenting 9 violations during May 2023, all of which were consistent with the institution's standards. Additionally, 4 cases of violations that occurred during previous months were documented retrospectively, and one violation case was found not to comply with the institution's standards. For more details, click [here](#).



7- Monthly Report June 2023:

The Monitoring and Documentation Unit succeeded in monitoring and documenting 8 violations during June 2023, all of which were consistent with the institution's standards. For more details, click [here](#).





8 - Second Quarterly Report 2023:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media issued its second quarterly statistical report for the year 2023 (April–June). According to the report, the second quarter of 2023 witnessed approximately 21 violations, ranging from renewal of detention, slander and defamation, blocking digital platforms, verbal abuse or threats, physical assault, destruction or burning of equipment, causing injury, unlawful detention and confinement, harassment, or inappropriate behavior. To view the report, click [here](#).



9 - Monthly Report July 2023:

During July 2023, the Monitoring and Documentation Unit of the Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media documented 4 violations occurring throughout the month, including 2 violations against a male journalist and another 2 against female journalists, with each violation conforming to the observatory's standards. To view the report, click [here](#).



10 - Monthly Report August 2023:

In August 2023, the Monitoring and Documentation Unit recorded and documented 17 violations against 7 male journalists. No violations were reported against female journalists or media practitioners during the month, while 4 violations were recorded against public figures, and a single violation occurred against a group of journalists. To view the report, click [here](#).



11- Monthly Report September 2023:

During September 2023, the Monitoring and Documentation Unit documented 8 violations against 7 journalists, with one violation per journalist except for one journalist who experienced two violations. To view the report, click [here](#).



12 - Third Quarterly Report 2023:

The report for this quarter (July-September 2023) identified, in its first part, 29 violations against journalists and media practitioners. The report highlights that the majority of these violations were related to decisions to detain individuals pending investigation, with 7 cases of detention renewal. Following this, intellectual property rights violations were reported 5 times, followed by violations of verbal abuse or threats and arbitrary arrests, each occurring 3 times. Other violations included financial rights obstruction, arbitrary dismissal, inappropriate conduct or speech, each occurring twice, and finally, confiscation or seizure of property, removal of journalistic or media content, slander and defamation, physical assault, destruction or burning of property. To view the report, click [here](#).



13- Monthly Report October 2023:

October 2023 witnessed 15 violations against 14 journalists, with one violation per journalist except for one journalist who experienced two violations. From a gender perspective, the violations during the month were distributed as follows: 3 violations against female journalists and 12 violations against male journalists and media workers. For details, click [here](#).



14 -Monthly Report November 2023:

November 2023 witnessed an unusual surge in the number of violations compared to previous months. The Observatory's team documented 186 violations against a wide range of journalists, media workers, and institutions active in the field. For full details, click [here](#).



Report on the State of Journalistic and Media Freedoms During Presidential Election Coverage:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media prepared a monitoring report on the journalistic and media coverage of the presidential elections, documenting violations encountered by the institution or those it managed to access which indicates these are not all the violations experienced by journalists and media practitioners during the election coverage. Click [here](#) to read.



15- Monthly Report December 2023:

December 2023 witnessed 26 violations against journalists and media practitioners. These violations, in terms of gender, were distributed as follows: 15 violations against male journalists, 9 violations against female journalists, and 2 violations against a journalistic group. For details, click [here](#).





6- Fourth Quarterly Report 2023:

This report documented 137 violations against male journalists and media practitioners, by 60.4% of the total violations during the period under review. Additionally, 81 violations occurred against female journalists and media practitioners, representing 35.7% of the total violations, indicating that more than a third of the violations during the three months occurred against women. The same period witnessed 6 violations against journalist groups and 3 violations against entire journalistic institutions with all their staff. For details, click [here](#).



17-Annual Report 2023:

In 2023, there were 335 violations against journalists and media practitioners. Some of these violations were frequent and recurring, while others were less common. The most recurring violations were related to “financial rights violations,” with 132 instances, followed by “arbitrary dismissal” with 72 occurrences. Additionally, there were 44 instances of “renewed detention pending investigation.” For the full report, click [here](#).





Secondly, legal support and assistance unit Reports:

This program aims at providing legal support and assistance to all journalists and media practitioners in Egypt, as well as various media institutions.

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media issued 18 legal reports during the past year of 2023.

1-Monthly Report January 2023:

The legal support and assistance unit issued its monthly publication in January 2023, providing direct legal support to 14 journalists in 14 cases and indirect support to one journalist in one case. This included 9 criminal cases for nine journalists and 6 civil cases for six journalists. For the full report, click [here](#).



2- Monthly Report February 2023:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media issued its monthly legal report, presenting observations of cases before civil and criminal courts against journalists and media practitioners from February 1st to 28th, 2023. Direct legal support was provided to 13 journalists in 13 cases during the month. For the full report, click [here](#).



3- Monthly Report March 2023:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media issued its monthly legal report, presenting observations of cases before civil and criminal courts against journalists and media practitioners from March 1st to 31st, 2023. Direct legal support was provided to 15 journalists in 15 cases and indirect support to one journalist in one case during this period. For full details, click [here](#).



4- First Quarterly Report 2023:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media issued its first quarterly legal report for 2023, covering the cases handled by the Legal Support Team from January to March 2023, along with highlighting the main legal issues and procedures faced by journalists during this period. For the report, click [here](#).



5- Monthly Report April 2023:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media issued its monthly legal report, covering cases before civil and criminal courts against journalists and media practitioners from April 1st to 30th, 2023. The legal support and assistance unit provided direct support to 12 journalists in 15 cases. For details, click [here](#).



6 - Monthly Report May 2023:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media issued its monthly legal report, covering cases before civil and criminal courts against journalists and media practitioners from May 1st to 31st, 2023. Direct support was provided to 18 journalists in 26 cases. For details, click [here](#).



7- Monthly Report June 2023:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media issued its monthly legal report, covering cases before civil and criminal courts against journalists and media practitioners from June 1st to 30th, 2023. Direct support was provided to 11 journalists in 11 cases. For details, click [here](#).



8- Second Quarterly Yearly Report 2023:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media issued its second quarterly legal report for 2023, covering the cases handled by the Legal Support Team from April 1st to June 30th, 2023, along with highlighting the main legal issues and procedures faced by journalists during this period. For the report, click [here](#).





9 - Monthly Report July 2023:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media issued its seventh legal publication during 2023, covering the period from June 1st to July 31st, 2023. The aim was to shed light on the cases of journalists and media practitioners before the Egyptian judiciary during July 2023. July witnessed the continued use of imprisonment by the executive and judicial authorities as a tool to harass journalists, in violation of the Egyptian constitution, which emphasizes the protection of personal freedom for citizens in Article 54 and presumes innocence in Article 96. Moreover, this went beyond to the prolonged use of pretrial detention in violation of the Criminal Procedures Law, contradicting the last paragraph of Article 143, which sets a maximum limit for pretrial detention at 24 months. For full details, click [here](#).



10 - Monthly Report August 2023:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media issued its eighth legal publication during 2023, covering the period from August 1st to August 31st, 2023. The aim was to shed light on the cases of journalists and media practitioners before the Egyptian judiciary during August, along with the efforts of the Legal Support and Assistance Unit of the institution. Additionally, it presented an analysis of laws and legislative drafts submitted to the legislative authority. The cases varied during August, including cases related to affiliation with a terrorist group, with a total of 4 cases, and cases appealing against arbitrary dismissal judgments, with a total of 4 cases. For more information, click [here](#).



11- Monthly Report September 2023:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media issued its monthly legal report, covering cases before civil and criminal courts against journalists and media practitioners from September 1st to 30th, 2023. Direct support was provided to 17 journalists in 17 cases and indirect support to two journalists in two cases. For details, click [here](#).



12- Third Quarterly Report 2023::

The third-quarter report of 2023, issued by the legal support and assistance unit of the Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media, included the latest legal procedure developments in cases, whether before public prosecutors, criminal courts in criminal cases, or before primary courts and appellate courts in civil cases. It also presented the efforts made by the legal support team and highlighted the main obstacles faced during the third quarter of the year. Additionally, it presented and analyzed the most significant legal violations experienced by journalists and media practitioners. For details, click [here](#).



13 - Monthly Report October 2023:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media monitored the cases of journalists and media practitioners before the Egyptian judiciary during its tenth legal publication for the year 2023, covering the period from October 1st to 31st, 2023. The publication reviewed the cases heard during October, totaling 18 cases, including 6 criminal cases and 12 civil cases and grievances involving journalists. For details, click [here](#).



14 - Monthly Report November 2023:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media issued its eleventh legal publication during 2023, covering the period from November 1st to 30th, 2023. It aims to shed light on the cases of journalists and media practitioners before the Egyptian judiciary during the month covered by the report. The report reviews the cases heard during November, totaling 20 cases, including 3 criminal cases and 17 civil cases. The cases varied in type, with 10 cases related to compensation for arbitrary dismissal, 4 cases appealing against judgments on arbitrary dismissal compensation, 2 cases related to joining a terrorist group, and 2 cases related to interpreting judgments. Additionally, there was one case each related to journalists seeking separation from their employers and civil prosecution for a forgery misdemeanor. For more details, click [here](#).



15- Monthly Report December 2023:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media issued its twelfth legal publication during 2023, covering the period from December 1st to 31st, 2023. It aims to shed light on the cases of journalists and media practitioners before the Egyptian judiciary. The report reviews the cases heard during December, totaling 14 cases, including 3 criminal cases and 11 civil cases. For more details, click [here](#).



16 - Fourth Quarterly Report 2023:

This report aims at highlighting the cases of journalists and media practitioners before the Egyptian judiciary during the last quarter of 2023. It also outlines the efforts of the Legal Support and Assistance Unit of the institution in providing legal support to journalists and media practitioners in their cases before the judiciary. The report discusses the obstacles faced by the legal support team during the last quarter of the year and presents an analysis of the most significant legal violations against journalists and media practitioners. The first section reviews the classification of cases heard during the last quarter of the year in terms of the type of support provided. The Legal Support and Assistance Unit provided direct support to 30 journalists in 30 cases and indirect support to one journalist in one case. For more details, click [here](#).



17- List of Detained Journalists: Developments in the Condition of Journalists During 2023:

The observatory team documented, through the imprisoned journalists list, the continued detention of 7 journalists under pretrial detention. Pretrial detention was not the only violation against these journalists and media practitioners; there were other violations as well. Some of them were detained outside the legal framework for periods ranging from a few days to several months without being presented to the prosecution, in violation of Article 54 of the Egyptian Constitution and Article 124 of the Criminal Procedure Law, which require presenting the detained person to the prosecution within 24 hours of arrest. For more details, click [here](#).





18- Annual Legal Report for 2023:

The report covers the presentation of cases involving journalists and media practitioners before the Egyptian judiciary during the year 2023 and the developments that occurred therein, whether these cases were ongoing from previous years or new cases initiated during the past year.

During the aforementioned period, the Legal Support and Assistance Unit provided direct legal support in criminal cases to 16 journalists in 15 cases, as well as indirect support to 5 journalists in 5 cases.

As for civil cases, the legal assistance team provided direct legal support to 26 journalists in 37 cases pending before first and second-degree civil courts, as well as before the expert offices of the Ministry of Justice. This support also included handling complaints submitted by journalists to the Appeals Committee of the Journalists Syndicate, along with indirect support for one journalist in one case. For the full report, please refer to the link [here](#).






Thirdly... Judicial rulings obtained by the institution in 2023:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media obtained 15 labor judgments, in addition to 3 criminal judgments during the past year 2023 as follows:

- On March 25, 2023, the legal support team of the institution obtained a judgment from instance Labor Circuit 18 in southern Cairo rejecting the lawsuit filed by Ahl Masr newspaper to terminate the employment of journalist Ahmed Abu Al-Dahab as an editor at the newspaper, and the court ruled for his continuation of work and payment of any of his unpaid wages.
- On March 28, 2023, the legal support team of the institution obtained a final judgment from Appeals Circuit 8 in Giza Labor Court rejecting the appeal filed by Al-Tahrir newspaper, and affirming the judgment in favor of journalist Ahmed Bakr for financial compensation due to his arbitrary dismissal.
- On March 30, 2023, the legal support team of the institution obtained a judgment from Labor Circuit 10 in northern Giza rejecting the lawsuit filed by Al-Youm Al-Sabea newspaper to terminate the employment of journalist Wael Ali, and the court ruled for his continuation of work and payment of any unpaid financial dues as cash compensation for accumulated leave balance and wages for the period of work.
- On April 27, 2023, the legal support team of the institution obtained a judgment from Labor Circuit 17 in southern Cairo accepting the lawsuit filed by journalist Asmaa Hamed against Al-Hilal Electronic Gate owned by Dar Al-Hilal Foundation, proving her employment relationship in it, and obligating the institution to pay financial amounts as compensation for the material and moral damages suffered by the journalist due to her arbitrary dismissal.
- On April 29, 2023, the legal support team of the institution obtained a judgment from Labor Circuit 18 in southern Cairo rejecting the lawsuit filed by Ahl Masr newspaper to terminate the employment of journalist Amr Ali as an editor at the newspaper, and the court ruled for his continuation of work and payment of any unpaid wages, considering the insurance period claimed.

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- On May 30, 2023, the legal support team of the institution obtained a final judgment in favor of journalist Mohamed Khalifa from the Second Circuit of the High Appeals Labor Court in the October Appeals Mission, compensating for the arbitrary dismissal issued against him in the lawsuit he filed against Al-Mogaz newspaper, following the rejection of appeals filed by the journalist and the newspaper, and affirming the judgment issued by the first-instance court.
 - On July 9, 2023, the legal support team of the institution obtained a judgment from the Appeals Circuit 3 in the High Labor Court of Southern Cairo rejecting the appeal filed by Al-Yawm Al-Sabea newspaper against the judgment issued in favor of journalist Amer Khamees, not recognizing the arbitrary dismissal decision, and compelling the institution to reinstate the journalist to his job and pay his financial dues.
 - On August 23, 2023, the legal support team of the institution obtained a final judgment in favor of journalist Farouk Lotfi from the Appeals Circuit 2 in the High Labor Court of October Mission, compensating for the arbitrary dismissal issued in his favor in the lawsuit he filed against Al-Mogaz newspaper, following the rejection of appeals submitted by the journalist and the newspaper, and the affirmation of the judgment issued by the first-instance court.
On September 2, 2023, the Economic Misdemeanors Court acquitted journalist Wael Ali of the
 - charges of misuse of communication means and intentional harassment in case no. 76 of 2023, Economic Misdemeanors Qena.
 - On October 31, 2023, the Tenth Labor Court of Southern Giza referred the lawsuit- to the Ministry of Justice's experts department to prepare a detailed legal report- filed by journalist Sahar Abdel Hamid against Baladna Al-Youm newspaper for compensation due to her arbitrary dismissal and payment of her financial dues.
 - On November 13, 2023, the Cairo Economic Court of Appeals Misdemeanor ruled to accept the appeal filed by journalist Saeed Gamaleldin against a fine of EGP 1 million for committing the crimes of defamation and intentionally disturbing others by means of communication, and ordered the suspension of the execution of the penalty.



- On November 21, 2023, the legal support team of the institution obtained a final judgment in favor of journalist Wael Ali from the Appeals Circuit 10 in the High Labor Court, confirming his employment continuation and disregarding the prior dismissal decision in the lawsuit he filed against Al-Yawm Al-Sabea newspaper, following the rejection of appeals submitted by the journalist and the newspaper, and the affirmation of the judgment issued by the first-instance court.
- On November 29, 2023, the legal support team of the institution obtained a judgment in favor of journalist Ahmed El-Qabisi from the Second Labor Circuit in Southern Giza, to pay his financial dues in the lawsuit filed by him against Al-Masriya newspaper.
- On November 29, 2023, the Eighth Labor Court of Southern Giza referred the lawsuit -filed by journalist Sayed El-Imam against Al-Masriya newspaper for compensation due to his arbitrary dismissal and payment of his financial dues- to the Ministry of Justice's experts department for a detailed legal report.
- On November 22, 2023, the Al-Nozha Misdemeanors Court ruled in favor of journalist Ahmed Eldemerdash, sentencing the owner of Amwal Al-Ghad newspaper to three months in prison and referring the civil lawsuit filed by him to the competent civil court for forging his signature on a resignation and using it to terminate his employment with the newspaper and harm him.



Fourthly.. the release of detained journalists in 2023:

The efforts of the Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media contributed to the release of 10 detained journalists.

- On February 7, 2023, the Supreme State Security Prosecution issued a decision to release photojournalist Mohamed Fawzy Mus'ad on bail pending his residence in Case No. 44 of 2022, Supreme State Security, where he faced charges of joining a terrorist group, spreading false news and statements, misusing a social media platform, and providing support to a terrorist group, after spending a pretrial detention period of 9 months following his arrest in May 2022.
- On March 1, 2023, the Supreme State Security Prosecution issued a decision to release journalist Ahmed Allam on bail pending his residence in Case No. 558 of 2020, Supreme State Security, where he faced charges of joining a terrorist group, spreading false news and statements, misusing a social media platform, after spending a pretrial detention period of 34 months following his arrest in April 2020.
- On March 15, 2023, the Supreme State Security Prosecution issued a decision to release journalist Ahmed Fayez on bail pending his residence in Case No. 2070 of 2022, Supreme State Security, where he faced charges of joining a terrorist group, spreading false news and statements, misusing a social media platform, providing support to a terrorist group, and inciting unauthorized protests, after spending a pretrial detention period of 5 months following his arrest in November 2022.
- On May 1, 2023, the Supreme State Security Prosecution issued a decision to release photojournalist Raouf Obeid on bail pending his residence in Case No. 670 of 2022, Supreme State Security, where he faced charges of joining a terrorist group, spreading false news and statements, misusing a social media platform, and providing support to a terrorist group, after



spending a pretrial detention period of 10 months following his arrest in July 2022.

- On May 1, 2023, the Supreme State Security Prosecution issued a decision to release journalist Hisham Abdelaziz Ghareeb on bail pending his residence in Case No. 1956 of 2019, Supreme State Security, where he faced charges of joining a terrorist group, spreading false news and statements, after spending a pretrial detention period of 34 months following his arrest in June 2019.
- On June 24, 2023, the Appeal Misdemeanor Court in Boulaq El Dakroul decided to suspend the trial of journalist Tamer Ibrahim and referred the case files back to the public prosecution for further action, on charges of defamation and slander related to a journalistic interview he published in 2015 in 7 Ayam magazine.
- On September 2, 2023, the Economic Misdemeanor Court acquitted journalist Wael Ali of charges of misuse of communication means and deliberate disturbance of others in Case No. 76 of 2023, Qena Economic Misdemeanor.
- On October 25, 2023, the Dokki Prosecution issued a decision to release journalist Mostafa Tawfik on bail of 5000 EGP in Case No. 13741 of 2023, Dokki Misdemeanor, on charges of misuse of communication means and attempted fraud.
- On November 13, 2023, the Economic Misdemeanor Court in Cairo accepted the appeal submitted by journalist Saeed Gamal El-Din against the fine of one million pounds imposed on him for charges of defamation and deliberate disturbance of others via communication means, and ordered the suspension of the execution of the penalty.
- On November 28, 2023, the judge of objections in Ain Shams Misdemeanor Court issued a decision to release journalist Amer Suleiman on bail pending his residence in Case No. 22 of 2022, Ain Shams Economic Misdemeanor, on charges of defamation and slander, and running a website without a license.



Fifthly... Research Papers Released in 2023:

6 quality research papers during 2023:

In April, the Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media published a reading on the midterm renewal elections for the Journalists Syndicate 2023. It discussed the circumstances surrounding the elections, a review of the candidates' lists, election programs, as well as the results and implications. To read more, click [here](#).



In September, the Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media released a paper on the International Day for Universal Access to Information titled "Information circulation in Egypt: False Recognition, Deliberate Ignorance, and Constrained Virtual Reality." The paper discussed the concept of freedom of information sharing, the importance of information sharing, the delayed issuance of the Freedom of Information Act in Egypt, as well as the importance of virtual reality in serving various media outlets and its regulation. To read the paper, click [here](#).



In December 2023, coinciding with the “Her in the Media” campaign during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, the Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media issued a research paper titled “Violence and Cyberbullying Directed Against Female Journalists/Media Professionals in Egypt.” To read more, click [here](#).



The institution also released a research paper titled “[In its 63rd Year... Egyptian Television: A Window to the Past and a Tool for the Future](#)” on World Television Day, November 21.



“[Journalistic Institutions: A History of Arbitrary Dismissals](#)” (Research Paper).



Statement on the “[International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists](#)” .. Violations persist and perpetrators continue to escape punishment.





Sixthly.. Training and Education:

The institution provided 22 training sessions during the past year, 2023:



- June 13, 2023: Workshop on [“Mobile Journalism Photography”](#).
- June 8, 2023: Workshop on [Climate](#) Journalism titled “Producing Environmental and Climate Journalism Stories”.
- June 9, 2023: Workshop on “Professional Television [Reporter](#)”.
- June 11, 2023: Workshop on [“New Media: How Journalists Use Web3 Platforms and Applications in Media”](#).
- October 9, 2023: Two workshops on [Art Therapy and Change](#).
- October 15, 2023: Workshop on Psychological [First Aid](#).
- October 23, 2023: “How Journalists Deal with Overwhelming [Anxiety](#) Resulting from Media Coverage of Current Events”.
- October 31, 2023: “How to Address [Sleep Problems](#) and Treat Insomnia”.
- November 22, 2023: The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media launched its project “Building the Journalism of the Future Academy”.



- November 28, 2023: Workshop titled “Producing Content with [Artificial Intelligence](#) and Metaverse on Mobile”.
- November 29, 2023: Workshop titled “[Legal Protection](#) Methods for Female Journalists from Various Forms of Violence in the Workplace and Why We Need to Enforce Harassment Regulations within Journalism Institutions”.
- November 29, 2023: Workshop titled “How to Consider [Gender Language](#) in Journalism Writing”.
- November 30, 2023: Workshop titled “[Legal Rules](#) for Covering Presidential Elections”.
- December 1, 2023: Workshop titled “Professional Standards for [reporters](#) During News Coverage in Presidential Elections”.
- December 6, 2023: Workshop titled “[Journalistic Photography](#) of Elections Between Reality and Aspiration”.
- December 9, 2023: Workshop titled “Utilizing [Data Journalism](#) in Gender Issues”.
- December 18, 2023: Workshop titled “[Common Mistakes](#) in Arabic Writing and Linguistic Proof-reading with Artificial Intelligence”.
- December 21, 2023: Workshop titled “Writing [Television Programs](#)”.
- December 25, 2023: Workshop titled “[Principles of Editing](#) and its Applications on Mobile”.
- December 26, 2023: Workshop titled “Humanitarian Journalism - [the Feature](#)”.
- Two legal training sessions on “Developing Lawyer Skills” by Professor Taher Abu al-Nasr.



Seventhly.. Profiles:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media published 99 profiles of journalistic and media figures, in addition to 17 profiles of journalistic institutions during the year 2023:

Through the publication of these profiles, we aim at highlighting the inspiring examples of journalists who work on various issues. Additionally, by publishing profiles of institutions, we aim at highlighting leading and young journalistic experiences.

- January 4, 2023: [Hagar Osman](#), an outstanding journalist in gender journalism.
- January 7, 2023: [Abdelwahab Shaaban](#), a journalist with the rank of literate.
- January 11, 2023: [Soha Said](#), a journalist who documented the journey of stars and pioneers of Maspero.
- January 14, 2023: [Yahya Saqr](#), a journalist with a distinctive presence and impact.
- January 21, 2023: [Mahmoud Bakar](#), the best collaborative photojournalist with his colleagues.
- January 25, 2023: [Samar Ibrahim](#), a media figure who loves Africa.
- January 28, 2023: [Salah El Beily](#), a literate in the sanctuary of majesty.
- February 1, 2023: [Sanaa El-Bessy](#), the first lady of Egyptian journalism.
- February 4, 2023: [Wissam Hamdi](#), an adventurer with distinction.
- February 8, 2023: [Noha Wajih](#), the icon of sweet and influential journalism.
- February 11, 2023: [Mostafa Yahya](#) "El Daksh", a journalist who captured the hearts of magic lovers.
- March 23, 2023: [Ustazah Fadila](#), a radio broadcaster who chose to be a sister to children.
- March 29, 2023: [Mona El-Husseini](#), a wise media figure by nature.



- March 28, 2023: Commemoration of the departure of [Mayada Ashraf](#).
- March 8, 2023: [Nazeeha Saeed](#), a journalist who paid the price for speaking the truth.
- March 8, 2023: [Abeer Saadi](#), a journalist seeking another passion.
- March 8, 2023: [Hind Nofal](#), the mother of female journalists.
- March 8, 2023: [Sarah Bernar](#) Al-Sharq (Rosalyousef).
- March 8, 2023: [Lubna Hashem](#), the girl of the East and the eloquent women's advocate.
- March 8, 2023: [Doria Shafiq](#), the iron woman.
- April 1, 2023: [Gamal El Shaar](#), a media figure who stole the hearts of Egyptians.
- April 5, 2023: [Dina Ramez](#), a media personality with a distinctive appearance.
- April 8, 2023: [Tarek Allam](#), a media personality whose words are golden.
- April 12, 2023: [Samia El-Itarbi](#), a media personality loved by young and old.
- April 22, 2023: [Saher Jad](#), one of the knights defending the profession of journalism.
- April 22, 2023: [Safaa Hegazy](#), the first lady of Maspéro.
- April 23, 2023: [Yasser Shabana](#), a worshipper in the sanctuary of majesty.
- April 23, 2023: [Salwa Hegazy](#), a media practitioner who died by an Israeli rocket.
- April 24, 2023: [Yasser Rizk](#), the talented journalist boy.

- April 24, 2023: [Soheir El-Etrbi](#), a media practitioner from the golden age.
- April 25, 2023: [Jalal Amer](#), the passerby who sided with the simple.
- April 25, 2023: [Susan Hassan](#), a media practitioner from the golden age.
- April 27, 2023: [Mahmoud Awad](#), the nightingale of Egyptian journalism.
- April 27, 2023: [Safiya Al-Mohandes](#), the first female voice on Egyptian radio.
- April 28, 2023: [Amina El-Saeed](#), the quiet rebel in the court of majesty.
- April 29, 2023: [Kamil Zuhairi](#), the Egyptian Robin Hood.
- April 29, 2023: [Tamader Tawfiq](#), the first lady of Maspero and the voice of the speaking clock.
- May 10, 2023: [Reham Gharib](#), a journalist whose topics are stronger than bullets.
- May 13, 2023: [Yahya Qalash](#), the dean of journalists.
- May 16, 2023: [Mahmoud Abu Al-Fath](#), the first syndicate leader for journalists.
- May 16, 2023: [Mohamed El-Azabi](#), the elder of journalists.
- May 18, 2023: [Nadia Mabrouk](#), a journalist of high caliber.
- May 21, 2023: [Sulaiman Al-Hakim](#), the king of newspaper headlines.
- May 24, 2023: [Abeer Abdel Sattar](#), a journalist mixed with the passion of the profession.
- May 28, 2023: [Makram Jad Al-Karim](#), one of the top 10 photographers of the twentieth century.
- June 3, 2023: [Mohamed El-Hamrawy](#), a leader-level journalist.



- June 28, 2023: [Salah Montaser](#), one of the most important journalists.
- July 8, 2023: [Mostafa Rahouma](#), a journalist changing reality.
- July 12, 2023: Journalist [Sara Jamal](#), a voice for the voiceless.
- July 13, 2023: The unique journalist with the free pen, [Mohamed Monir](#).
- July 15, 2023: [Hassan Al-Mustaqawi](#), the clever one.
- July 19, 2023: [Mahassen El-Senoussi](#), a passionate and adventurous journalist.
- July 22, 2023: [Fareed Edward](#), a distinctive voice in Arab media.
- July 29, 2023: [Mohamed Maher](#), a journalist who loves challenges.
- August 1, 2023: Assassination of [Ghassan Kanafani](#), the Palestinian novelist, short story writer, and journalist.
- August 1, 2023: [Enas Kamal](#), a courageous voice in feminist journalism.
- August 2, 2023: [Rania Mongi](#), a presenter loved by the camera.
- August 5, 2023: [Ayman Ibrahim](#), the air beast.
- August 7, 2023: [Ola Al-Shafei](#), 25 years of journalistic perseverance and excellence.
- August 9, 2023: [Isra Saleh](#), rebelled against pharmacy for feminist journalism.
- August 12, 2023: [Fareed Qutb](#), a photographer on the brink of international fame.
- August 16, 2023: [Barabara Youssef](#), a journalist from the heart of Upper Egypt to international fame.

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- August 19, 2023: [Mohamed Yahya](#), the departure of the pioneer of scientific journalism in Egypt.
 - August 23, 2023: [Rania Helal](#), a journalist who moves lightly like a butterfly among the arts of creativity.
 - August 27, 2023: [Ahmed Ismail](#), a journalistic director with the rank of artist.
 - August 30, 2023: [Amnia Abu Keila](#), a journalist passionate about the challenges of the profession.
 - September 2, 2023: [Fahti Abu Sleiman](#), a professor in the court of majesty.
 - September 4, 2023: [Muhyiddin Al-Labad](#), the philosopher of caricature.
 - September 7, 2023: [Afaf Al-Halawi](#), a maker of memories for the 1980s generation.
 - September 9, 2023: [Hassan Diab](#), a photographer with a journalist's mind and an artist's eye.
 - September 13, 2023: [Reham Hamdi](#), a journalist distinguished in sports media.
 - September 16, 2023: [Sharif Said](#), a writer and director with a unique imprint.
 - September 23, 2023: [Meuia Hekal](#), the centenary of the birth of the professor of Egyptian journalism.
 - September 30, 2023: [Abdullah Abu Dhaif](#), a journalist who never stops dreaming.
 - October 12, 2023: [Heba Mohamed Ali](#), the head of a section in Rose Al-Youssef magazine and a writer in the art section.
 - October 16, 2023: [Giselle Khoury](#), the pearl of Lebanese media.
 - October 23, 2023: [Mohamed Abu Ghayt](#), the last dialogue.



- November 2, 2023: [Mari Colvin](#).
- November 2, 2023: [Jamal Khashoggi](#).
- November 2, 2023: [Essam Abdullah](#).
- November 2, 2023: [Sherine Abu Aqila](#).
- November 4, 2023: [Muataz Azayza](#).
- November 8, 2023: [Engy El-Toukhy](#), a journalist who loves the profession of seeking trouble.
- November 11, 2023: [Ahmed Saad Qasim](#), a journalist who writes about people.
- November 15, 2023: [Heba Hasab](#), a radio presenter who loves heritage and storytelling.
- November 18, 2023: [Nasr Abdo](#), a journalist who sanctifies the value of the profession.
- November 22, 2023: [Najwa Ibrahim](#), a media personality and artist of high caliber.
- November 30, 2023: [Aisha Abdul Rahman](#).
- December 3, 2023: [Mahmoud Abbas](#), a journalist who defies the laws of nature.
- December 3, 2023: [Rahma Khaled](#), the first presenter with Down syndrome in the world.
- December 3, 2023: [Radwa Mahmoud](#), the first Egyptian Arab media practitioner with disabilities.
- December 3, 2023: [Ahmed Abu Humayla](#), physical disability is not an obstacle to achieving dreams.
- December 3, 2023: [Raymon El-Masry](#).

- December 12, 2023: 11 years since the death anniversary of the journalist [Hussein Abu Dhaif](#).
- December 16, 2023: 131 years since the birth of Gurgi Zidan, the founder of [Dar Al-Hilal](#).
- December 23, 2023: 47 years since the death of the prince of journalism, [Mohamed El-Tabé'i](#).
- December 27, 2023: [Amira Hisham](#), a journalist who raises the banner of humanity first.
- December 30, 2023: [Mohamed Yahya](#), a school in sports journalism.

Profiles of Institutions

- February 15, 2023: [Maspero](#)... The Story and the Narrative (Documentary Report).
- March 30, 2023: The Story of the Journalists Syndicate [Building](#).
- April 22, 2023: [Kurdish Journalism](#) Day... From Cairo to Kurdistan.
- July 10, 2023: Cairo University's [Faculty of Mass Communication](#)... The First Mass Communication College in the Middle East.
- July 17, 2023: [Dar Al Hilal](#)... The Jewel of Journalistic Institutions.
- July 31, 2023: [Good Morning](#)... The Gateway to Free Thought and Creativity.
- August 1, 2023: [Al-Gomhuria Newspaper](#)... The Foremost Voice of July.
- August 7, 2023: [Cairo 360](#)... Your Guide to Life in the Capital.
- August 14, 2023: [Literary News](#)... Magazine of Culture and Enlightenment.
- August 21, 2023: [Journalism Jobs](#)... A Guide to Employment Opportunities.
- August 28, 2023: [The Last Hour](#)... The Oldest Illustrated Magazine.
- September 4, 2023: [Write Right](#)... Your First Place to Learn Arabic.
- September 11, 2023: [Youth Magazine](#)... One of Egypt's Oldest Youth Magazines.
- November 6, 2023: [MENA](#)... The First News Agency in the Middle East.
- November 13, 2023: [Bab Misr](#)... The First Platform Concerned with Preserving Heritage.
- December 4, 2023: [Al-Fatah Magazine](#)... The First Spark of Feminist Journalism in the Region.
- December 27, 2023: 148 Years Since the Establishment of [Al-Ahram](#).



Eighth... Campaigns: are divided into advocacy campaigns and awareness campaigns:

First, Advocacy Campaigns:

- February 10, 2023: Launch of the [“Know Your Candidate”](#) campaign.
- March 16, 2023: Launching the [“Operations Room”](#) to monitor the elections of the Journalists Syndicate.
- April 10, 2023: Launch of the “Crisis of Journalists and Photographers [Entering](#) the Third Metro Line with Their Cameras” campaign.
- April 27, 2023: International Day of [Press Freedom](#) campaign.
- May 1, 2023: [Labor Day](#) campaign.
- May 25, 2023: Campaign to commemorate the anniversary of Black Wednesday in front of the stairs of the Journalists Syndicate (from [here](#)).
- June 1, 2023: Launch of the [Egyptian Journalist](#) Day campaign.
- August 28, 2023: Launch of the [“Your Right in a Minute”](#) podcast series.
- October 6, 2023: [War reporters](#) Campaign on the anniversary of October.
- November 2, 2023: International Day [to End Impunity](#) campaign.
- November 25, 2023: [16 Days](#) of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign.
- December 3, 2023: International Day of Persons with [Disabilities](#) campaign.



Second, Awareness Campaigns:

- March 8, 2023: International [Women's](#) Day campaign.
- April 20, 2023: [Podcast](#) series "Journalists on Eid".
- April 26, 2023: International [Intellectual Property](#) Day campaign.
- August 9, 2023: Launch of the [podcast](#) series: "Journalists' Safety in Conflict Areas".
- September 28, 2023: International [Right to Know](#) Day campaign.
- November 20, 2023: International [Children's](#) Day campaign.
- November 21, 2023: International [Television](#) Day campaign.



Ninth... Supportive Statements and Positions:

- March 5, 2023: After [the release](#) of Ahmed Alaa, we await a new breakthrough in the file of detained journalists.
- February 16, 2023: Statement on the launch of the “Know [Your Candidate](#)” campaign.
- March 13, 2023: Statement from the dismissed journalists from [Al Masriah newspaper](#) to the press union.
- May 3, 2023: [Journalists](#) behind bars.
- August 21, 2023: Statement regarding the crisis of [Karim Asaad](#).
- August 27, 2023: BBC and Al-Mawjaz [statement](#).
- September 20, 2023: Statement of solidarity with journalist [Ahmed Ashour](#).
- October 10, 2023: Statement on the launch of the “[Together](#) for Mental Health” program.
- October 20, 2023: Statement on the launch of the Operations Room [in the institution](#).
- December 9, 2023: Statement of the [Election Operations](#) Room.
- December 10, 2023: Closing statement for the “[Her in the Media](#)” campaign.



Tenth...most significant Media Reports:

- July 4, 2023: Crisis of suspended [partisan newspapers](#).
- August 27, 2023: Amid communication blackout with [Gaza](#), do not promote fake accounts or be part of psychological warfare.
- November 10, 2023: Arbitrary dismissal and [displacement of journalists](#).
- November 11, 2023: Crisis of [Al-Tareeq newspaper](#).
- November 12, 2023: Unfair wages at [Reuters](#).
- November 19, 2023: [Crisis of radio and television](#).
- November 23, 2023: [Crisis of Al-Wafd newspaper](#).



Eleventh... The Institution's Audience Reach Achievements in 2023:

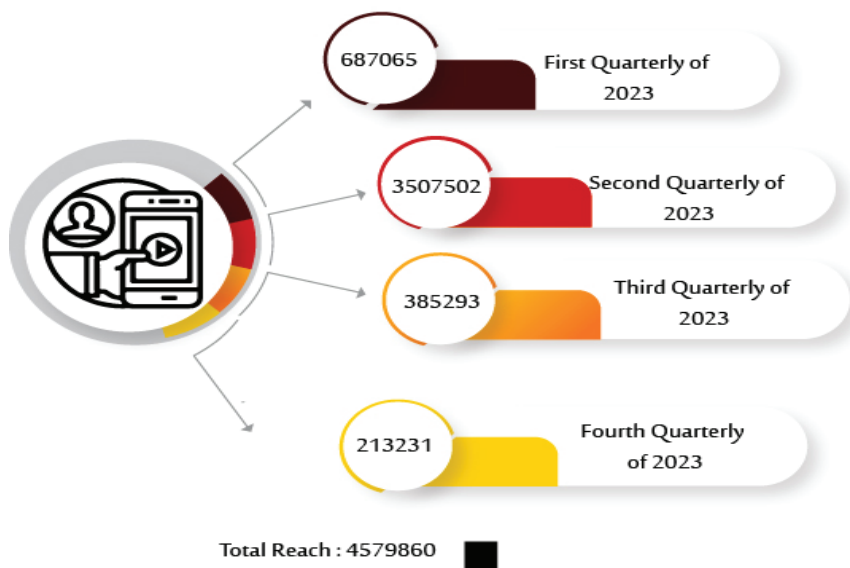
This section monitors the extent of dissemination and reach of materials published on the official platform of the institution on Facebook, as well as the space for the circulation of these materials on various news websites, or social media platforms, or all platforms with their electronic and paper variations during the year 2023.

A- Audience Reach:

This section covers the extent of reach of the materials published by the official electronic platforms of the observatory to both direct and indirect audiences, through various engagements on social media platforms.

The official Facebook page achieved a reach and views of **4,634,361** million, with **38,755** interactions, **8,836** comments, and **6,910** shares. It's worth noting that the reach percentage on other platforms has not been calculated.

The following table illustrates the detailed distribution of the reach degree in each quarter of the past year 2023.



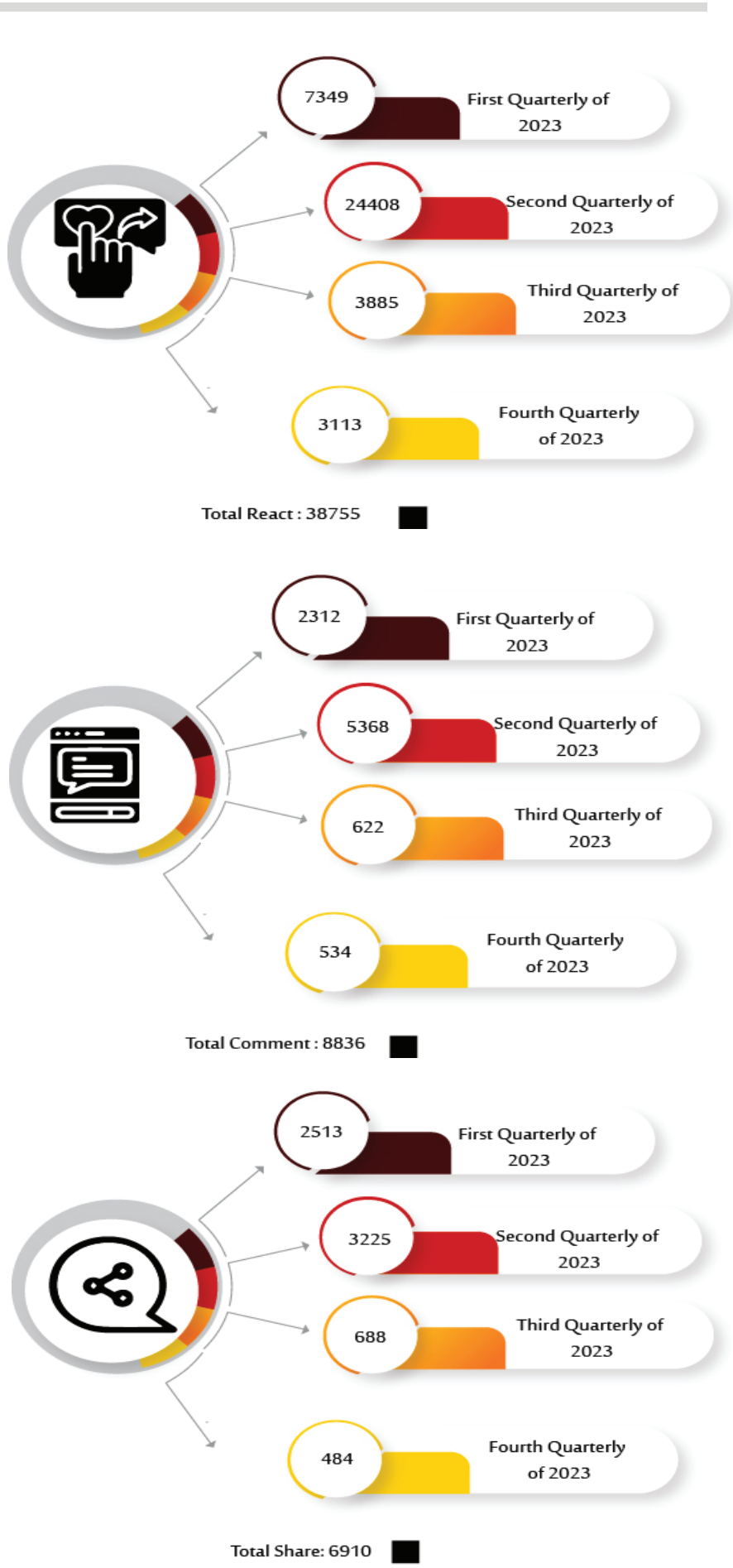


Figure "1" illustrates the views, reach, and engagement on the official platform of the institution.

(B) Media Coverage of the Observatory:



This section monitors the extent of the Observatory’s appearance in audio, visual, and print media, as well as on the official websites of civil society organizations at the local, regional, and international levels. After the initial monitoring, the name of the Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media appeared at least 120 times, in various journalistic and research fields, and in both Arabic and English languages.

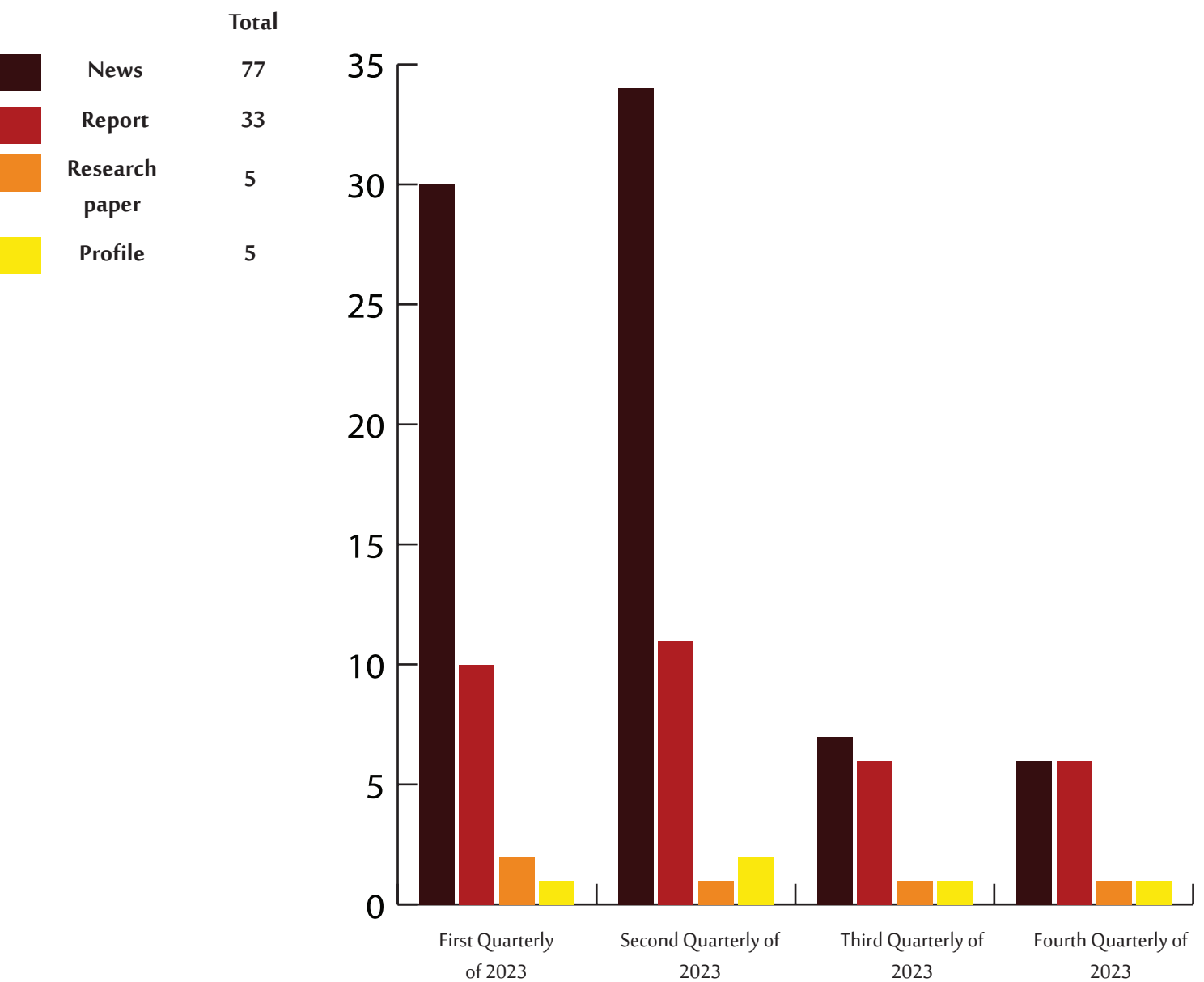


Figure “2” illustrates the distribution of media coverage of the Observatory according to quarterly periods and the type of publication.



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“Gender Equality”

program This program seeks to empower Egyptian women journalists and media workers and raise their awareness to obtain their full rights and support them to reach decision-making positions within press and media institutions. The program also aims to educate media and media institutions on how to provide a safe and gender-sensitive work environment, and finally pressure to issue laws and legislation And policies to protect women within the press and media institutions To achieve these goals, the program works on a set of activities, namely:

- 1- Contributing to the development of knowledge production on the conditions of women in the press and media
- 2- Monitoring and documenting violations of female and male journalists, and issuing a quarterly report on these violations
- 3- Work on submitting legal proposals to the bodies concerned with organizing journalistic and media work in Egypt and the legislative authority in order to create a safer and more stable environment for female journalists and media workers.
- 4- Establishing a set of trainings and workshops for female journalists and media workers to familiarize them with their legal, economic and social rights, and introduce them to technical and technical support mechanisms and digital safety tools and skills.
- 5- Providing psychological and legal support for female journalists and media workers through a group of psychologists and lawyers present in the observatory.