

The background is a textured, light grey surface with various graphic elements. A large, stylized red pencil with a yellow eraser and a sharp tip is positioned diagonally from the top right towards the center. A black paperclip is visible on the left side. At the bottom, there are silhouettes of people holding up signs and raising their fists, suggesting a protest or a public demonstration. The overall aesthetic is modern and professional, with a focus on media and journalism.

Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media Media Unit

Bi-monthly Newsletter

From September 1 to September 15, 2024

Introduction:

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media aims, in its pursuit of developing the journalistic and media landscape in Egypt, at working diligently to provide comprehensive support to journalists, offering legal assistance that contributes to protecting rights and ensuring freedoms. It also strives to establish a culture of a safe working environment for journalists and media professionals in Egypt, in addition to the institution's continuous efforts to enhance capabilities through training sessions, workshops, guides, and various research papers.

We present this bi-monthly newsletter that features the most important publications from the Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media. We invite you to review our latest reports and studies that highlight key issues and current challenges facing Egyptian journalism. In this newsletter, you will find in-depth reports and objective analyses aimed at promoting a free and independent media environment, along with weekly updates on the extensive archive project of prominent Egyptian journalists and media institutions, introducing them to you.

We are here to provide you with the tools and knowledge necessary for a deeper and more precise understanding of the media situation in Egypt. We always strive to support you in your research and writing. Do not hesitate to contact us for any inquiries or to obtain more information through the official email of the institution: info@ejm.org

In this regard, we present the highlights from the first half of September 2024:

First: Reports from the Monitoring and Documentation Unit:

This program aims at monitoring and following up on all violations that journalists, media professionals, and journalistic and media institutions in Egypt are subjected to. The observatory relies on its specific methodology, which is based on a monitoring process that focuses on three main pillars for documenting violations:

1- Field Monitoring: Conducted by the field-work team.

2- Communication with Victims: To confirm the occurrence of violations against them and document their testimonies.

3- Media Monitoring: When field information or direct contact is not available, violations are monitored and documented through newspapers and electronic media channels.

1-Report on the State of Press and Media Freedoms in Egypt, August 2024: To view the full report: [click here.](#)



Report Summary: The report documented 12 violations during August 2024. Analyzing the types of violations shows that the most frequent was “renewal of detention pending investigations,” occurring 11 times, while “restrictions on journalistic work” occurred once. These violations were distributed by the gender of the victim: 11 violations were committed against male journalists, while one violation was committed against an entire media organization, and no female journalists were subjected to violations during the month.

The categorization of violations reveals that the most affected group was “journalists,” with 3 violations documented against them in the month. This was followed by categories (Desk Editor, Cartoonist, Editor), each with 2 violations. At the bottom of the list were categories (Translator, SEO Specialist, Unspecified), with one violation each. The “Unspecified” category refers to a media organization, indicating that the violation affected all its employees.

Second: Legal Support and Advocacy Unit Reports:

This program aims to provide legal support and assistance to all journalists and media professionals in Egypt, as well as various media organizations.

1- Legal Support Report for Journalists and Media Professionals – August 2024: To view the full report, click [here](#):



Report Summary: The Legal Support and Assistance Unit at the Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media issued its eighth legal report for 2024. It covers legal news related to journalists and media professionals' cases before the Egyptian courts from August 1 to 31, 2024. The report also highlights the team's efforts in these cases and reviews laws and bills presented to the legislative authority. Finally, it profiles one of the imprisoned journalists, shedding light on the violations they experienced and the laws that prohibit and criminalize these abuses.

Third: Key Events in the First Half of September 2024:

- 1- Renewal of Cartoonist Ashraf Omar's detention for 15 days pending investigations. For more details, click [here](#).
- 2- Renewal of Journalist Khaled Mamdouh's detention for 15 days pending investigations. Learn more [here](#).
- 3- Sit-in of "Appellate Registration" Journalists at the Press Syndicate until their demands are met. Read more [here](#).
- 4- The Observatory documents behind-the-scenes details of Al-Wafd newspaper's recommendation to dismiss a journalist and a photographer. For details, click [here](#).
- 5- Journalist Khaled Mamdouh complains of contagious diseases spreading among detainees. Read more [here](#).
- 6- Renewal of Journalist Ramadan Gouida's detention for 15 days.
- 7- Renewal of Journalist Hamdi Al-Zaim's detention for 45 days. For details, click [here](#).
- 8- The Press Syndicate approves the result of the registration committee for trainees. Read more [here](#).
- 9- Yasser Barakat, editor-in-chief of Al-Moujaz, removed from the syndicate due to incidents of wrongful dismissal of journalists. For details, click [here](#).

Fourth: Statements and Viewpoints:

1- The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media, along with other rights organizations, condemns the wave of arrests of Egyptian journalists and demands their immediate release. To read the statement, click [here](#).

2- The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media, along with other rights organizations, calls for the release of photojournalist Hamdi Al-Zaim. To read the [statement](#).

3- The Observatory stands in solidarity with Khaled El-Balshi and rejects the Criminal Procedures Law in its current form. To read the [statement](#).

Fifth: Journalist Profiles:

We aim at spotlighting inspiring journalists who work on various issues.

1- September 4, 2024: [Mona Obeid](#)... A journalist passionate about human rights journalism.

2- September 7, 2024: [Ahmed Shawky Ali](#)... A journalist with creative flair.

3- September 11, 2024: [Maysoon Abu Al-Hassan](#)... A journalist with deep insights into union affairs.

4- September 14, 2024: [Samer Abdullah](#)... A photographer whose shots reached global recognition.

Sixth: The Institution's Reach to the Public in the First Half of September 2024:

This section covers the extent to which the official digital platforms of the Observatory reached the direct audience and the indirect audience through social media interactions.

The official Facebook page achieved a reach and views totaling 50,000 during the first half of September 2024.

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