

BREAKING IT DOWN

UNDERSTANDING THE 2018 UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS AND THE DANGER OF IMPUNITY

EACH YEAR, UNESCO DOCUMENTS CASES OF JOURNALISTS KILLED AND ASKS STATES TO REPORT ON WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO

BRING THE KILLERS TO JUSTICE

SHOCKING STATISTICS

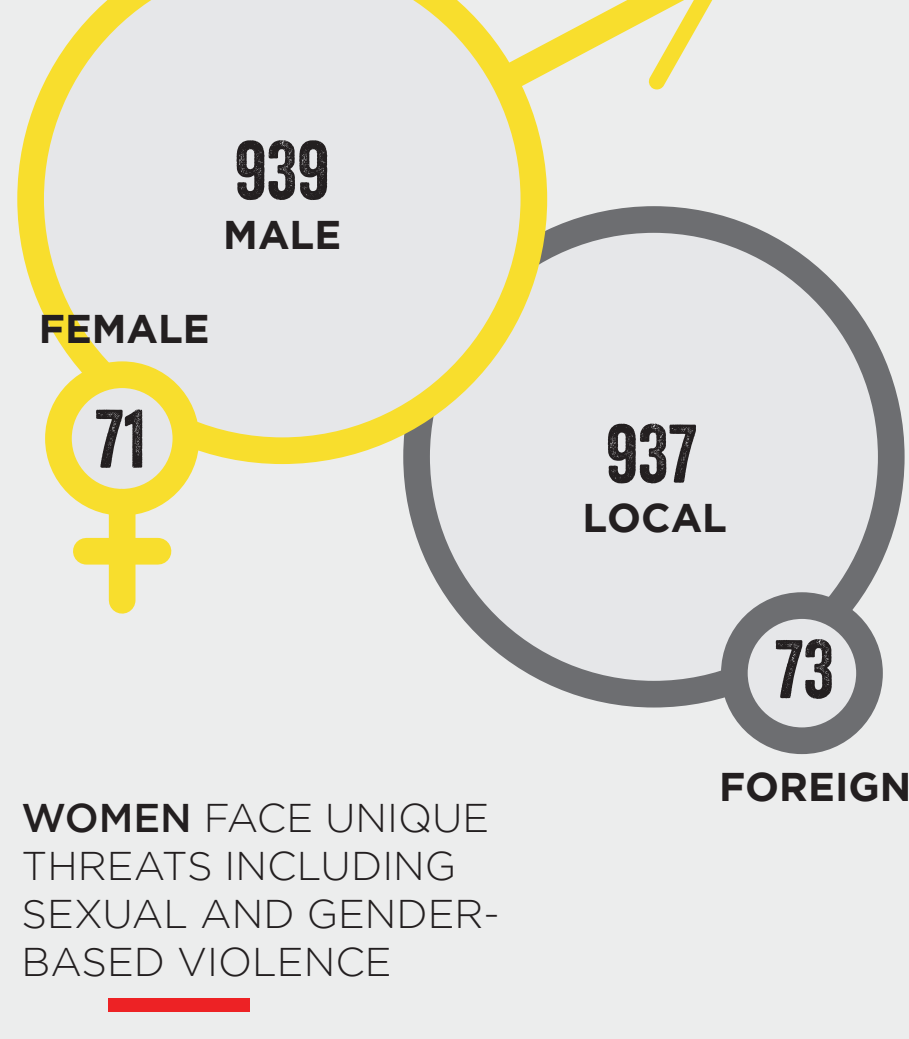
ACCORDING TO UNESCO, BETWEEN 2006 AND 2017,

1010 JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN KILLED



IN **9 OUT OF 10 CASES**, THE PERPETRATORS HAVE **GONE FREE**.

WHO IS TARGETED?



WHY ARE THEY TARGETED?

- EXPOSING CORRUPTION AMONG POWERFUL ACTORS
- EXPRESSING OPINIONS ON SENSITIVE ISSUES
- REPORTING ON ORGANISED CRIME
- REPORTING IN CONFLICT ZONES

WHAT HAPPENS IF NO ONE IS PUNISHED?

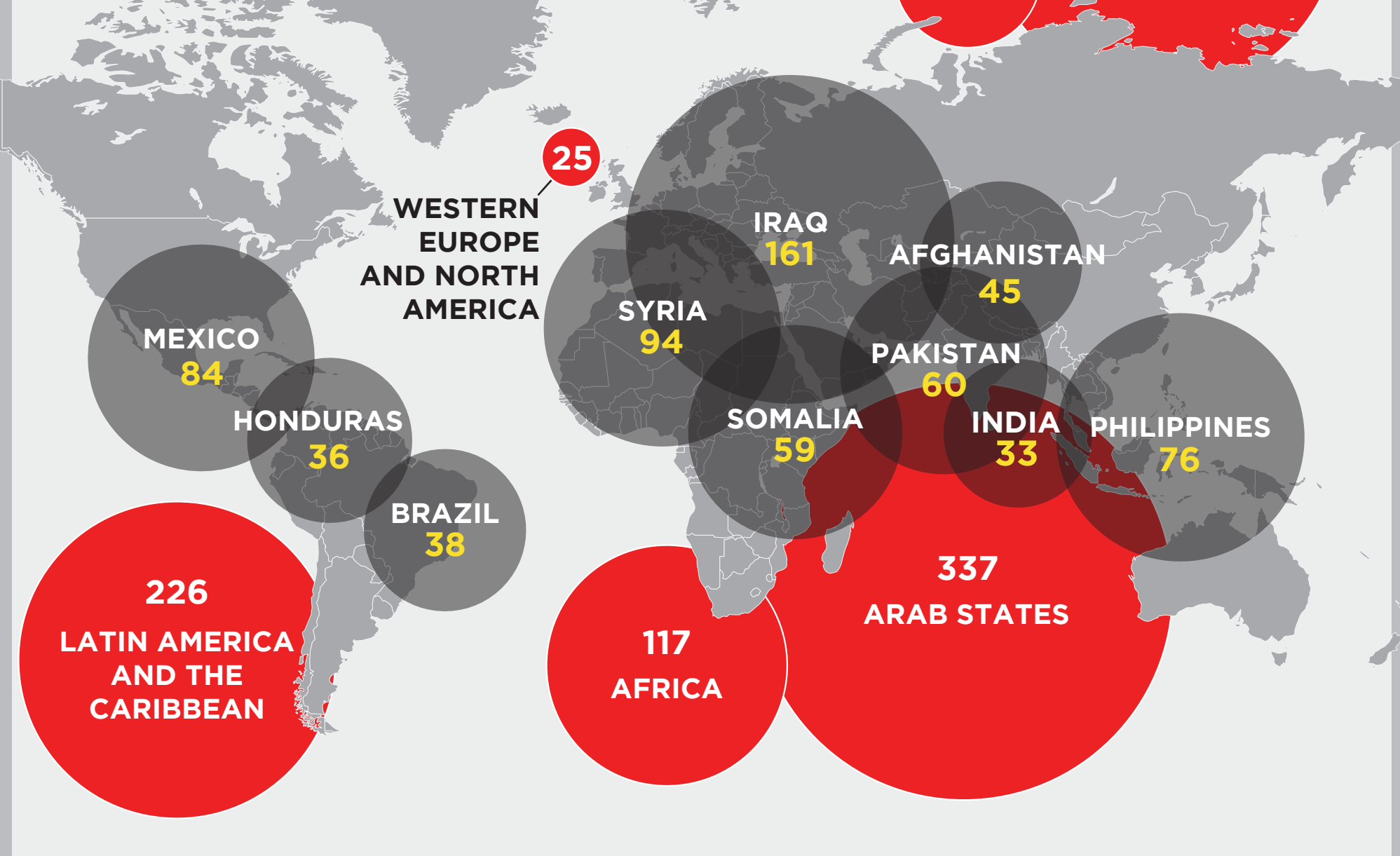
- ISSUES CRITICAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST GO UNREPORTED
- PEOPLE ARE AFRAID TO SPEAK UP
- THE ROLE OF JOURNALISM IS DIMINISHED
- SELF-CENSORSHIP BECOMES THE NORM

WHAT'S THE RESULT?

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION DISAPPEARS AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS ARE LOST.

WHERE IS IMPUNITY A PROBLEM?

- JOURNALISTS KILLED BY REGION
- MOST DANGEROUS COUNTRIES TO BE A JOURNALIST



UNESCO HOLDS STATES TO ACCOUNT

- IN 2018 UNESCO ASKED 56 STATES FOR INFORMATION ON 893 CASES OF IMPUNITY DATING BACK TO 2006.

64% OF STATES RESPONDED

- THIS FIGURE IS A SLIGHT DECREASE FROM THE PEAK RESPONSE RATE OF 74% IN 2018. THE STATES THAT RESPONDED IN 2017 & 2018:

GEORGIA FINLAND
BANGLADESH
 GUATEMALA UGANDA
 GREECE LEBANON
 TURKEY
 BULGARIA IRAQ GUINEA MYANMAR THAILAND DENMARK
 POLAND EL SALVADOR
 PARAGUAY JORDAN
 SERBIA
 VENEZUELA PERU
 TANZANIA
 AFGHANISTAN
 KYRGYZSTAN
 CAMBODIA
 RUSSIA
 IRAN
 VIETNAM
 BURKINA FASO
 MOZAMBIQUE
 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
 PALESTINE
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
 ECUADOR
 HAITI
 MEXICO
 COLOMBIA
 BRAZIL
 HONDURAS
 INDONESIA
 SOMALIA
 PAKISTAN
 BURUNDI
 UKRAINE
 KENYA
 NIGERIA
 CAMEROON
 SRI LANKA
 MALTA

THE 12 STATES WHO REMAINED SILENT

- THOSE IN RED HAVE **NEVER RESPONDED** TO A REQUEST FROM UNESCO AS OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2018.

LIBYA
 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC EGYPT
INDIA
 SOUTH SUDAN
ERITREA
 GUYANA
YEMEN
 SYRIA
 MALI

DESPITE IMPROVEMENTS, ONLY **18%** OF CASES REPORTED ON TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL SINCE 2006 HAVE BEEN RESOLVED, REPRESENTING ONLY **11%** OF ALL CASES DOCUMENTED BY UNESCO.

WHAT NEXT?

2 NOVEMBER MARKS THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY TO END IMPUNITY FOR CRIMES AGAINST JOURNALISTS

ON THIS DAY, DEMAND **ACCOUNTABILITY.**

OUR RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND INFORMATION DEPENDS ON IT.

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THE NEXT UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS AND THE DANGER OF IMPUNITY WILL BE RELEASED 2 NOVEMBER 2020

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