

ASOJ Press Release

Media Suppression and Journalist Abuse in Somalia Reaches Alarming Levels

The suppression and abuse of journalists in Somalia has reached one of its worst levels in history. Many journalists working inside the country have been arrested, and in some cases, humiliating videos were recorded of them while undressed -- as a tactic to intimidate them from ever conducting interviews critical of the Federal Government of Somalia or reporting on widespread government corruption.

The Associated Somali Journalists (ASOJ) has strongly condemned the arrests, torture, and intimidation carried out against Somali journalists operating in Mogadishu.

ASOJ has called on the international community and press freedom organizations to urgently speak out against the severe crackdown on independent media outlets working in the Somali capital.

"Some journalists have been arrested, while others have been bribed to remain silent," said a press release from Stichting ASOJ.