

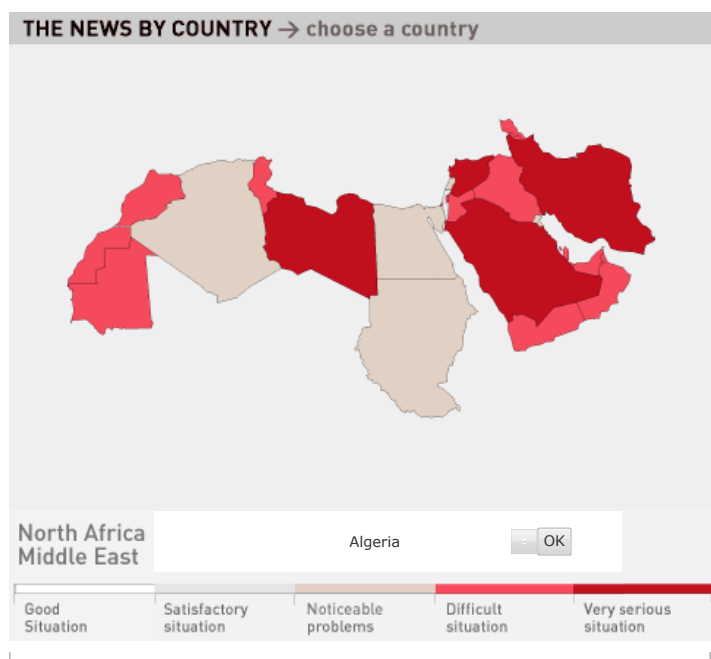
YEMEN Yemen - Annual report 2006

- ▶ Area: 527,970 sq.km.
- ▶ Population : 20,975,000.
- ▶ Language : Arabic.
- ▶ Head of state : Ali Abdallah Saleh.

Press freedom did not improve in 2005. Two opposition newspapers were fined and suspended for supposed libel and four journalists were banned from working from between six months and a year. Many other journalists were arrested, physically attacked or threatened for investigating corruption or sensitive matters involving President Ali Abdallah Saleh or his associates.

Freelance Nabil Sabaie was attacked and stabbed by armed men in a main street of the capital in broad daylight. Khaled el Hammadi, correspondent for the London-based paper Al-Quds el Arabi, was beaten by soldiers and held for more than 30 hours after he investigated the crash of several military planes. Jamal Amer, editor of the independent weekly Al-Wassat, was kidnapped and beaten by armed men driving a vehicle belonging to the presidential guard.

The national journalists' union several times voiced concern about these attacks on press freedom. Its secretary-general, Hafez el-Bukari, resigned on 27 November in protest against the government and political parties he said were trying to marginalise the union.



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- ▲ 17 October 2006 - Yemen
French freelancer released after being held for five days in Yemen
- ▲ 4 May 2006 - Yemen
PM orders reopening of three newspapers closed for reprinting Mohammed cartoons
- ▲ 17 February 2006 - International
Call to free journalists imprisoned in Prophet cartoons row
- ▲ 14 December 2005 - Yemen
Court imposes temporary bans on two weeklies
- ▲ 15 November 2005 - Yemen
Opposition journalist stabbed in broad daylight on Sanaa street
- ▲ 31 October 2005 - Yemen
Sanaa police beat up Al-Arabiya cameraman
- ▲ 24 August 2005 - Yemen
Newspaper editor kidnapped and beaten by gunmen in presidential guard car
- ▲ 9 May 2005 - Yemen
Two media assistants arbitrarily detained for more than one month
- ▲ 24 March 2005 - Yemen
Opposition journalist freed after getting presidential pardon
- ▲ 10 January 2005 - Yemen
Alarm sounded after daily is closed and two of its journalists get two years in prison
- ▲ 28 December 2004 - Yemen
Five suspended sentences cap year of mounting difficulty for press
- ▲ 7 September 2004 - Yemen
Appeal to president for release of journalist Abdulkarim al-Khaiwani
- ▲ 9 March 2004 - Yemen
Reporters Without Borders urges dropping of case against journalist accused of "spreading false news"
- ▲ 13 August 2003 - Yemen
Security forces cordon off home of Yemen Times journalist
- ▲ 3 December 2002 - Yemen
Journalist released
- ▲ 24 October 2002 - Yemen
A Yemen Times journalist harassed by police
- ▲ 18 July 2002 - Yemen
Journalists working for foreign media summoned by the authorities
- ▲ 26 June 2002 - Yemen
Second journalist in a month arrested
- ▲ 5 June 2002 - Yemen
3 journalists given 5-month suspended sentences

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