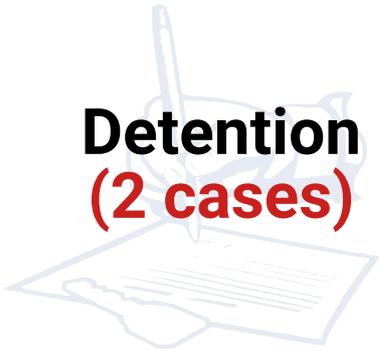


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Sexual harassment
(1 case)



Detention
(2 cases)



Arrest
(2 cases)



09

incidents recorded

Intimidation
(3 cases)



Revocation
(1 case)



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From July to September 2025, CCIM continued monitoring and documenting incidents targeting journalists in Cambodia. This incident record remains an important tool for tracking and responding to continued harassment against media workers.

The media landscape in Cambodia remained difficult for independent journalists. Most of the cases documented were linked to reporting on the Cambodia–Thailand border clashes, local governance under administrative pressure, and social issues of public concern.

CCIM recorded 09 incidents

affecting 10 professional journalists and citizen reporters (one female) and one news outlet. These incidents involved one case of sexual harassment against a female citizen journalist, two cases of detention, three cases of intimidation, the revocation of one media license, and two cases of arrest following coverage of the border conflict. Such patterns reflect ongoing threats to press freedom and emphasize the urgent need for stronger safeguards and an environment where journalists across the country can work freely and safely.



Key incidents include

Case One: A female citizen journalist (CJ) was approached by a drunken man who acted inappropriately toward her while she was conducting field reporting. To interview one of the sources for her story, she had to commute 30 kilometers from where she lives to meet the source at their location. After parking her motorbike, she walked to the interviewee's house. It was then she was approached by a drunken man who acted inappropriately toward her. Immediately after the incident, she filed a complaint with the commune authorities but could not identify the name or identity of the accused. This is one form of sexual harassment that continues to take place against women and undermines the safety of women reporters in journalism.

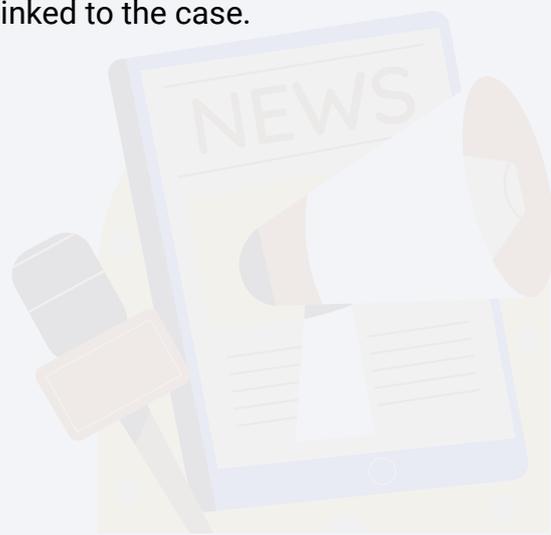
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Case Two: A citizen journalist in Preah Vihear province received several phone calls from commune and district authorities after reporting on road damage in their community. The citizen journalist had published a video news report highlighting complaints from residents in Rovieng district, who said that the damaged roads made travel difficult and urged the authorities to make repairs. The video attracted strong public engagement on the **CJs News Facebook Page**. However, the commune chief later called the citizen journalist, threatened his safety, and questioned his media license. He demanded that the citizen journalist remove the video without providing any clear reasons or explanations about which parts violated the code of conduct or journalism principles. After local authorities identified the source of the report, CCIM trainers contacted the officials involved to clarify the issue and discuss the video. Following a detailed discussion, it was found that the video contained no mistakes.

The commune chief later clarified that he only wanted the journalist to collect more information from the company called “**Thy Nga,**” which was responsible for fixing the damaged roads under its operating agreement.

The issue was eventually resolved through phone conversations, and the authorities stated they would welcome future reporting but asked that citizen journalists consult with local officials before publishing similar content.

Case Three: Two **Cambodian journalists** from TSP 68 TV Online, Phon Sopheap and Pheap Phara from Battambang Post TV Online, were arrested in July 2025, after conducting news reporting near the Cambodia – Thailand border conflict area. They were charged with treason under Article 445 of the Criminal Code for allegedly posting sensitive information online, an offense that carries a prison sentence of 7 to 15 years. Both journalists are currently detained in Siem Reap prison. The specific online posts that led to their arrest remain unclear, although one photo showing them with Cambodian soldiers near Ta Krabey Temple is believed to be linked to the case.



To strengthen journalist safety, CCIM will continue monitoring violations against media workers and offer legal assistance to those facing risks. You can report incidents or request legal support through our hotline at **060 50 50 50**.