



**AUGUST TO OCT, 2025**

# QUARTERLY REPORT

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**SAFE REPORTERS OF SOMALIA (SRS)**

# ABOUT - SRS

**Safe Reporters of Somalia (SRS)** is a non-profit, independent initiative dedicated to protecting and empowering journalists working in Somalia's high-risk, conflict-affected environment. In a country where truth-telling is often met with intimidation, harassment, or violence, SRS acts as a shield for journalists, ensuring their safety, amplifying their voices, and defending their right to report freely.

We believe that a free, safe, and independent press is the cornerstone of transparency, accountability, and democratic governance. Without journalists, the truth is silenced. Without safety, stories remain untold.

## OUR VISION

A Somalia where every journalist can work freely, safely, and independently, contributing to a society built on truth, accountability, and informed public discourse.

## OUR MISSION

To protect, support, and empower journalists in Somalia through safety training, emergency assistance, advocacy, and capacity-building programs.

We ensure they can report with integrity and without fear, while promoting press freedom and ethical journalism.

# REPORT Background

The SRS quarterly report **(AUG–OCT 2025)** highlights widespread arrests, intimidation, and political interference against journalists across Somalia and Somaliland, including violations, threaten press freedom, silence critical voices, and weaken democracy.

September alone witnessed a surge in arrests, with at least ten journalists detained in Somaliland within a three-week period, often without due process or a formal charge.

A large number of reporters in various cities in Somalia have informed Safe Reporters of Somalia (SRS) that they feel fear when they are gathering news in the field, as they lack adequate security guarantees and sufficient protection.

Somali journalists face many dangers, including arrests, harassment, torture, sexual assaults against female journalists and murder, which is tackling and weakening media works Somalia.



Left Hanad Ali Guled SRS , Journalist Khadar Abdirahim middle & right Reporter Abdifatah Ilkacse| PHOTO/SRS

# Incidents in the months of AUG ,SEPT, and OCT

## ■ IN AUGUST

**03 AUGUST 2025** – Somali Security forces arrested **Osman Abdullahi Mohamed, Hussein Isse Mohamed** both works **SMS Somali TV** and Freelance journalist **Mahad Mohamed Abdirahman**.

**05 AUGUST 2025** – Hargeisa, Somaliland, was arrested journalist **Ahmed Mohamud Dool** and was released on **30 SEPTEMBER**.

**05 AUGUST 2025** – Police in Cadaado district Galmudug admistration was detained two journalists, **Hashim Omar Hassan and Hassan Yusuf Qasaaro**, after they reported on the killing of a young girl.

**15 AUGUST 2025** – Somali government security agencies arrested two journalists in Mogadishu, **Abukar Mohamed Keynaan from Risaala Media and Mowlid Osman works Shabelle Media** after 5hourse they were released without charge

**18 AUGUST 2025** – Somali government forces detained and interrogated **Omar Yusuf Mohamed**, a journalist with **Himilo Television in Mogadishu**, for nearly an hour he was later released without charge.

**27 AUGUST 2025** –**Anisa Ahmed**, works **Dalbile TV** was arrested at **Waberi Police** station in Mogadishu after long hours she was released, there any details from the Police.

**28 AUGUST 2025** – Two journalists, called **Hassan Mohamed Hashi and Faysal Abdi Farah**, both works **Kalsan TV**, in Mogadishu were arrested by government forces in Mogadishu.



## ■ IN SEPTEMBER

**03- SEPTEMBER 2025** -The Northeast Administration Police in Somalia was arrested, journalists **Sharma'arke Abdi Mahdi** and **Maxamed Muuse Yuusuf (Maxamed Koronto)** one of them works Daljir Media.

**08- SEPTEMBER -2025** Somali Security forces arrested **Jacfar Maxamed Jimcaalle**, a reporter, and **Cabdimajiid Cabdiraxmaan**, a cameraman, both affiliated with **Kalsan TV** in Mogadishu.

**09-SEPTEMBER 2025** The Nugaal Regional Prosecutor's Office in Puntland, Somalia, summoned journalists **Hassan Hayal**, **Deputy Director of Milgo TV**, and **Suweys Gacayte** of the **Puntland Government TV & Radio**, to appear before the regional court.

**11-SEPTEMBER- 2025** Somaliland police in the Awdal region were arrested three journalists **Axmed Sheikh Muuse Xasan (Axmed Buudhi)** of **Horncable TV**, **Cabdirisaaq Cumar Meecaad (Awliyo)** of **CBA TV**, and photographer **Axmed Dayib**.

**13-SEPTEMBER 2025** The Burco District Court in Somaliland remanded journalist **Cabdicasiis Cawl**, who works for **KF Media**.

**27- SEPTEMBER-2025-** Somaliland police in **Gabiley** was arrested local journalist **Mohamed Wadiin** after he reported on the arrest of clan elders in Wajale town by Somaliland authorities.

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2025** Somaliland police in Erigabo, Sanaag region, briefly arrested four local reporters: **Sa'id Muse Farah (Sa'id Qurbawi)** of **Sabar TV**, **Ibrahim Abdi Adan (Murti)**, **Mohamed Yusuf Ilkacase**, and **Sa'id Abdirahman**.

## ■ IN OCTOBER

**07-OCTOBER-2025** – Somaliland the Togdheer Regional Court of Appeal was sentenced one year in prison and one million Somaliland Shillings Abdi'asis Awl, who works KF Media TV.

**12-OCTOBER-2025** - The Waabari District Police in Mogadishu arrested the director of Himilo Somali TV, namely Ahmed Mohamed Adan and deputy director Khadar Abdirahim Ibrahim, later the police were released Mr Ahmed.

**15-OCTOBER-2025** - Reporter Khadar Abdirahim Ibrahim deputy director Himilo Media, was released by the Banadir Regional Court after four days of detention, as the charges against him were not proven.

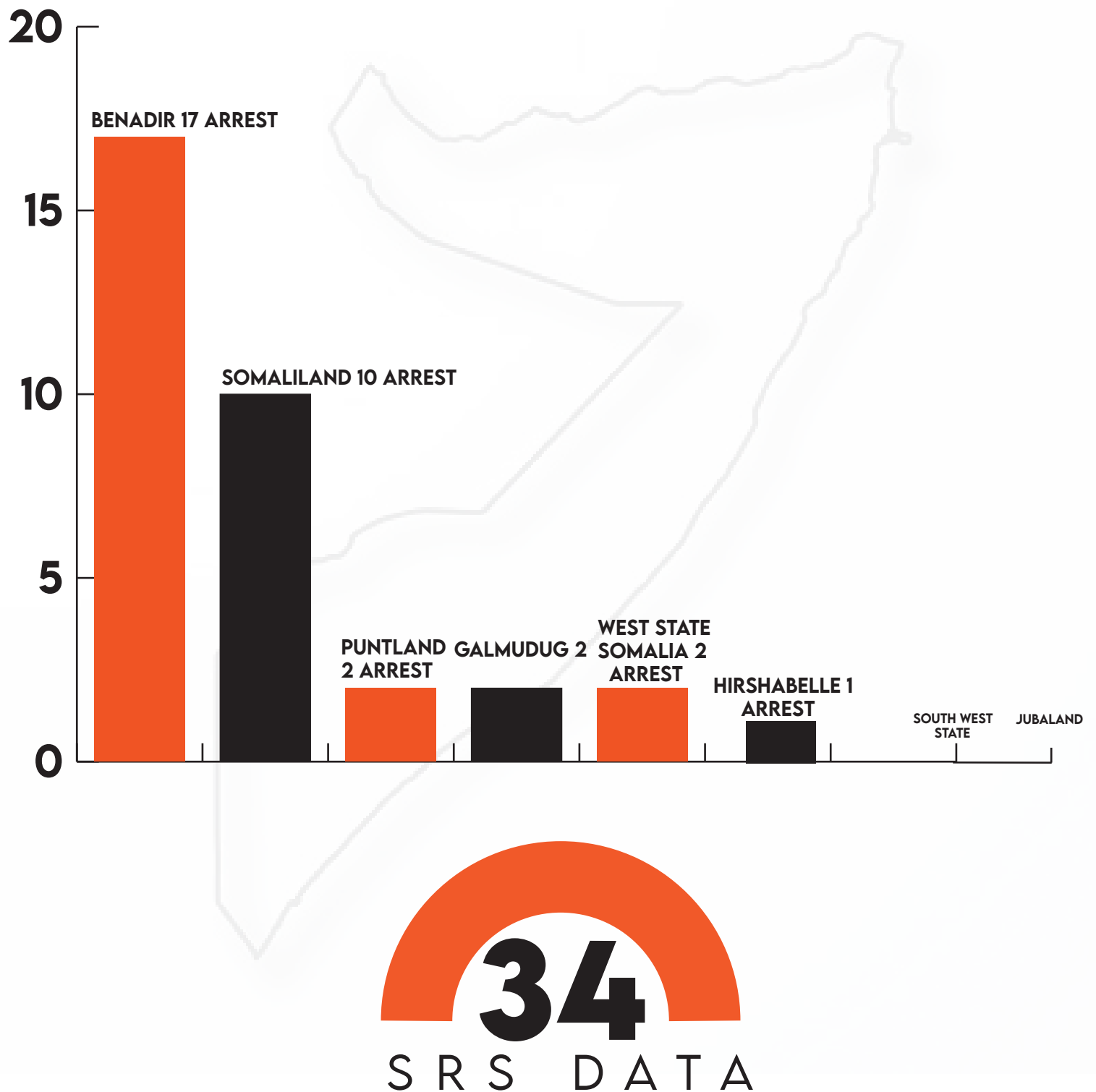
**17-OCTOBER-2025** – Forces under Villa Hirshabelle detained Mohamed Amoores in Jowhar city. Amoores is an independent journalist who posts on his Facebook page the articles.

**18-OCTOBER-2025** – Reporter Hibo Mohamed Mohamud and cameraman Zakariye Jinte, who work for Daash Somali TV, were arrested in Warta Nabadda in Mogadishu while they preparing a report on the Siinaay vegetable market.

**19-OCTOBER-2025** – Journalist Mohamed Abdiqadir, who works for Arlaadi Media, was arrested in Wadajir district the reason for his arrest was also not specified.

**25-OCTOBER-2025** – Reporter Abdihafid Nor who works Somali Cable TV was arrested police station, located at Aden Adde Airport in Mogadishu. The reason for his arrest was not clear.

# THE CHART OF INCIDENTS:



## RECOMMENDATION

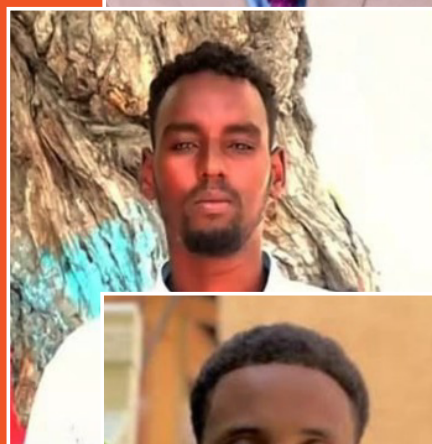
**THE SRS QUARTERLY REPORT (AUG–OCT 2025)** highlights widespread arrests, intimidation, and political interference against journalists across Somalia and Somaliland, including violations, threaten press freedom, silence critical voices, and weaken democracy. Therefore, SRS recommending to government stop unlawful detentions of journalists respect journalists' rights and work safely without interference.

To reverse this alarming trend, the SRS urges the governments of Somalia and authorities to implement immediate and comprehensive legislative and judicial reforms.

Respecting the media's role is not merely a matter of human rights compliance, but a strategic imperative for building resilient, democratic societies capable of addressing the complex challenges facing the region.



# ARBITRARY DETENTION OF JOURNALIST & MEDIA WORKERS



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