

Q2 2025

April to June 2025

Complete quarter. Generated 16 Sept 2026.

PUBLISHED RECORDS	CHANGE ON Q1 2025	STATES NAMED	REPORTING ORGANISATIONS
6	+6	3	5

6 civic space records were published for April to June 2025. Citizen Engagement and Policy Influence was the most frequently recorded category. 3 of these came from reports written at national level that name no state.

Records by category

Citizen Engagement	3
Arrests & Detention	2
Harassment	1
Government Discourse	0
Resource Access	0
Legal & Regulatory	0

Where records were located

Borno	1
Kaduna	1
Rivers	1

Plus 3 national-level records naming no state.

Who reported these incidents

Rights monitors	2	Sahara Reporters	2	Channels Television	1
News outlets	4	AllAfrica	1	SERAP	1
Official and court records	0	Alliances for Africa	1		

5 JUN 2025 · KADUNA · CPN-0044

DSS arrests, grills critic of Kaduna Governor Uba Sani over radio interview

The Department of State Services arrested and questioned a critic of Kaduna State Governor Uba Sani over comments made in a radio interview.

Sahara Reporters: <https://saharareporters.com/2025/06/05/secret-police-dss-arrests-grills-critic-kaduna-governor-uba-sani-over-radio-interview>

4 MAY 2025 · NATIONAL · CPN-0045

End use of Cybercrime Act against journalists, release those in custody, SERAP and NGE tell government

SERAP and the Nigerian Guild of Editors called on the federal government and other authorities to stop using the Cybercrimes Act against journalists and to release journalists held in custody.

SERAP: <https://serap-nigeria.org/2025/05/04/end-use-of-cybercrime-act-against-journalists-release-those-in-custody-serap-nge-tell-tinubu-govt-others/>

P.M. News: <https://pmnewsnigeria.com/2025/05/04/cybercrime-act-now-weapon-of-tyranny-in-tinubus-govt-serap-editors-cry-out/>

21 APR 2025 · NATIONAL · CPN-0046

Addressing the shrinking civic space in South-East Nigeria

Regional assessment of civic space conditions across South-East Nigeria and the constraints facing organisations operating there.

Alliances for Africa: <https://alliancesforafrica.org/2025/04/21/addressing-the-shrinking-civic-space-in-south-east-nigeria/>

8 APR 2025 · RIVERS · CPN-0047

Police beat up Channels TV reporter during Rivers protest

During a protest in Port Harcourt against emergency rule in Rivers State, police fired tear gas at protesters and journalists. Channels Television reporter Charles Opurum was tear-gassed, arrested and beaten by a policeman before being released by the Commissioner of Police's monitoring unit, and police seized an AIT cameraman's camera and deleted his footage.

Channels Television: <https://www.channelstv.com/2025/04/08/video-police-beat-up-channels-tvs-reporter-during-rivers-protest/>

8 APR 2025 · NATIONAL · CPN-0048

Nigeria: Cybercrime Act and emergency rule protest — police and protesters clash in Abuja and Port Harcourt

Clashes between police and protesters in Abuja and Port Harcourt during demonstrations against the Cybercrime Act and emergency rule.

AllAfrica: <https://allafrica.com/stories/202504080197.html>

6 APR 2025 · BORNO · CPN-0049

Amnesty International slams Borno government for detaining teenager over social media post criticising Governor Zulum

Borno State police detained 19-year-old social media critic Haruna Mohammed, known as Abale Borno, over a viral post on the condition of public schools in the state, and charged him with defaming and degrading the personality of the governor. Amnesty International called for his release.

Sahara Reporters: <https://saharareporters.com/2025/04/06/amnesty-international-slams-borno-govt-detaining-teenager-over-social-media-post>

TheCable: <https://www.thecable.ng/amnesty-asks-borno-government-to-release-teenager-detained-over-social-media-post/>

How this report was compiled

Every record in this report is compiled by hand from reports published by named rights monitors, news outlets and official bodies, and links to the source it draws on. Each record is dated to the incident where its source gives that date, and otherwise to the date the source was published. The figures show what has been recorded, not the full extent of what has happened: incidents that were never reported do not appear, and a state with few records is not necessarily a state where little took place.