

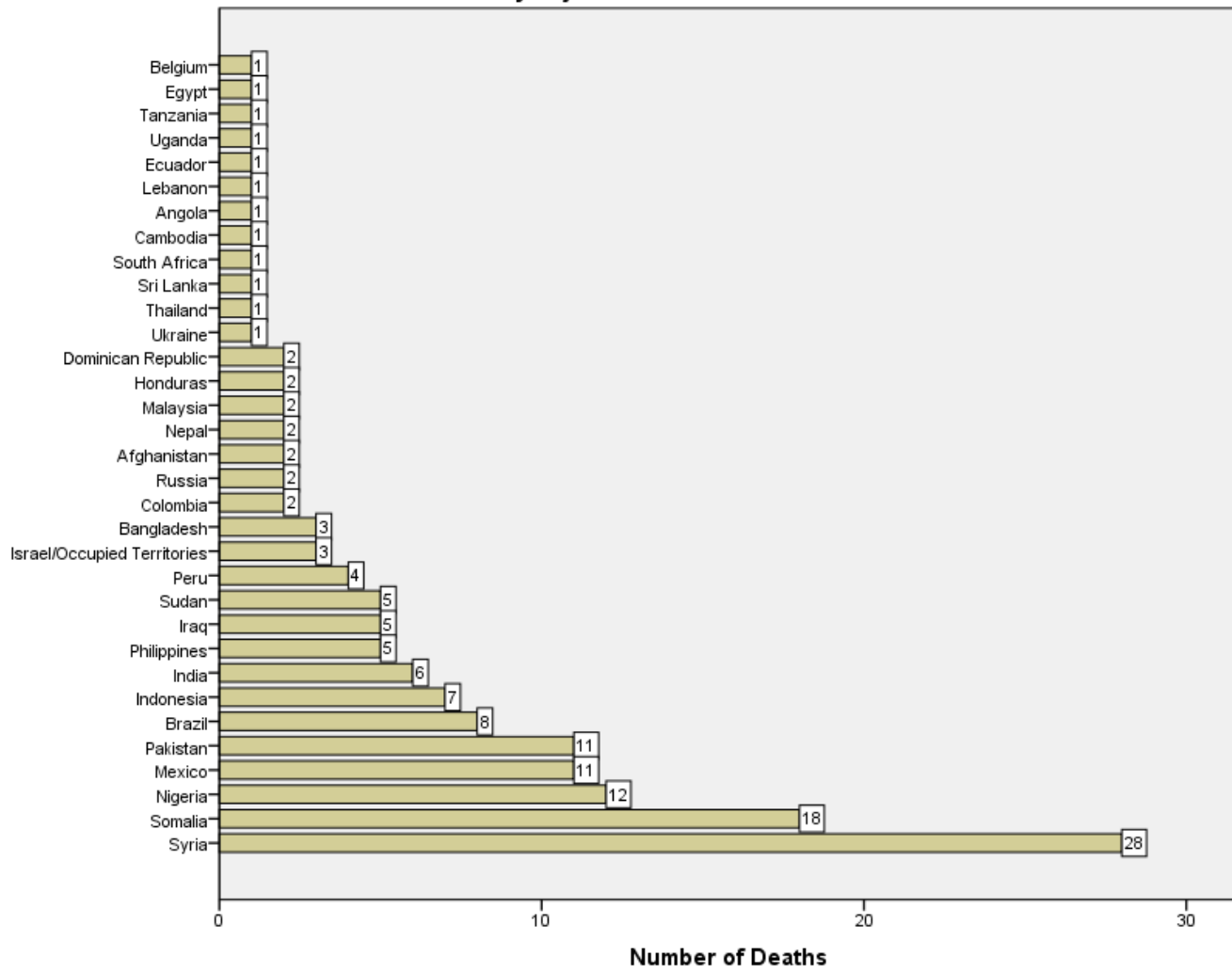
Killing The Messenger – 2012

An analysis of news media casualties carried out for the International News Safety Institute by Cardiff School of Journalism¹

Country of death	Number of deaths
Syria	28
Somalia	18
Nigeria	12
Mexico	11
Pakistan	11
Brazil	8
Indonesia	7
India	6
Philippines	5
Iraq	5
Sudan	5
Peru	4
Israel/Occupied Territories	3
Bangladesh	3
Columbia	2
Russia	2
Afghanistan	2
Nepal	2
Malaysia	2
Honduras	2
Dominican Republic	2
Ukraine	1
Thailand	1
Sri Lanka	1
South Africa	1
Angola	1
Cambodia	1
Lebanon	1
Ecuador	1
Tanzania	1
Uganda	1
Egypt	1
Belgium	1
Total	152

¹ This report does not contain any citizen journalists. With constant developments in technology and participation, and in an increasingly volatile and diverse global media landscape – for example the potential influence of the *Shaam News Network* in Syria – the inclusion of citizen journalists and citizen news networks is currently under review by INSI.

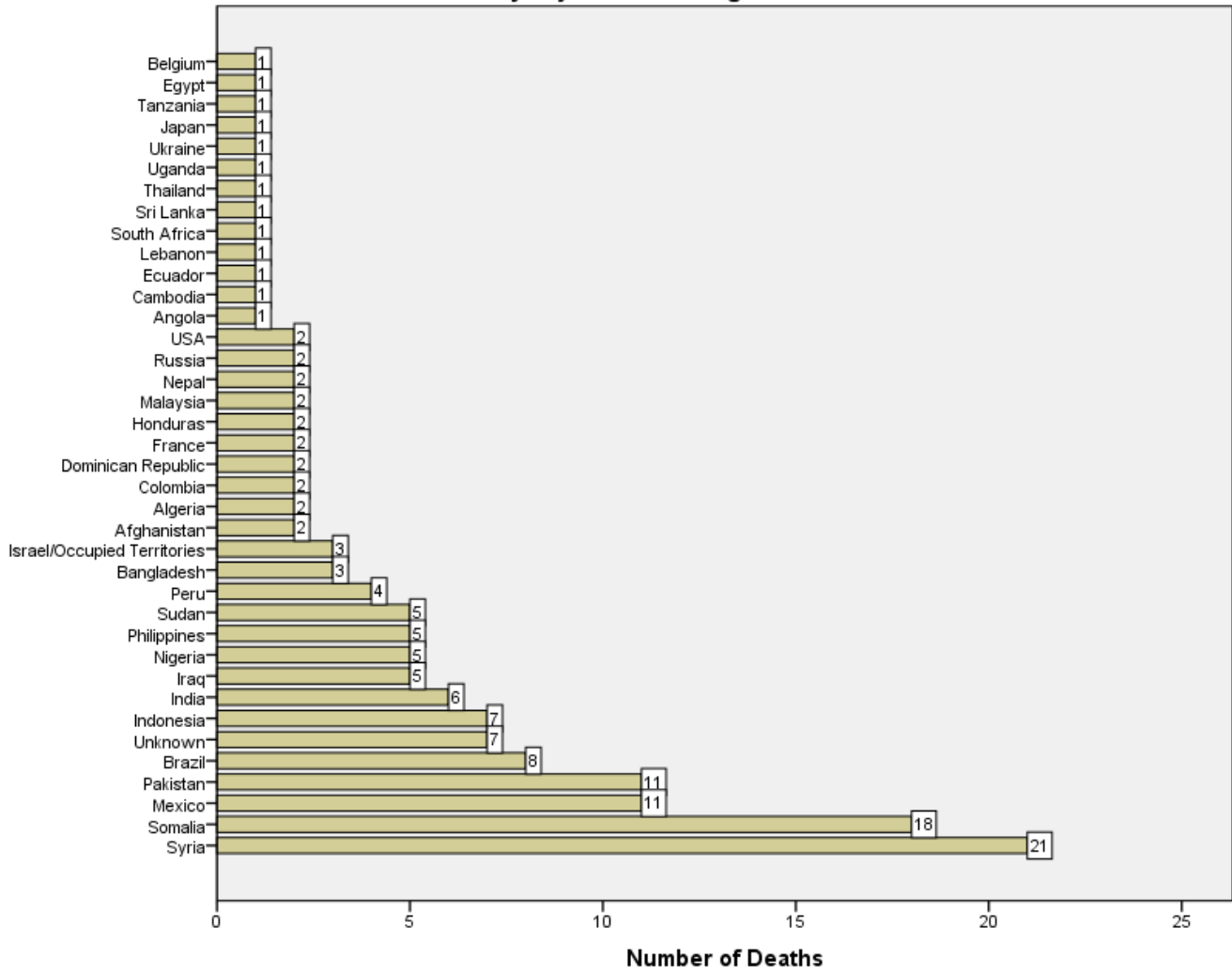
Country of journalist's death



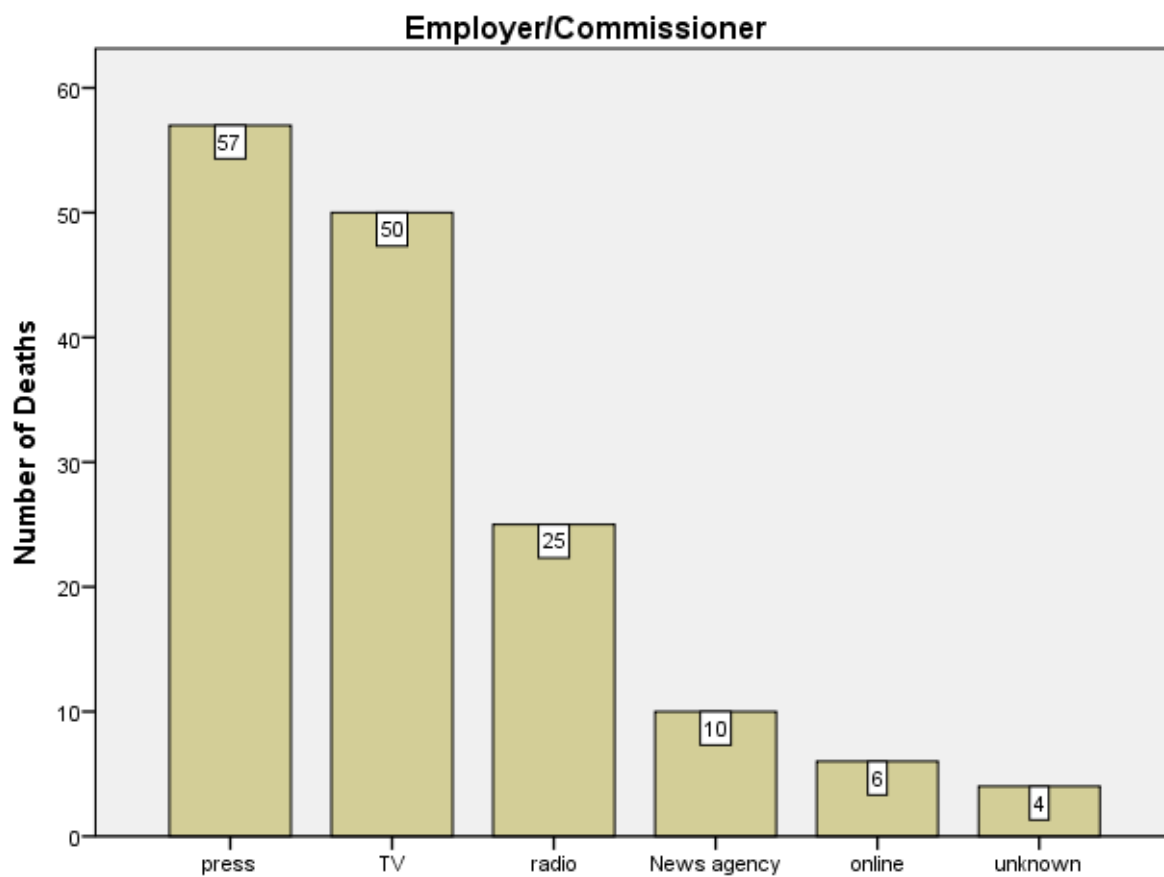
Country of Origin	Number of Deaths
Syria	21
Somalia	18
Mexico	11
Pakistan	11
Brazil	8
Unknown ²	7
Indonesia	7
India	6
Iraq	5
Nigeria	5
Philippines	5
Sudan	5
Peru	4
Bangladesh	3
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Algeria	2
Columbia	2
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France	2
Honduras	2
Malaysia	2
Nepal	2
Russia	2
USA	2
Angola	1
Cambodia	1
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South Africa	1
Sri Lanka	1
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Japan	1
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² This includes unidentified victims attacks on media offices in Nigeria (7).

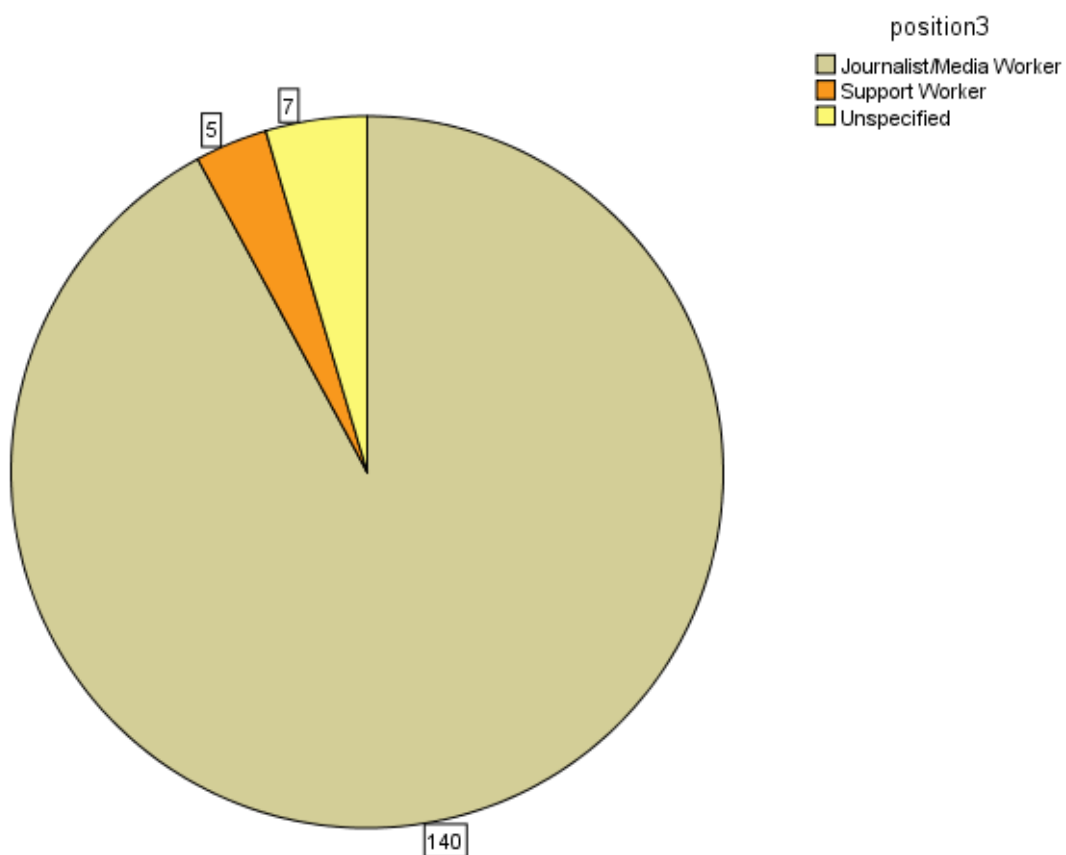
Country of journalist's origin



Employer/Commissioner	Number of deaths
Press	57
TV	50
Radio	25
News agency	10
Online	6
Unknown	4
Total	152

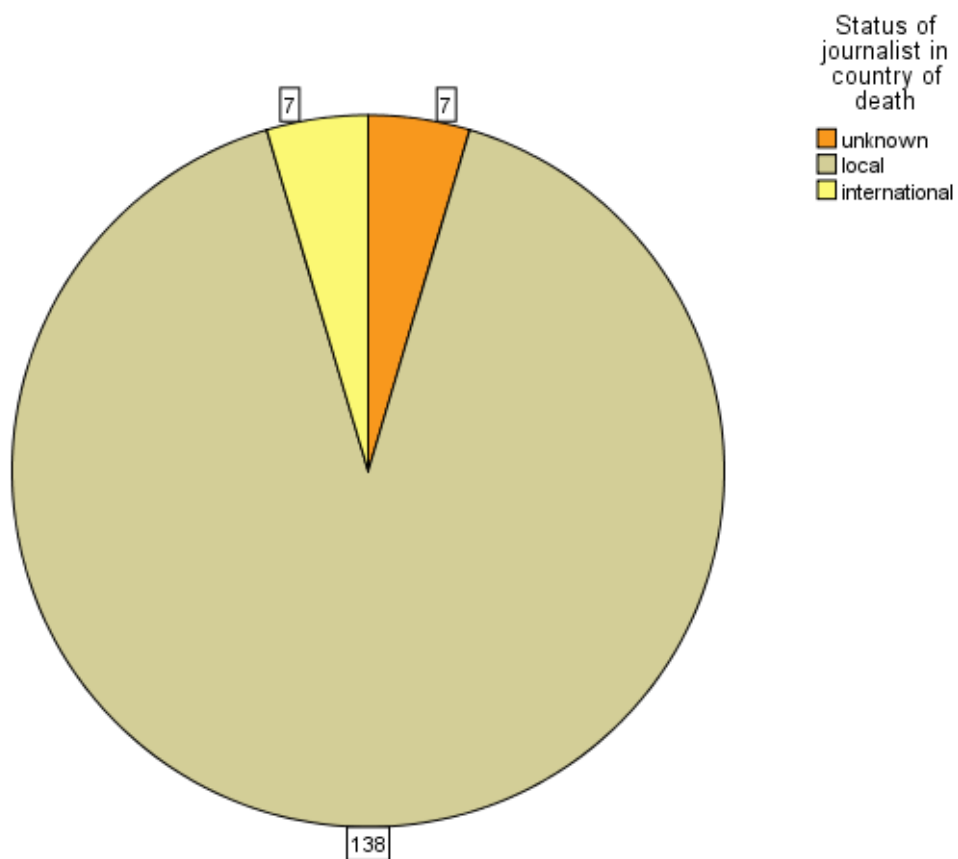


Professional position	Number of deaths
Journalist/Media Worker	140
Unspecified ³	7
Support Worker	5
Total	152

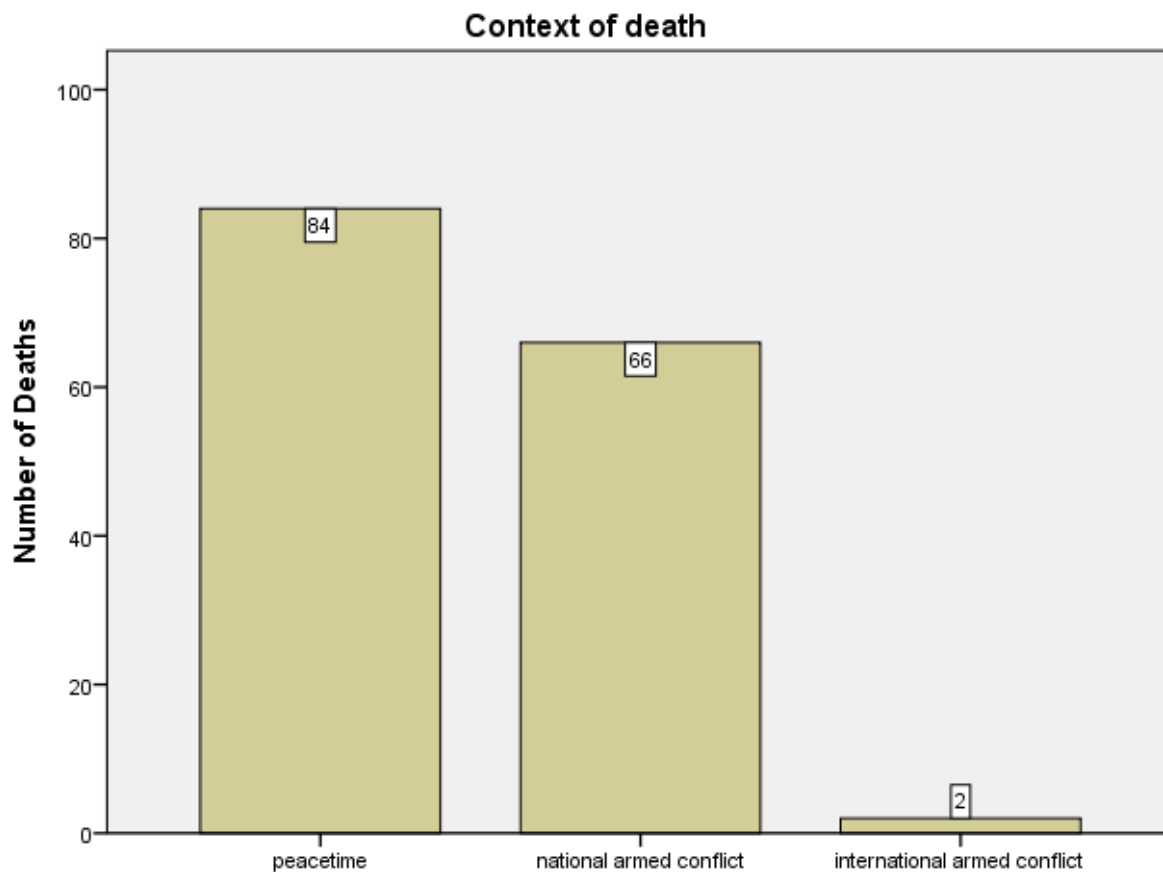


³ This includes unidentified victims of the attack on media offices in Nigeria.

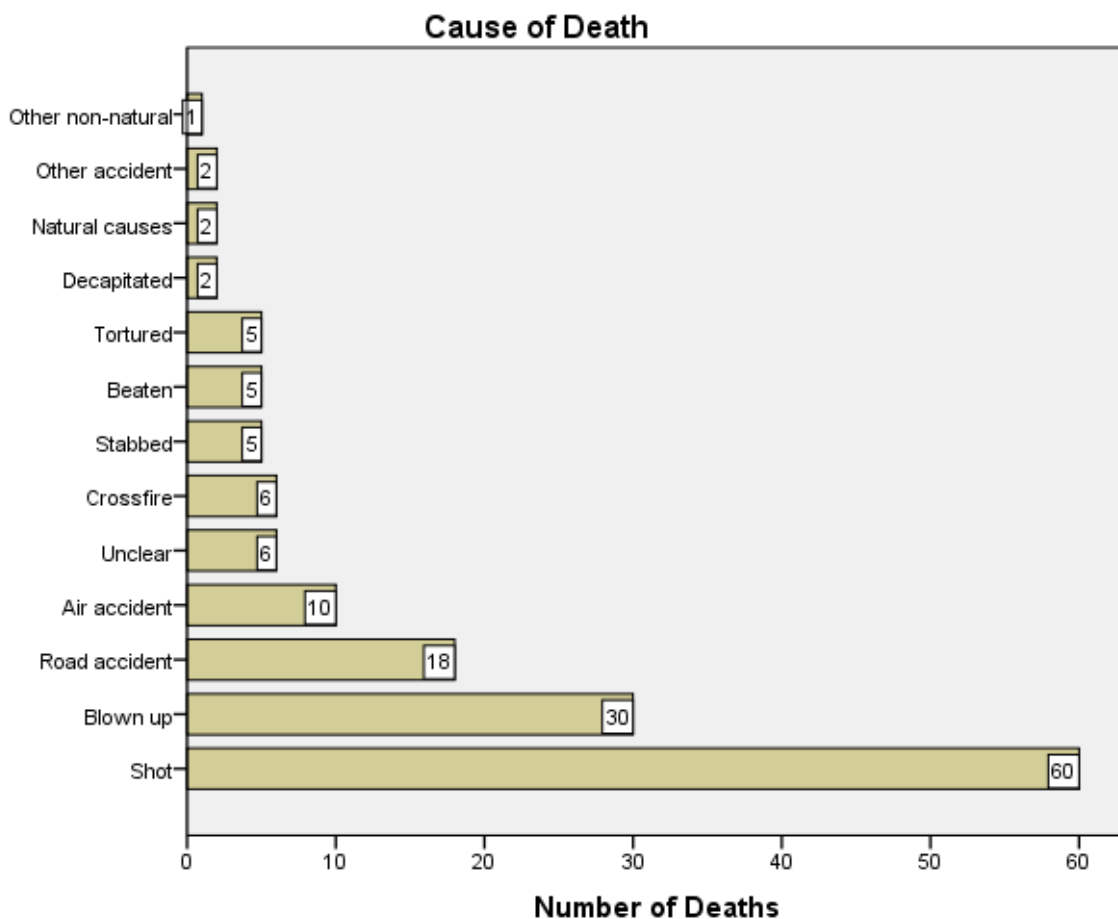
Status in country of death	Number of deaths
Local	138
International	7
Unknown	7
Total	152



Context of death	Number of deaths
peacetime	84
national armed conflict	66
international armed conflict	2
Total	152



Cause of death	Number of deaths
Shot	60
Blown up	30
Road accident	18
Air accident	10
Unclear ⁴	6
Crossfire	6
Stabbed	5
Beaten	5
Tortured	5
Decapitated	2
Natural causes ⁵	2
Other accident ⁶	2
Other non-natural ⁷	1
Total	152



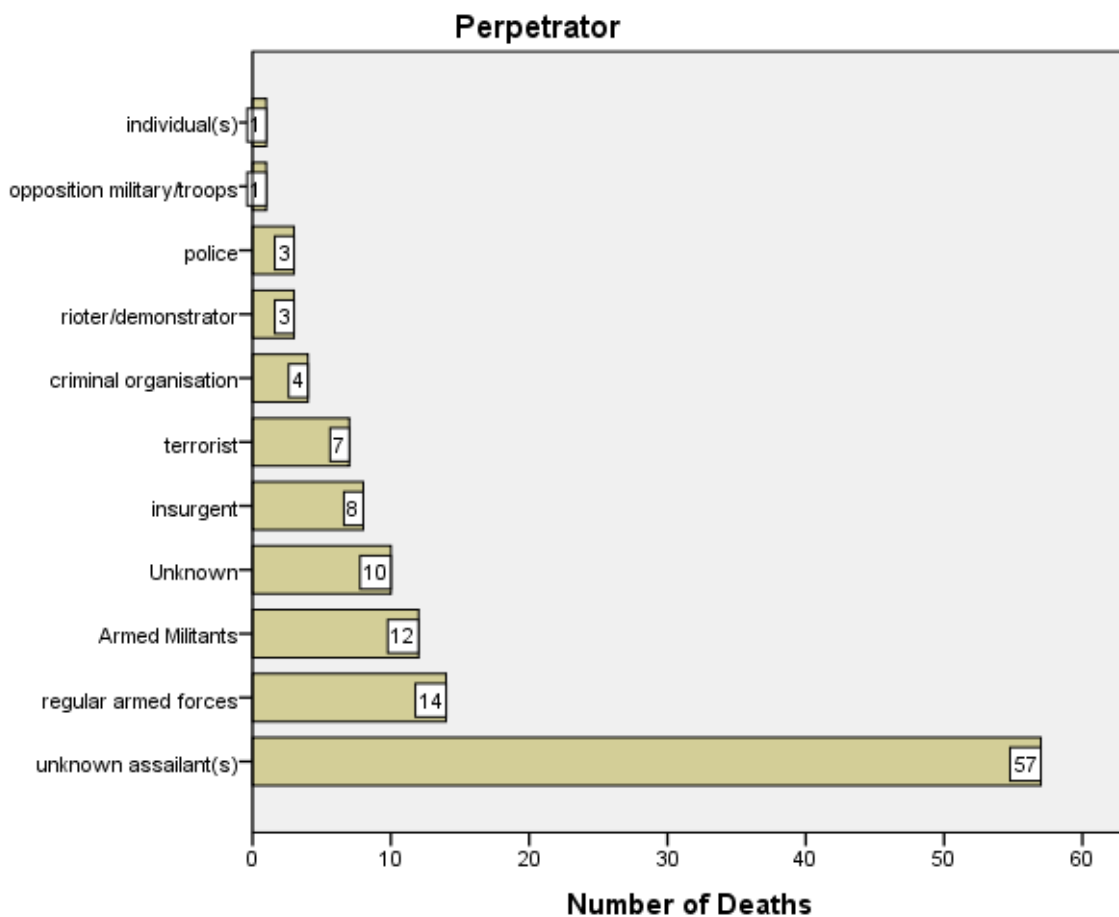
⁴ Two bodies found dismembered having been kidnapped in Mexico, three bodies found having been kidnapped in Syria, one “assassinated” in Syria (no further details found).

⁵ One asthma attack, one malaria.

⁶ One hit by falling rocks in Nepal, one fell into hole in sports stadium in Ukraine.

⁷ Body found in ditch near motorcycle with suspicious injuries.

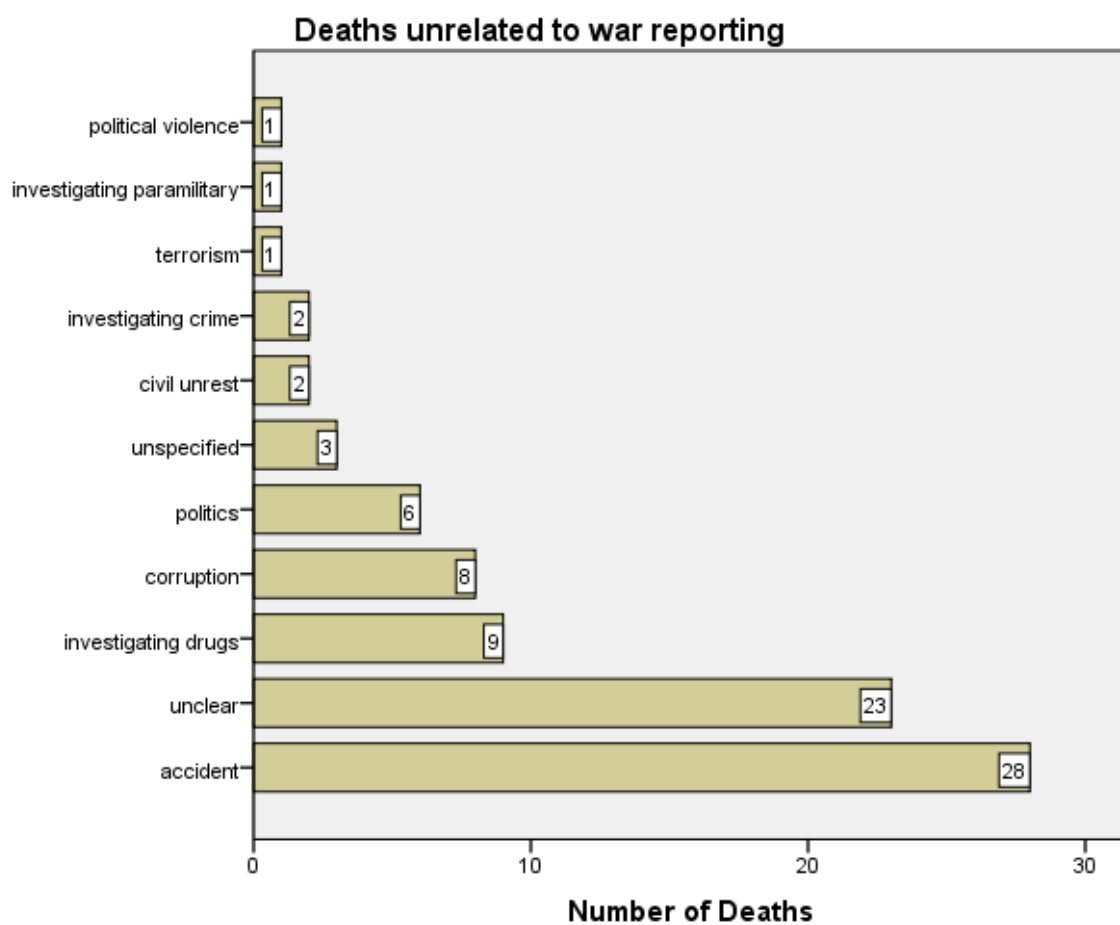
Perpetrator ⁸	Number of deaths
Unknown assailant(s)	57
Regular armed forces	14
Armed militants	12
Unknown	10
Insurgent	8
Terrorist ⁹	7
Criminal organisation	4
Rioter/demonstrator	3
Police	3
Opposition military troops	1
Individual(s)	1
Total	120



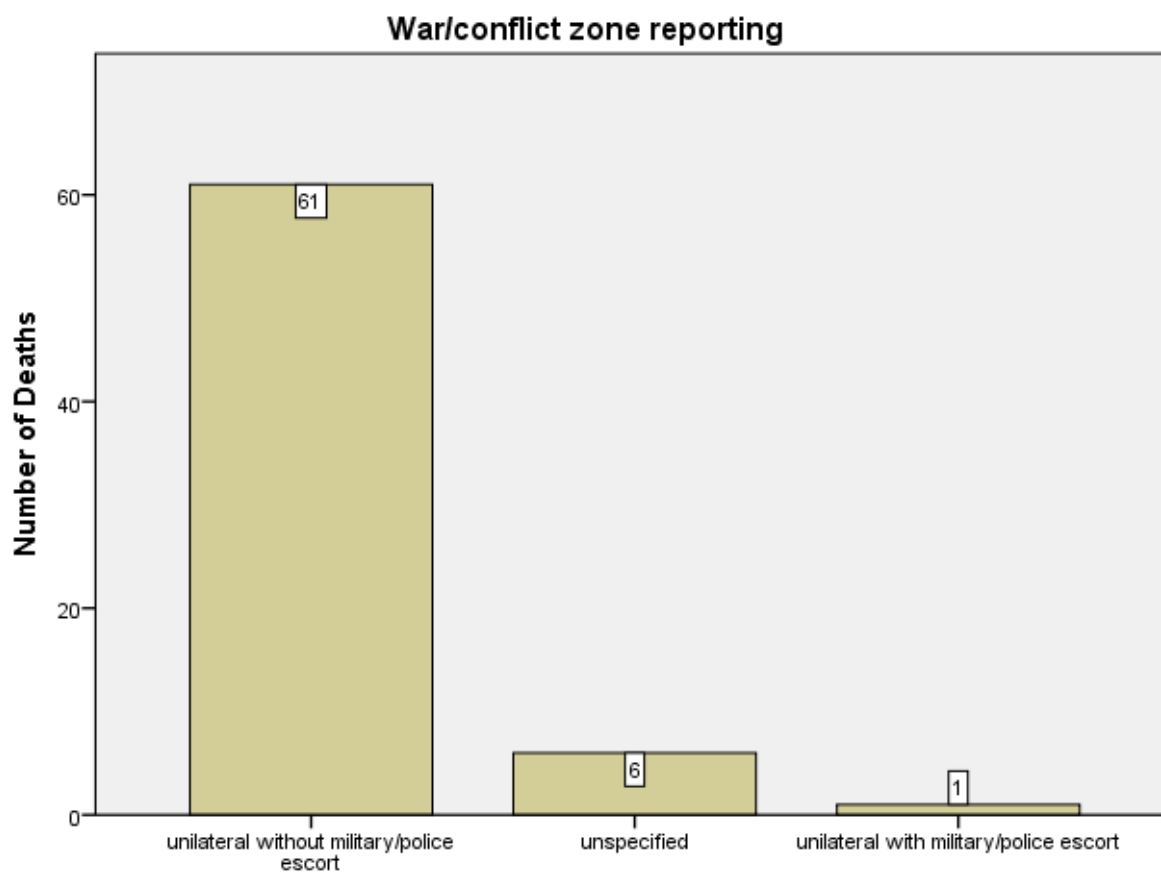
⁸ Accidents are not included here. This includes 18 road accident victims, 10 road accidents, two other accidents and two natural causes/ill health.

⁹ Nigeria attacks.

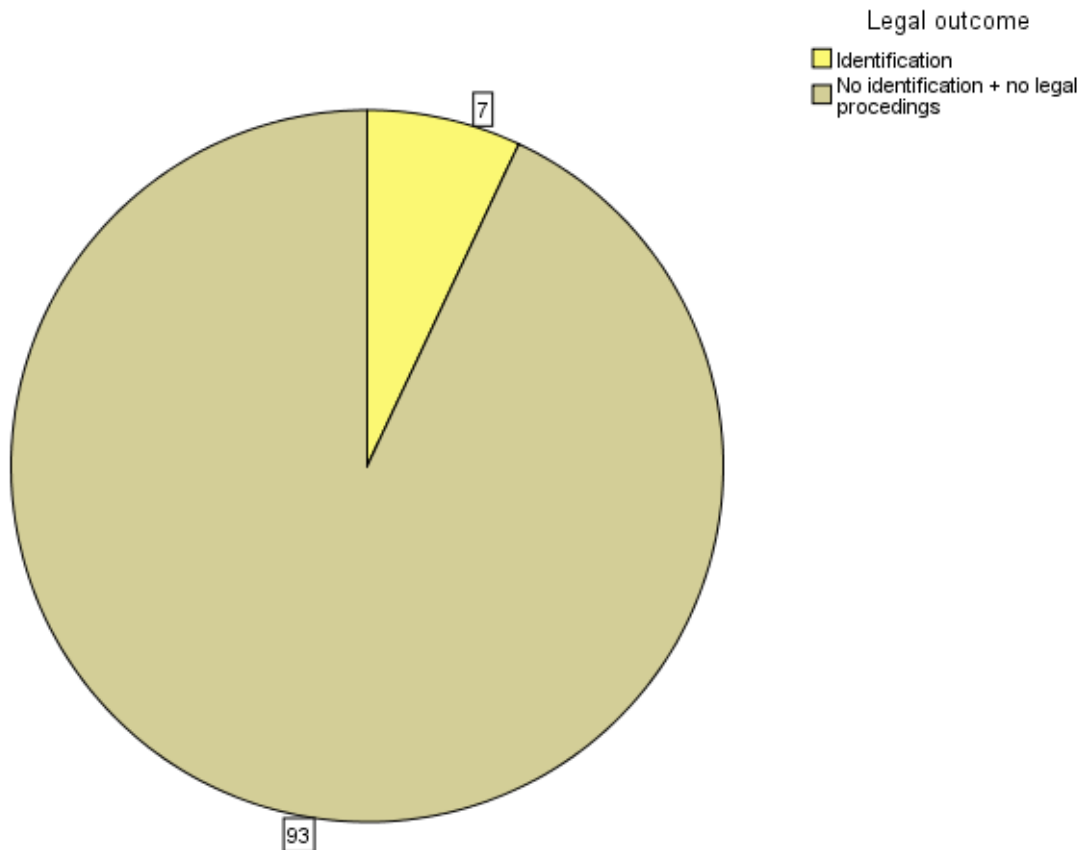
Deaths unrelated to war reporting	Number of deaths
Accident	28
Unclear	23
Investigating drugs	9
Corruption	8
Politics	6
Unspecified	3
Civil unrest	2
Investigating crime	2
Terrorism	1
Investigating paramilitary	1
Political violence	1
Total	84



War/Conflict zone reporting	Number of deaths
Unilateral without military/police escort	61
Unspecified	6
Unilateral with military/police escort	1
Total	68



Legal outcome ¹⁰	Number of deaths
No identification + no legal proceedings	93
Identification of perpetrator	7
Total	100



¹⁰ This does not include 18 road accident victims, twelve killed in indiscriminate bombings, ten air accident victims, six killed in crossfire, two natural causes/ill health, two killed by Government forces in Syria while staying with activists, and two other accidents.