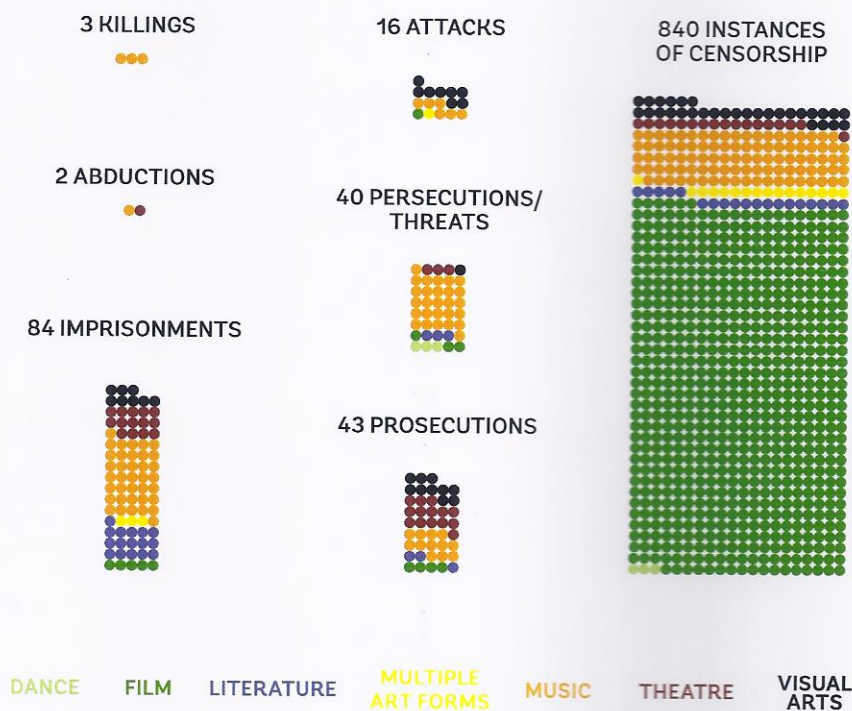


Artistic freedom under threat

Artistic freedom is a global challenge. The rights of artists to express themselves freely are under threat worldwide, especially where artistic expressions contest or critique political ideologies, religious beliefs and cultural and social preferences. These threats range from **censorship** (by corporations, political, religious or other groups) to **imprisonment** , **physical threats** , and even **killings** .

ARTISTIC FREEDOM VIOLATIONS IN 2016

This graph shows the number of artistic freedom violations by type of violation and art form



Freemuse, 2016

“ Attacks on the freedom of (cultural) expression from intolerant individuals and groups, hate-speech, racism, and xenophobia among others denote the denial of one of the fundamental prerequisites of democracy; the right of everyone to participate in debate as free and equal individuals. ”

Helsinki Declaration on Promoting Diversity of Cultural Expressions and Artistic Freedom in a Digital Age, Nordic Ministers of Culture (2016)