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Journalists' freedom, rights and safety have always been in danger. This problem has been bad and has only gotten worse. In Yemen in 2014 there were 2 Journalists murdered, 13 attempted murders and at 314 reported attacks on the press. This hasn't only happened in Yemen. In 2018 alone there were 34 Journalists murdered world wide. In 2016 there were 276 Journalists jailed because of their work. As you can see, there is a serious problem and countries need to work together come up with solutions to fix this problem.

The MMUN HRC council has started to come up with agreements on this issue. One highly favored is to start GPS tracking the Journalists. The council said that it wouldn't be invading privacy, but it still might. They used the argument that they would be able to know where and when they got attacked if they have the GPS, which could also help with finding the criminals. They also spoke of having a Journalist hotline so that when they are in danger they can call so that help is on their way. These were some of their main proposals for protection.

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On the topic of censorship and freedom of speech and the press a majority of the countries support it to an extent. They believe that too much and too little censorship is bad. "Too much censorship will cause corruption, and no censorship will give light to propaganda." Said the Delegate of Nepal. As always the press wants to be able to report on whatever they want but not everything will be permitted. They weren't very clear on this point.

While there are countries that want to fight for our freedom and safety, others are completely against it. Vietnam believes that Journalists should not be protected at all. They believe that it is not an issue that needs attention. They are more focused on women's rights and equality, which are very important issues. But the government doesn't have the support of their people on the issue of Journalists. The government hides the news so that people don't know what's going on in their own country. This makes the citizens of Vietnam mad and disappointed at their country because they are hiding what they do from the public. The cause of this problem is that the Vietnam government thinks that all reporting is propaganda, which isn't true.

The MMUN HRC is moving continually taking steps in the right direction for the safety and freedom of the press. They are working together to remove curtains from the governments of the world and to input a great system for the safety of journalists.