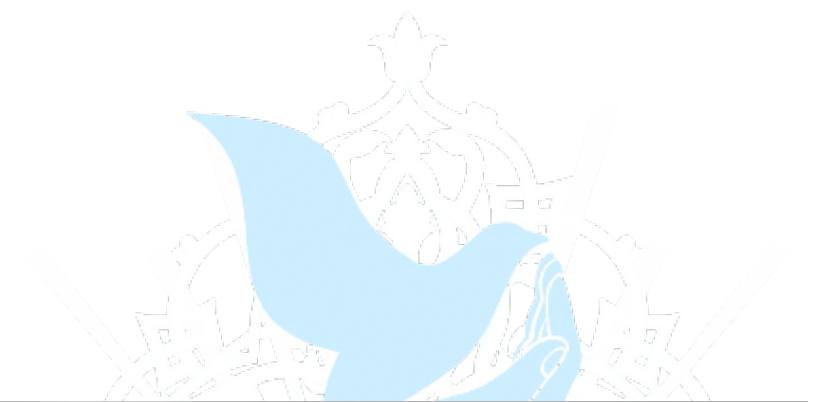


**Indexes of “Freedom of Expression”
in Iran (Cultural and media)**



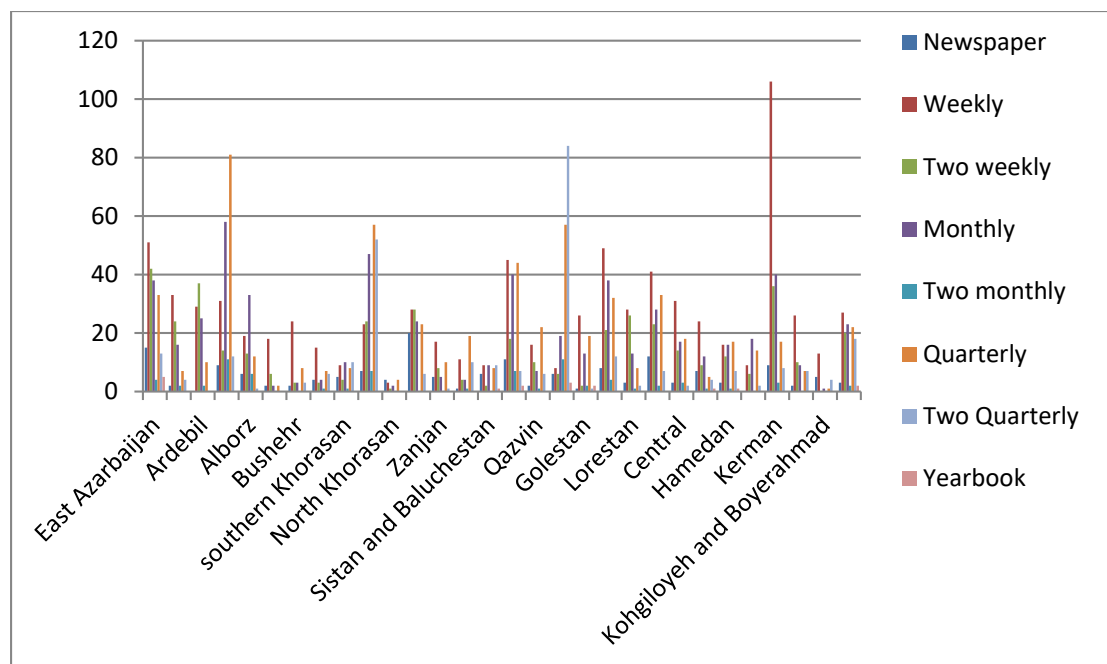
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Cultural and media

The second part of this research has adopted an operational approach in discussing the criteria of freedom of expression through tables, statistics and figures. As the attributes to freedom of expression are very extensive and despite the major criteria, it also includes a number of indirect indexes as well, in this part, the freedom of expression indicator is divided into the two categories of direct and indirect (indexes). Direct indicators are the very major criteria for valuing freedom of expression right in the society, such as media, press, elections, political parties, gatherings...the absence or shortage of each would be a definite argument on breaching the right of freedom of expression in this country. However, there are criteria which can affect freedom of expression indirectly. In fact, those factors are in connection with this type of right through a media and are considered a kind of index which on one hand, provide necessary grounds for forming the opportunity of freedom of expression for citizens; such as access to information...and on the other hand, serve as indicators which include the concept of freedom of expression as a concealed variable; such as churches, prayer houses, exhibitions, festivals...where citizens can gather and share their opinions and ideas.

A. The press

Realization of freedom of expression and belief as one of the most important aspirations of human societies is because of the growth and development of communication tools which simultaneously with the development of the printing industry, Have grown. Then , the freedom of these devices is considered as examples of freedom of expression. In fact, freedom of expression means freedom of thought and belief, in other words, freedom of expression is a tool to bring the thoughts and beliefs to others. One of the most common is book publishing and became available to the public (without any tastes and censorship) which it is looking for Freedom of Thought. As the origin of humanity was writing and teaching of God and all prophets have had books without exception.

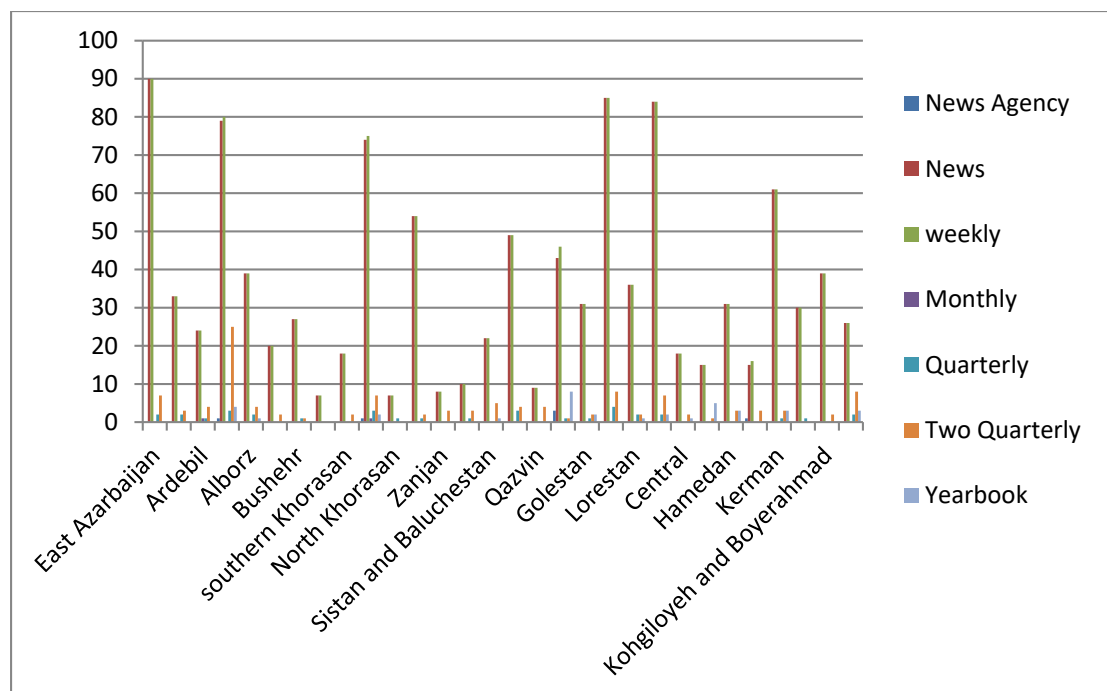


List of licensed Electronic media by province until 2017

Province	News Agency	News	Total	weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Two Quarterly	Yearbook
Total	42	1954	1996	12	67	175	57	6

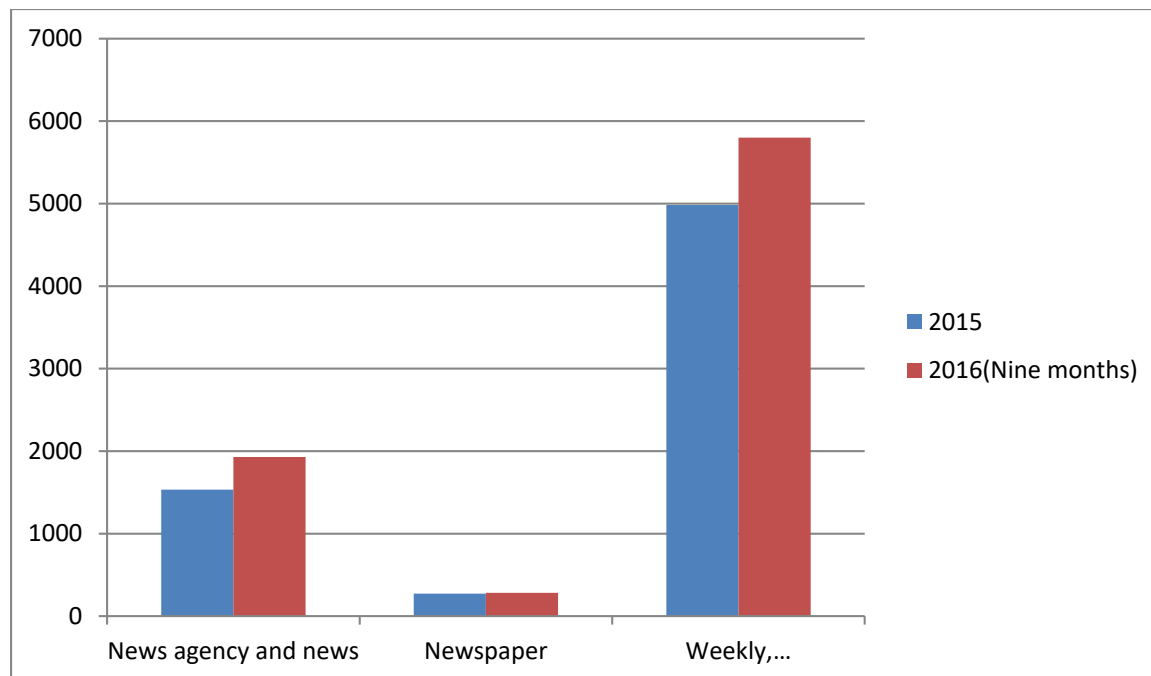
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Licenses issued to the media in 2105 and 2016 (9 months)

Details	Statistic	
	Numbers	
Media	2015	2016(Nine months)
News agency and news	1534	1930
Newspaper	273	284
Weekly,...	4983	5800
Total	6790	8014



B- newspapers

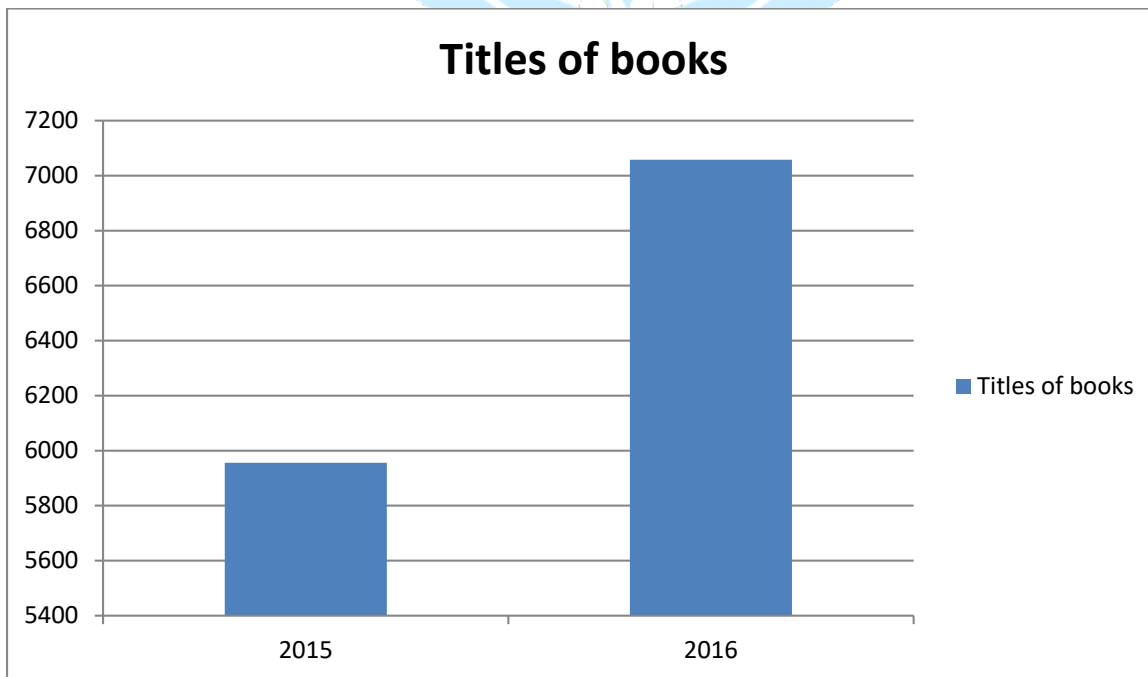
One of the important tasks of the press is helpful and accurate notification to the community. In this way, they make people aware of changes in the world and by analyzing the national and international situation, provide judgment and decision-making for individuals. The press is represents of demands , needs and desires of the community and symbolizes of cultural growth and political tolerance and the sign of the existence of freedom in society . This happens when the press are free and independent of the state.

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C- Books

The number of titles of books published in 2015 and 2016 (9 months)

Details	Statistic	
Title	Numbers	
	2015	2016
Titles of books	5956	7058



The book price has fallen in December 2016 (compared to the same period in 2015) and from Rs. 174860 (equivalent to \$ 5) has become to Rls. 149080 (equivalent to \$ 4.2).

Foreign books imported into the country in the years 2015 and 2016 (9 months)

Details	Statistic	
Title	Numbers	
	2015	2016(9 months)
Foreign books	1734388	1016950



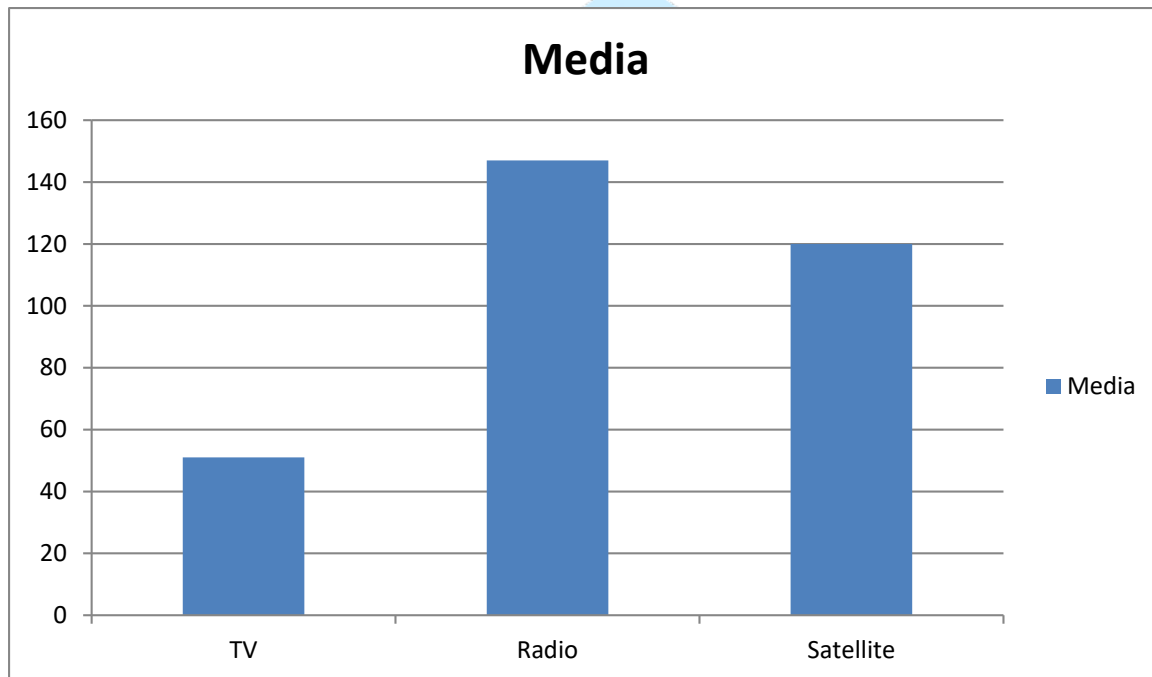
Also, by the end of December 1395, 8,000 student licenses were issued and 4000 Quarterly inform in the universities of the country.

D-video and radio media

Freedom of the media known as a guarantee from governments to the public media against the limits of opinion in societies. In many countries, these rights are legally established within the framework of the country's basic laws to protect the freedom of the press. Freedom of the media

emphasizes that all people have the right to express opinions, say and write in the media. In fact, everyone has the right to comment without any interference from governments or stakeholders.

Details		Statistic	
Channels		Numbers	
TV	National	18	51
	Provincial	29	
	International	4	
Radio	National	15	1۴۷
	Provincial	32	
	Nongovernmental	۱۰۰	
Satellite	For Persian language audience	120	۱۲۰

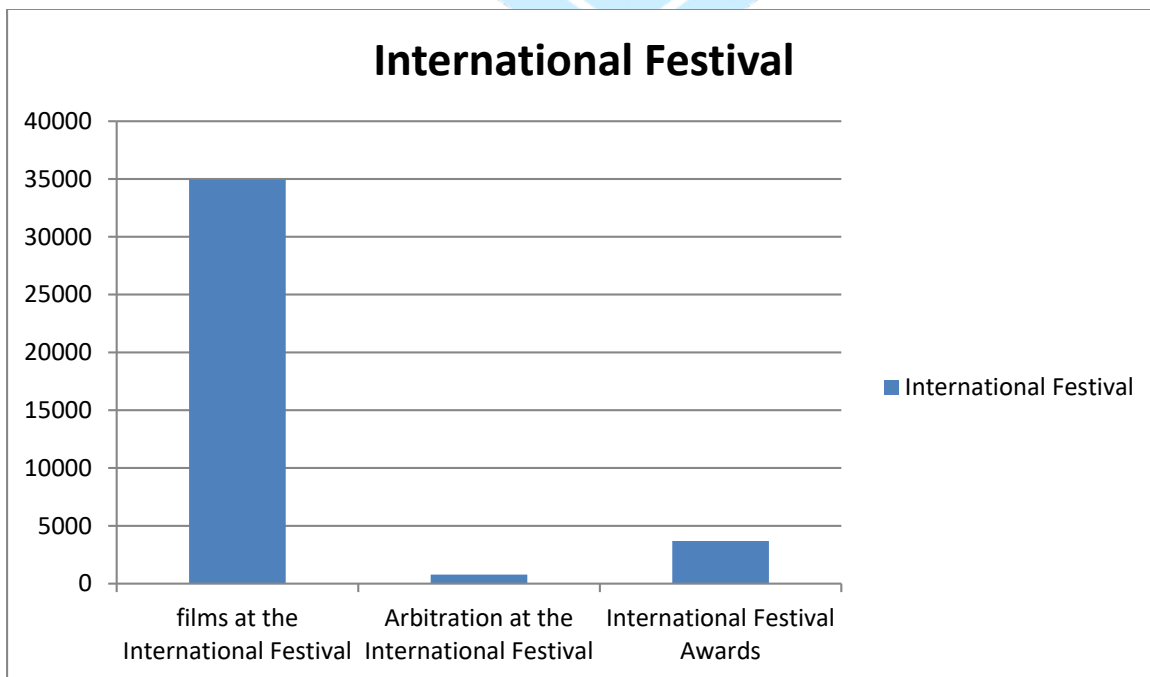


It should be noted that the main activities of satellite networks are related to opponents of the Islamic Republic. Despite the legal ban, these media are available to the general public. Interestingly, people can make live calls by phone calls. Some of these channels are as follows:

F- Cinema and music in Iran

The number of films from 1979 until 2016

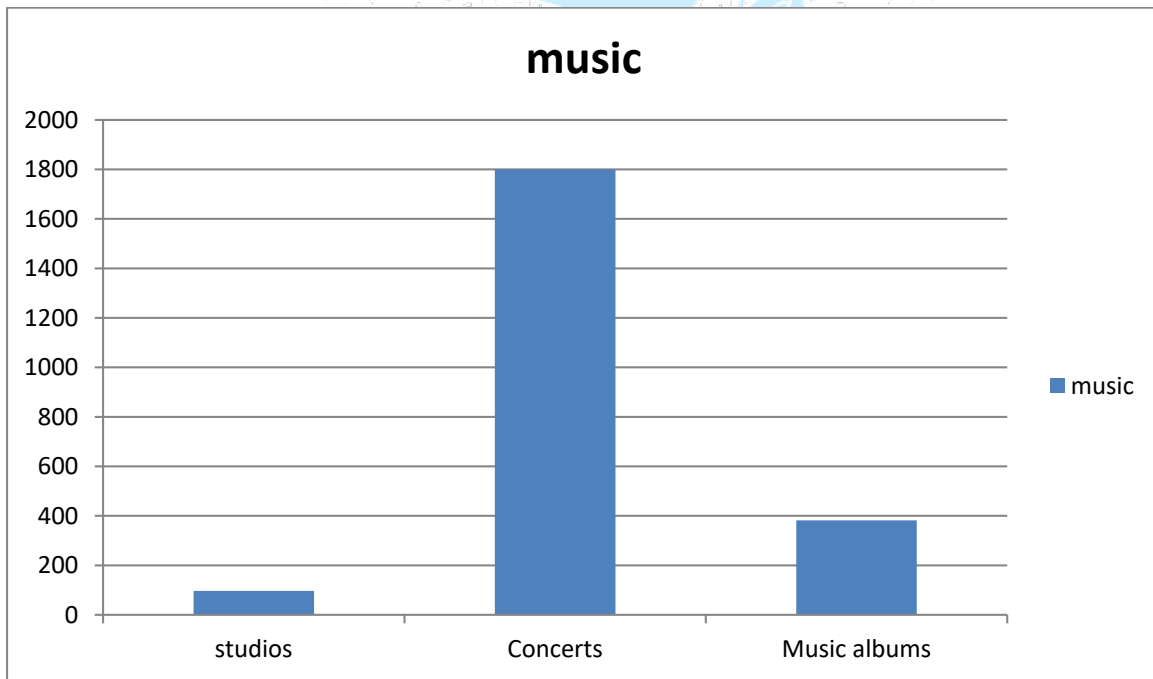
Details	Statistic
The number of films at the International Festival	34930
Arbitration at the International Festival	786
International Festival Awards	3685



-Music (2015)

Details	Statistic
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Title	Number
List of centers for the production, reproduction and reproduction of audio works (studios)	97
Concerts	More than 1800
Music albums	382



H - Protection of the rights of Journalists

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In all modern societies, reporters have a great mission to deliver the message who can be known as intermediaries of people and authorities, government and nation, They facilitate right of free access to information for global citizens by correct and timely reflection of the news. The Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance has held a series of workshop and training sessions for

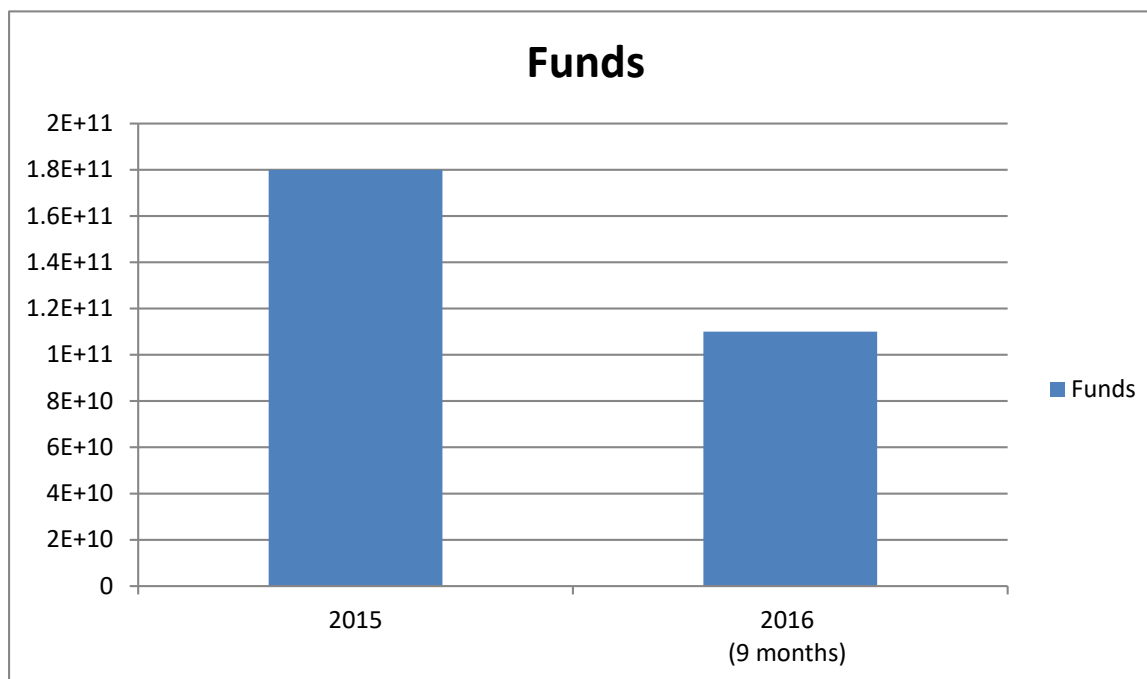
editors and media directors in order to introduce and establish a common practice in the media's use of the capacity of the "release and free access to information".

Journalists' subsidies in 2015 and 2016 (9 months)

Details		Statistic	
Title	Funds	2016 (9 months)	2015
	Total		
Journalists' subsidies	290000000000 Rials (equivalent of 8.28 million US dollars)	۱۱..... Rials (equivalent of 3.14 million US dollars)	۱۸..... Rials (equivalent of 5.14 million US dollars)

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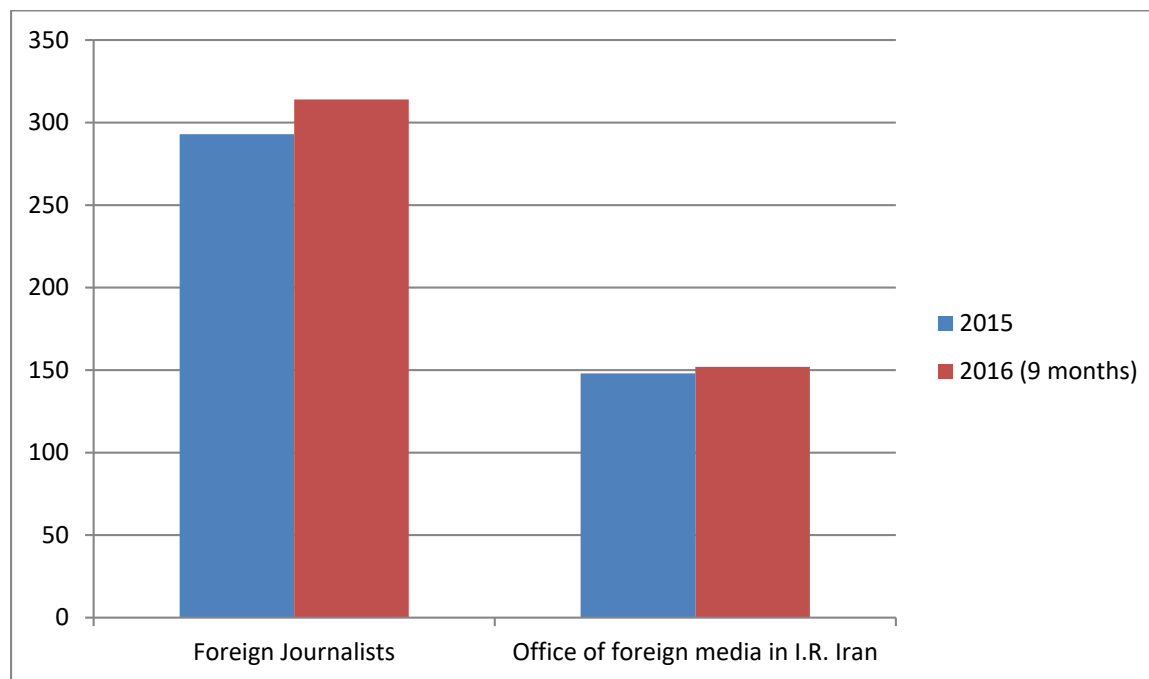


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Number of foreign Journalists and offices of foreign media active in I.R. Iran in ۲۰۱۵ and 2016 (9 months)

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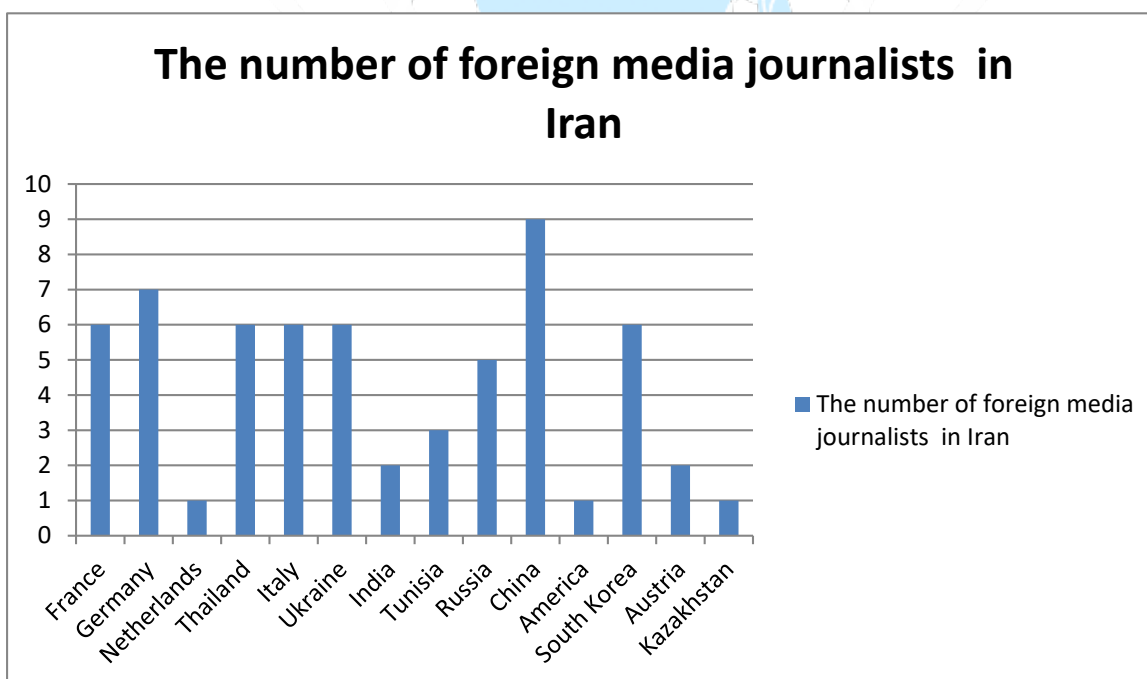
Details	Statistic	
	Numbers	
Title	2016 (9 months)	2015
Foreign Journalists	314	293
Office of foreign media in I.R. Iran	152	148



The number of foreign media journalists in Iran

Details	Statistic
Country	Number of people
France	6
Germany	7
Netherlands	1
Thailand	6
Italy	6
Ukraine	6
India	2
Tunisia	3
Russia	5

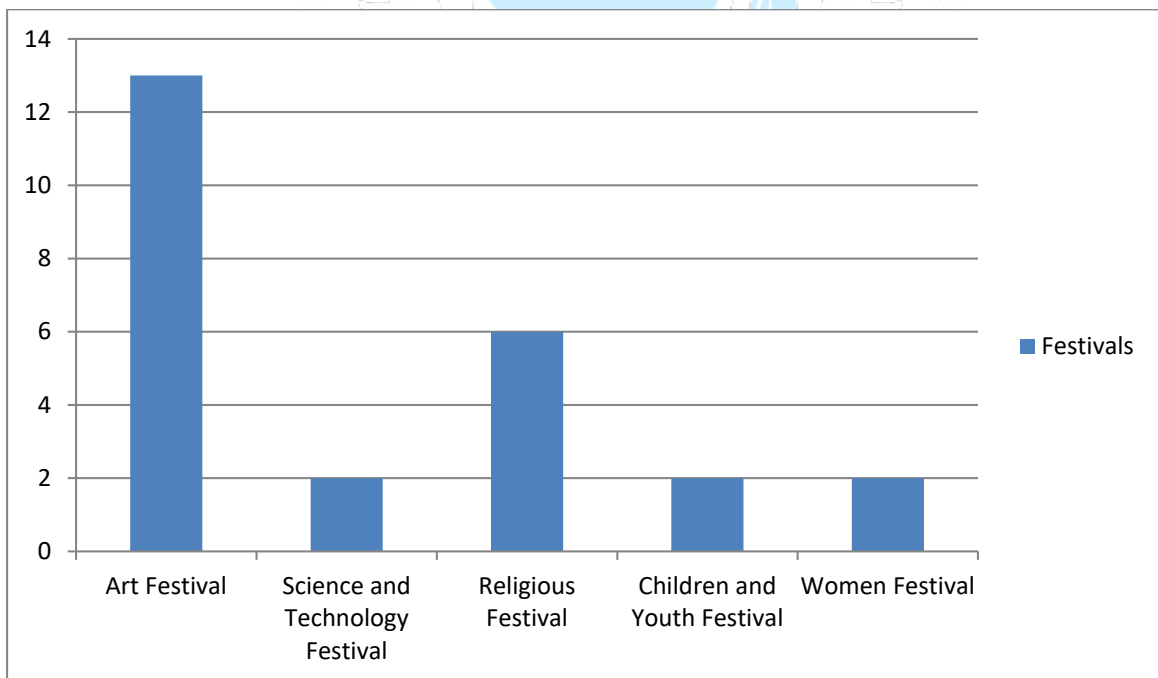
China	9
America	1
South Korea	6
Austria	2
Kazakhstan	1



E- Festivals and exhibitions The Institute for Protection of Women's Rights

In terms of nature, festivals and exhibitions are cultural events that have held in a specific location Regularly with diverse topics. The organizers want to display different arenas like scientific, artistic, cultural, industrial and ... for the general public. Regarding the axes of holding festivals and exhibitions, it has become a place for the exchange of information and various tastes. This is a cultural event which has led to political-social meetings with the goal of awareness and information.

Details	Statistic
Type of festival	Numbers
Art Festival	13
Science and Technology Festival	2
Religious Festival	6
Children and Youth Festival	2
Women Festival	2



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- International Festivals and exhibitions

Details	Statistic	
Title	Exhibition periods	The Number of media
International Book Fairs	30	2643
		139

International Exhibition of Press and News Agencies...	23	520
International Exhibition of Digital media	11	400

