CONTINUED LEGAL RESTRICTIONS, including defamation, insult, blasphemy and lèse-majesté laws

18 2015

Number of internet shutdowns*

56 2016

INCREASE IN BLOCKING, filtering and shutdowns

DIGITAL MEDIA have raised new challenges for privacy and journalist source protection

INCREASED RECOGNITION of the public’s right to access information

Countries with freedom of information laws**

UNESCO MEMBER STATES HAVE GIVEN SUPPORT FOR INTERNET UNIVERSALITY, for an internet that is Rights-based, Open, Accessible and Multi-Stakeholder (R.O.A.M principles)

IMPARTING INFO: CURBED

RECEIVING INFO: ENHANCED

NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS, states of emergency and anti-terrorism laws have curtailed freedom of expression

Sources: *AccessNow, 2017; **freedominfo.org, 2016