

FREEDOM OF PRESS 2012

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Reporters Without Borders has just published its 2011 [rankings](#) of press freedom (or lack thereof). A total of 179 countries surveyed, among which are, followed by rank in 179 nation list:

Viet Nam	174th	Indonesia	146th
Laos	165th	Philippines	140th
Cambodia	117th	Thailand	137th
		Singapore	135th
		Malaysia	124th

Average	151	127
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Average, Hanoi/Laos only 168

Average of Hanoi and two countries it influences clearly worse than nearby non-communist SE Asia countries. Cambodia not officially a communist country but it is run by Hun Sen, a former Khmer Rouge put in power by Hanoi. Laos government (sic) simply a Hanoi franchise. The only countries with lower and worse rankings than Hanoi are Iran, Syria, Turkmenistan, No. Korea, and Eritrea.

Complete rankings list:

<http://en.rsf.org/press-freedom-index-2011-2012,1043.html>

More:

Recent Human Rights Watch Viet Nam report:

<http://www.hrw.org/world-report-2012/world-report-2012-vietnam>

Montagnard Foundation:

<http://montagnard-foundation.org/wp/#.TyQ0N4FvVkg>