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In India, the pandemic is cover for Modi's war on journalists | The Washington Post

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Nearly three months into its <u>coronavirus lockdown</u>, India is continuing its transformation into one of the world's most dangerous places to be a journalist.

While Prime Minister Narendra Modi didn't quite manage to pass <u>legislation</u> <u>completely banning independent coverage</u> at the outset of the pandemic, the journalistic climate has been steadily deteriorating regardless.

Small media outlets are suffering financially. Restrictions on movement prevent reporters from getting to the story. And any journalists who dare to question the Modi government's official line face threats and intimidation. All this is eroding what was once one of the world's most vibrant media landscapes.

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