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There were times when accessing information from law enforcement agencies and police were easy to break any story but since new dictates came to them, a reporter is forced to do a fact check a dozen

times before breaking any news item.

In a conflict region, no news is as tough as the breaking news: say Umer Rashid from Shopian who covers south Kashmir for a decade.

"It is akin to walking on the edge of a sword. Any party can sue us even for a minor mistake or a misunderstanding over the context of the particular news story," said Umer Rashid.

Umer is currently working for Srinagar-based Newsgathering service Global News Service (GNS) and has formerly been with Kashmir Despatch and many news organisations for a decade.

Mohammad Umer Rashid also known as (Umer Rashid) is among the few journalists in south Kashmir who cover violent incidents, be it encounters, law and order situations, protests, etc.

"I wouldn't negate the efforts of investigative reporters but this form of news in conflict can leave a reporter in jail. Threats, abuses, and intermediation never stopped me and I do all this to inform people at right time," he said.

Umer said that he choose journalism as a passion, not a job." My father used to tell us news stories which were airing on BBC, Voice of America and veteran Yousuf Jameel was reporting from Kashmir and that very thing inspired me towards the field," he added.

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