





Journalists and Media Staff Killed 1990 > 2020

30 years of contribution towards Safer Journalism

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IFJ GENERAL SECRETARY'S INTRODUCTION

Even without the hindsight,necessary for a historical analysis, it is no exaggeration to say that 2020 will go down in history as a year of transition or rupture.

The Covid-19 pandemic has claimed hundreds of thousands of lives and halted and destroyed whole sectors of the world economy. The media sector was no exception. Thousands of jobs disappeared, just like hundreds of media organisations which were put out of business.

On 10 December, the 30th anniversary of the publication of the IFJ annual reports on killed journalists (1990-2020), a detailed analysis of

the statistics
was published
in the IFJ
White Paper
on Global
Journalism.
It highlighted
again troubling findings
for our colleagues across
the world:
65 of them

GLOBAL JOURNALISM
HIGHLIGHTED AGAIN OUR
65 COLLEAGUES WHO
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WORLD IN 2020, WHILE
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physically and online, to women and men.

The 65 killings of journalists and media professionals occurred during targeted attacks, bomb attacks and cross –fire incidents in 16 countries . That is 17 more killed than were in 2019 (49).

Since 1990, the IFJ has recorded 2680 journalists and media workers killed in work-related incidents around the world.

The figures published by the Federation for this year show that the number of media professionals'

killings are more or less on the same levels as in 1990s.

Organised crime groups, extremists and sectarian violence continue to strike terror among journalists, dozens of whom paid the ultimate price for their independent reporting in the four corners of the world.

were killed in 2020 alone, 229 are still held in jails and thousands of others face threats, harassment and violence on a daily basis in all regions of the world, without exception. This is happening both

In this regard, 2020 has been no exception. The ruthless reign of crime barons in Mexico, the violence of extremists in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Somalia, as well as the intolerance of hardliners in India



and the Philippines have contributed to the continued bloodshed in media. members in different regions.

In particular, this year's list features the killing of Russian journalist Irina Slavina, a case which perhaps exposed the level of despair and utter despondency in the face on unrelenting onslaught against media professio-

nals. The Editor of Koza Press set herself on fire in the city of Nizhny Novgorod to protest against the intimidation and harassment campaign to silence her. In the end, this led to her fatal act but not before she had blamed the authorities as bearing the responsibility of her action.

In the 2020 ranking per country, Mexico tops the list for the fourth time in five years with 14 killings, followed by Afganistan (10), Pakistan (9), India (8), Philippines

229 JOURNALISTS IN PRISON IN THE WORLD

(4), Syria (4) while Nigeria and Yemen recorded three killings each. There were also two killings in Iraq and Somalia. Finally, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Honduras, Paraguay, Russia and Sweden recorded one killing each.

The following pages detail the names of journalists killed in the world, as compiled by our union

No **DEMOCRACY**

WORTHY OF THAT NAME CAN JAIL MESSENGERS OF FREEDOM OF EX-PRESSION. For the first time, the International Federation of Journalists published in 2020 the list of all of our colleagues currently behind bars because of

their journalism. As at 28 February 2021, the number of journalists in prison totalled at least 229, according to IFJ records.

No democracy worthy of that name can jail messengers of freedom of expression. Every day, the IFJ works actively on the ground for the immediate and unconditional release of colleagues who are unjustly imprisoned.

Despite this grim toll, there is some recent good news to report. Khaled Drareni, the correspondent of TV5 Monde in Algeria, was freed on 19 February 2021, following the release on 5 February of Al Jazeera reporter Mahmoud Hussein after 1500 days in an Egyptian prison. Last December, four Burundian journalists of Iwacu magazine, who had been arrested in 2019, were also freed.

According to the last IFJ count, Turkey is today the biggest jailer of journalists in the world, with at least 67 media workers in its jails, followed by China (23), Egypt (20), Eritrea (16) and Saudi Arabia (14). The thoughts of the IFJ and the 600.000 members of its affiliated unions go to all those victims, their families, friends and all those who are jailed, subjected to violence and harassed both physically and online.

The IFJ, for some years, has pursued its campaign against impunity by impressing on governments the need to live up to their responsibilties in the face of the absence of investigations into the murders of journalists. The Federation is calling for the adoption of an International Convention for the Protection and the Security of Journalists by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

To end on a positive note, the International Federation of Journalists and its African regional group, the Federation of African Journalists jointy with other interna-

THE DIGITAL
PLATFORM FOR
THE SAFETY OF
JOURNALISTS

IN **AFRICA** WAS LAUNCHED ON 29 JANUARY 2021

tional organisations
including
the African
Union,
launched
on 29
January
2021 the
Digital
Platform
for the

Safety of Journalists in Africa similar to the Council of Europe's Platform which was set up in 2014 and where the IFJ and its European group, the EFJ play a major role. The IFJ and FAJ can now submit on to the Platform alerts to denounce an attack againt a journalist, a violation of the right to inform, online harassment and all violations of media workers rights. The country where these acts have taken place is requested to answer questions from partner organisations and to address them. All the information will be published.

The Platform aims at promoting the security of journalists in Africa and ending impunity for crimes committed against journalists.

It is another step towards ensuring that impunity, the gangrene of journalism, ends.

Anthony BELLANGER General Secretary







GENDER COUNCIL STATEMENT

As we begin 2021, we reflect on last year of 2020 which was challenging due to the global pandemic of Covid-19. Sadly, it was also a year in which more colleagues lost their lives in the exercise of their profession. We want to remember them and show our sorrow for their absence, but also to report their deaths and to increase our efforts to combat impunity for all forms of violence against journalists, which constitutes a serious threat to freedom of expression.

The IFJ and its Gender Council have been investigating acts of violence against women journalists, including killings, over the past years and we will continue to monitor their situation and call for action to ensure that the killings are prevented and investigated to the fullest extent.

Last year we lost five women journalists, two in Mexico, one in Afghanistan, one in Pakistan and one in Russia

On 18 February, **Teresa Aracely Alcocer**, a 37-year-old female radio presenter for radio *La Poderosa*, was gunned down in the El Barreal colony, Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua state. According to the authorities quoted by local media, the presenter also known as "Bárbara Greco" was shot dead by unidentified attackers on the Mexican border with United States, which has a strong presence of members of organised crime

groups. The presenter had recently condemned on her social networks the murder of the girl Fatima, a femicide case which shocked many in the country.

On 31 march, María Elena Ferral Martínez. founder of Quinto Poder was shot by an unidentified gunman in the street and later died in hospital. The shooting happened when Ferral Martinez, a female media executive, was walking to her car in the city of Papantla and an individual on a motorcycle opened fire on her.

According to local press reports, the journalist had already reported threats in 2016 and she was assigned a protection officer to accompany her 12 hours a day while four cameras were installed in her house. In weeks prior to her killing, Ferral Martinez had received threats every day through social networks, with messages smearing her in a vicious campaign to undermine her work, a Mexican website said.



On 5 September, S h a h e e n a Shaheen.

the host of stateowned Pakistan Television morning show and the editor of a local language

magazine *Dazgohar* was fatally shot in her home in Turbak Kech, allegedly by her husband of six months, Nawabzada Mahrab. Her family

members have suggested that it may have been an 'honour killing'.Police are still searching for Mahrab.

Shaheen was well-known as being a strong supporter of gender equality in Balochistan and had previously been warned by the Baloch militants to leave her job.

The IFG GENDER

COUNCIL will keep

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On 2 October. Irina Slavina. the 47-year-old editor of Koza Press online news died after settina herself on fire outside the police headquarters in Nijni-Novgorod. Her

death came a day after the police had searched her apartment. In a note she published on Facebook prior to her act. Irina said:" Blame the Russian Federation for my death." Media reports quoted her as saying that the search of her apartment was linked to the police investigation into Open Russia, an organisation founded by the Russian exiled Mikhaïl Khodorkovski. oligarch She had also been questioned in connection with another nal probe of a local businessman. Mikhaïl Losilevitch. The authorities dismissed any link between her death and the search at her apartment. However, Irina had faced numerous charged, ranging from taking part in a march in memory of opposition politician Boris Nemtov, contempt of the public following her Facebook about the unveiling of a Stalin memorial in Shakhunya, her participation at the Free People Forum as well as allegations of publishing fake news on Covid crisis in Russia.

On 10 December, **Malala Maiwand**, the 25-year-old female TV anchor for **Enkaas** TV and Radio, was killed by gunmen in a targeted attack in

Nangarhar province in eastern Afghanistan.

The assailants opened fire on Malala Maiwand's car as she left to travel to work in Jalalabad from her home in eastern Nangarhar province. Both Malala and her driver, **Mohammad Tahir**, were killed. Following the shoo-

ting, the assailants fled the scene. The Islamic State (IS) subsequently claimed responsibility for the shooting, accusing her of being a "pro-regime" journalist. Nangarhar is known for IS militant activity and the group claimed responsibility for most of the recent attacks on civilians in the area

Maria ANGELES SAMPERIO

IFJ Gender Council Chair









COUNTRY	ď₽	POSITION	EMPLOYER	DATE
NAME				
AFGHANISTAN	1			
SAFAR MUHAMMAD ATAL	්	Staff	Radio Samoun	9/05/2020
SAFIQ ZAMIR AMIRI	ď	Journalist	Khurshid TV	30/05/2020
SHAFIQULLAH ZABIH	ď	Technician	Khurshid TV	30/05/2020
MIR WAHED SHAH	ď	Reporter	Khurshid TV	30/05/2020
ELIAS DAEI	ď	Correspondent	Radio Liberty	12/11/2020
YAMA SIAWASH	Q	Journalist	Tolo News TV	7/11/2020
MALALA MAIWAND	ď	TV Anchor	Enkaas TV and Radio	10/12/2020
MOHAMMAD TAHIR	ď	Driver	Enkaas TV and Radio	10/12/2020
RAHMATULLAH NIKZAD	♂"	Journalist	Al Jazeera/AP	21/12/2020
BANGLADESH				
ILIYAS HOSSAIN	ď	Reporter	Dainik Bijoy	11/10/2020
CAMEROUN				
SAMUEL WAZIZ	<i>්</i>	Journalist	Chillen Muzik Television (CMTV)	3/06/2020
HONDURAS	l			
LUIS ALMENDARES	<i>ਹ</i> ੈ	Correspondent	Radio Globo and Azteca TV	28/09/2020
INDIA	ı			
SHUBHAM MANI TRIPATHI	ď	Reporter	Kampu Mail	19/06/2020
VIKRAM JOSHI	ď	Freelance Journalist		20/07/2020
SUNIL TIWARI	ď	Stringer	Nai Duniya	22/07/2020
K SATYANARAYANA	ď	Reporter	Andrha Jyothi	17/10/2020
VIKRAM JOSHI	ď	Correspondent	Tamilian TV	9/11/2020
PARAG BHUYAN	ď	Journalist	Pratidin group	12/11/2020
RAKESH SINGH	ď	Journalist	Nirbhek	28/11/2020
NIRBHEK	0	Journalist	Mibriek	20/11/2020
S V PRADEEP	♂	Journalist	Media One/Mangalam TV/ Manorama News/Jaihind/ News 18	4/12/2020
IRAQ	I			
AHMAD ABDESSAMAD	ď	Correspondent	al-Dijlah TV	10/01/2020
SAFAA GHALI	ď	Cameraman	al-Dijlah TV	10/01/2020

MEXICO				
FIDEL ÁVILA GÓMEZ	ď	Radio Journalist	La Ke Buena	8/01/2020
TERESA ARACELY ALCOCER	Q	Radio Presenter	Radio La Poderosa	18/02/2020
MARÍA ELENA FERRAL MARTÍNEZ	Q	Editor-in-chief	Quinto Poder	31/03/2020
VÍCTOR FERNANDO ÁLVAREZ CHÁVEZ	ď	Editor-in-chief	Punto x Punto Noticias	23/04/2020
JORGE MIGUEL ARMENTA	ď	Director	ObSon group	18/05/2020
JOSÉ CASTILLO OSUNA	ď	Editor-in-chief	Prioridad Máxima	12/06/2020
PABLO MORRUGARES PARRAGUIRRE	ď	Director	PM Noticias	2/08/2020
LUIS EDUARDO OCHOA AGUILAR	ď	Freelance journalist		6/08/2020
JUAN NECIO ESPINOZA	ď	Reporter	Valedor TV	24/08/2020
JULIO VALDIVIA RODRIGUEZ	ď	Journalist	El Mundo	9/09/2020
ARTURO ALBA MEDINA	ď	TV Host	Telediario	31/10/2020
JESÚS ALFONSO PIÑUELAS	♂	Journalist	Televisora del Yaqui	2/11/2020
ISRAEL VÁZQUEZ RANGEL	ď	Editor	El Salmantion	10/11/2020
JAIME DANIEL CASTAÑO ZACARÍAS	ď	Photojournalist	PrensaLibreMx	14/12/2020
NIGERIA				
MAXWELL NASHIAN	ď	Journalist	Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) FM	15/01/2020
ALEX OGBU	ď	Journalist	The Regent Africa Times	21/01/2020
PELUMI ONIFADE	ď	Intern Journalist	Gboah TV	24/10/2020
PAKISTAN				
AZIZ MEMON	♂	Journalist	Kawish Television Network (KTN)	16/02/2020
JAVED KHAN	ď	Bureau Chief	Ausaf	25/02/2020
SAEED QAISAR INPHOOL NAGAR	♂"	Journalist		29/04/2020
ZULFIQAR MANDRANI	ď	Reporter	KTN Group	26/05/2020
ANWAR JAN	ď	Journalist	Naveed-e-Pakistan	23/07/2020
SHAHEENA SHAHEEN	Q	Journalist	State-owned Pakistan Television	5/09/2020
ABID HUSSAIN ABIDI	ď	Journalist	Jurm-o- Saza	25/09/2020
NOOR HASSAN LANJWANI	ď	Senior Reporter	Sindh Express	19/11/2020
QAIS JAVED	ď	Cameraman	Ehadnama media news	7/12/2020

PARAGUAY LOURENCE "LEO"	ď	Editor	Porã News	12/02/2020
VERAS				
PHILIPPINES				
CORNELIO PEPINO	♂	Radio Host	Rex Comelio	5/05/2020
JOBERT BERCASIO	ď	Journalist	Balangibog TV	14/09/2020
VIRGILIO MAGANES	ď	Journalist	Northern Watch	10/11/2020
RONNIE VILLAMOR	♂	Freelance Journalist		14/11/2020
RUSSIA				
IRINA SLAVINA	Q	Editor	Koza Press	2/10/2020
SOMALIA				
ABDUWALI ALI HASSAN	ď	Journalist	Universal TV	17/02/2020
SAID YUSUF ALI	ď	Journalist	Kalsan TV	4/05/2020
SWEDEN				
SAJID HUSSAIN	ď	Editor-in-chef	Balochian Times	23/04/2020
BALOCH				
SYRIA				
AMJAD AKTALATI	♂	Freelance Journalist		4/02/2020
ABDEL NASSER HAJ HAMDAN	♂	Photojournalist	Binnish Media Office	20/02/2020
RASHID AL-BAKR	♂	Reporter	Syria 1 News Agency	26/10/2020
HUSSEIN KHATTAB		Reporter	TRT World	12/12/2020
YEMEN				
BADIL AL-BARAIH	ď	Photojournalist	September 26	18/01/2020
NABIL HASAN AL-QUAETY	♂	Freelance Photojournalist	AFP Contributor	2/06/2020
ADEEB AL-JANANI	ď	Correspondent	Belgees TV	30/12/2020
		ACCIDENTAL I	DEATHS	
		ACCIDENTAL	JEATHS	

	ACCIDENTAL DEATHS		
INDIA HANUMANTHU	Employee	Public TV	21/04/2020
IRAK HUNER RASOOL	Journalist	Gali Kurdistan TV	12/08/2020

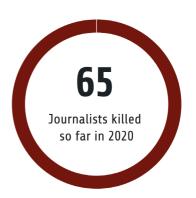
IFJ 2020 KILLED LIST PER REGION

TOTAL	65
Middle East and Arab World	9
Europe	2
Asia Pacific	32
Americas	16
Africa	6



Most Dangerous Countries for journalists in the World in 2020

Mexico	14
Afghanistan	10
Pakistan	9
India	8
Philippines	4
Syria	4









regions in review



AFRICA

The African media has lived through a horrendous year in 2020. Not only have journalists been killed with total impunity in relation to their work, but the emergence of COVID 19 rattled the very foundation of the African journalism, wreaking untold havoc characterised by a serious economic crisis which led to closure of some media houses, loss of revenue due to poor sales and dwindling advertising revenues resulting in numerous job losses. In addition to this economic hardship, there was an opening of a new frontier in the harassment and intimidation of journalists by the security forces while they covered the COVID 19 pandemic.

Africa has recorded six journalists' killings during 2020; three from Nigeria, two from Somalia and one from Cameroun. It is sad, but still true to state that the "easiest way of silencing a journalist in Africa is killing" due to the prevailing unfettered impunity. Indeed, there is compelling evidence that all six journalists' killings of 2020 in Africa were related to their work. A glossary glance at the nature of the majority of these deaths reveals a trend that is taking a firm root on the continent. This trend is characterised by the issuing of death threats through phone calls or text messages, sometimes followed by abductions or kidnappings and eventually killing with impunity as had happened in the case of Maxwell Nashian of Nigeria and Ali

Hassan Abduwali of Somalia. Simply put, journalists are specifically targeted for murder and the perpetrators of these heinous crimes often remain at large.

Almost every year, the security sector in Africa, notably the police and the military stand accused of brutalising and attacking journalists who cover demonstrations and other public events. The police and the military in Africa too often demonstrate a heavy- handed attitude, devoid of tolerance and respect for the work of journalists and other media workers. The year of 2020 was no exception.

Samuel Waziz was arrested and detained in a police station and his body was later found in a military morque, having died in all likelihood in the custody of the police. reportedly due to torture and other forms of inhumane and degrading treatment. Likewise, young intern reporter. **Pelumi Onifade** was also detained by the police in Nigeria and later found in a mortuary apparently beaten to death by the police. simply because he was identified as a reporter at a particular place. Alex **Ogbu** on the other hand is said to have been killed by a "stray bullet" fired by the police.

Such blatant disregard of human life by our security forces who are charged with law and order, is totally unacceptable and must be addressed immediately. There is a need for a new approach and mindset by law enforcement authorities which show respect to the work of journalists, who must never be considered as "combatants" and the media in general. The citizens have a right to know and journalists are duty bound to report in the public interest.

African governments need also to work more closely with media organisations and human rights organisations in guaranteeing the safety and security of journalists on the continent. There is no indication anywhere that Africa lacks the legal framework that protects the lives of its citizenry or provisions that guarantees the right to life. What is definitely lacking is the genuine commitment and political will of African governments to hold accountable the perpetrators of these heinous crimes and bring them to justice.

In this regard, the International Federation and its African Group the Federation of African Journalists (FAJ) are encouraged by the recent launch of the African Online Platform for Journalists' Safety. This initiative, modelled on the Council of Europe's Platform for the promotion of Journalism and the Safety of Journalists, is a partnership developed in 2020 between the journalists' organisation, the African Editors' Forum, press freedom organisations with the support of UNESCO.

It provides an opportunity for on-going engagement with the African Union and its various bodies as well as Member States to address in a timely manner the serious violations of journalists' rights and freedoms on the continent. While there are no expectations that this will be a magic wonder which will resolve the safety crisis in African media, this Platform has the potential to make a real difference in journalists' lives with goodwill and commitment to end impunity for violence against them.





Maxwell Nashian

JANUARY 15 - NIGERIA

The journalist for the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) FM Station, also known as Fombina FM, died at the hospital where he was taken after being found unconscious with serious injuries. Nashian hab been abducted by unknown assailant

According to local reports, Maxwell Nashian was abducted from his residence in the Lainde –Badirisa community of northern Adamawa State, where he was later found unconscious with signs of beatings and cuts on his body. He was spotted by a group of women going to their farms, who then alerted the Civil defense operatives at the radio station. He was rushed to hospital but died on arrival.

The police reportedly retrieved a message from Nashian on his phone, saying that his life had been threatened. A computer was taken from his house when he was abducted.

Alex Ogbu

JANUARY 21 - NIGERIA

The Regent Africa Times journalist was shot dead in the Nigerian capital, Abuja while covering a protest march by the Shiite Islamic Movement of Nigeria.

According to reports, Alex Ogbu was killed allegedly by a bullet that was fired by the police at the scene. Police fired "teargas canisters and live ammunition at random," at the protesters, local sources told reporters.

Abduwali Ali Hassan

FEBRUARY 17 - SOMALIA

The 25-year old journalist was shot dead by unknown gunmen in the Afgoye town of the Lower Shabelle Region, 30 kilometers south of Mogadishu as he was returning from an assignment.

Ali Hassan was critically injured and was taken to hospital where he died later of his gunshots wounds. He had been a contributor for Mogadishu-based Kulmiye Radio and the London-based Somali channel Universal TV.

According to journalists' testimonies collected by the National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ), an IFJ affiliate, Ali Hassan had received threatening calls from a hidden telephone number. They also believe he had been targeted because of his

reporting about the local security situation and the movements and manoeuvres of the Somali National Army in the lower Shabelle Region.

Said Yusuf Ali

MAY 4 - SOMALIA

The journalist, who worked for the privately owned Kalsan TV, was stabbed to death in Mogadishu Hodan district.

According to the National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ), an IFJ affiliate, 30-year-old Said Yusuf was on his way home after work when he was attacked and stabbed four times by a man. The police said that the attacker was detained and they were looking for another woman suspected of being involved in the attack. Police officials referred to the case as a "calculated killing".

Samuel Waziz

JUNE 3 - CAMEROON

The reporter for Chillen Muzik Television (CMTV) located in Buea, the capital of the southwest region, was found dead at a military hospital, according the Syndicat national des journalistes camerounais (SNJC).

News of Waziz's death was also announced by Equinoxe TV, a privately-owned channel which quoted sources it described as close to military command as saying that the journalist had died during a transfer to the Yaounde, the nation's capital city, at an unknown date, the AFP reported.

Waziz had been arrested on 2 August 2019 for criticism of the government's handling of a separatism movement which broke out in the region in October 2017. He was initially detained at the police station in Buea, before being taken to an undisclosed location and was never seen again. His death was reportedly due to repeated torture during his detention.

Pelumi Onifade

OCTOBER 24 - NIGERIA

The 20-year-old intern journalist for Gboah TV, an online news outlet based in Lagos, was found in the Ikorodu morgue after he had gone missing on 24 October. He had gone out to report on the protest outside a food ware in the outskirts of Lagos and never returned. His family, which reported his disappearance, later identified his body in the morgue. Reports said that he had been detained by police.



AMERICAS

In Latina America and Caribbean region, a combination of physical violence towards journalists and media professional including killings, intimidation as well as job insecurity has cast a shaddow over journalism in the last 30 years. The working conditions in media have also been affected by policies of successive governments that, relying on various perceived international received wisdom such as the Washington Consensus, promoted social and labor rights which dismantled what was left of the union organisation ability and accelerated the concentration of political, economic and media power.

In some areas of Central America. Mexico and Colombia, the last decade of the 20th century and the first decade of the 21st saw a deadly escalation of a climate of general violence and violations of human rights which devastated all society. For journalists, this situation meant double exposure: as members of their communities, they were the target of such violence. from both the state actors and organised crime groups. At the same time, as reporters on and witnesses to the attacks, they became deliberate victims of systemic violence.

These last 20 years left a a death toll of at least 316 journalists.

At the same time, the wave of regimes change by public support

in the region during the 80s and 90s – albeit marred by political instability- lacked true commitment to democratic rule. Until the second half of the 2000s, most of the region did not have effective political and social participation, labor and economic rights were curtailed by aggressive laws that deregulated the labor market.

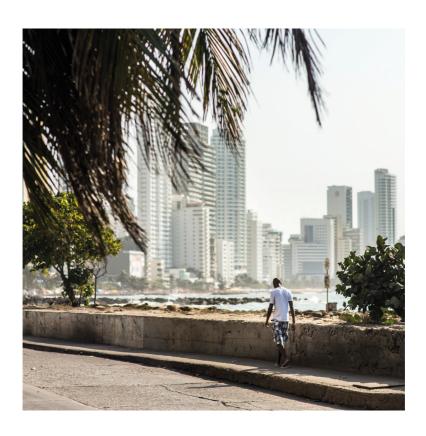
Moreover, the "downsizing of the State" projects increasingly cut access to essential public services such as health and education. For press workers -as for all workersthis meant a huge infringement: economic growth and job security increasingly weakened, the quality of life worsened and, to top it all, the public media fired workers at the same time as the private media was increasingly being concentrated in fewer hands.

After some years of economic growth in the region and the expansion of rights in some countries. between the second half of the 2000s and the first half of the 2010s, authoritarian governments and political movements began (with the anticipation of Honduras in 2009) to resurface. To the existing forms of violence in media, new types of physical and verbal violence emerged, directed at public media and their staff, including hate speech by the highest governments' officials in countries such as Brazil and Fl Salvador

Throughout that decade, economic and social exclusion was accompanied by an escalation of violence against media professionals. At least 243 journalists and other media professionals lost their lives while practicing their profession. We come to the end of this year and the turn of the decade amid the tragedy caused by the global health crisis of Covid-19. Latin American iournalists, as essential workers who in many countries find themselves in conditions of job and contractual insecurity, were especially affected. In the region, more than 200

journalists died from COVID-19, adding to the 17 press workers who were assassinated in retaliation for practicing journalism.

These deaths must be considered in the context of the withdrawal of the State in providing public access to health and job security, which in many cases has led to press workers working without adequate security measures and without access to sick leave or acknowledgement that they represent a risk group.





Fidel Ávila Gómez

JANUARY 8 - MEXICO

The lifeless body of the radio journalist for La Ke Buena was found inside his car in the municipality of San Lucas, Michoacán state near the border of the Guerrero state, according to media reports. He had been missing since 29 November after he had left his home to attend a cultural event in Altamirano of Guerrero state.

The Michoacán State Attorney General's Office reportedly confirmed that the body of Gómez had gunshot wounds. The CEDH (State Human Rights Commission) indicated that there had been a rise in the rate of physical and verbal attacks on journalists in that state, media added.

Lourence "Leo" Veras

FEBRUARY 12 - PARAGUAY

The correspondent for various Brazilian media and editor of Porã News website was shot dead by unidentified gunmen at his home, located in the city of Pedro Juan Caballero. Media reports said that at least two unknown persons shot him several times, fatally injuring him. He was taken to hospital where he later died.

According to his family, Veras had been receiving threats from mafia groups for years and even had security guards in 2013.

Teresa Aracely Alcocer

FEBRUARY 18 - MEXICO

The 37-year-old female radio presenter for radio La Poderosa was gunned down in the El Barreal colony, Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua state.

According to the authorities quoted by local media, the presenter also known as "Bárbara Greco" was shot dead by unidentified attackers on the Mexican border with United States, which has a strong presence of members of organised crime groups.

Teresa Aracely Alcocer used to collaborate with a radio programme dedicated to reading letters and she had recently condemned on her social networks the murder of the girl Fatima, a femicide case which shocked many in the country.

María Elena Ferral Martínez

MARCH 31 - MEXICO

The founder of Quinto Poder was shot by an unidentified gunman in the street and later died in hospital. The shooting happened when Ferral Martinez, a female media executive, was walking to her car in the city of Papantla and an individual on a motorcycle opened fire on her. She died at the regional hospital of Poza Rica.

According to local press reports, the journalist had already reported threats in 2016 and she was assigned a protection officer to accompany her 12 hours a day while four cameras were installed in her house. In weeks prior to her killing, Ferral Martinez had received threats every day through social networks, with messages smearing her in a vicious campaign to undermine her work, a Mexican website said.

Víctor Fernando Álvarez Chávez

APRIL 23 - MEXICO

The dismembered remains of the editor-in-chief of Punto x Punto Noticias, a local news website in Mexico, were found in the Renacimiento district of Acapulco city, according to the statement of the UNESCO of 23 April attributable to its Director General Audrey Azoulay . Chávez had been missing since 2 April, the statement added.

Jorge Miguel Armenta

MAY 18 - MEXICO

The director of the ObSon group, which includes the newspapers El Tiempoand and the weekly Última Palabra, was shot dead in the city of Obregon, located in southern Sonora state, Mexico, as he was leaving a restaurant with two officers of the local police.

According to the Sonora State Attorney General's Office, quoted by media, witnesses identified at least two people travelling in a white van as the perpetrators of the fatal shooting. Armenta was under state protection because of threats to his media from various organised crime groups.

A protection officer was also killed in the attack, while a police commander was injured.

José Castillo Osuna

JUNE 12 - MEXICO

The owner of Prioridad Máxima newspaper was stabbed to death outside his home in Ciudad Obregón.

Media reports quoted Sonora State Attorney General's office saying that Osuna, who also worked as a crime reporter for his newspaper, was attacked by a person wielding a knife who stabbed him. He became the second journalist to be killed in less than 30 in Ciudad Obregón.

Pablo Morrugares Parraguirre

AUGUST 2 - MEXICO

The director of PM Noticias, who had been threatened on social media since 2015 and had survived an attempted murder in 2016, was gunned down in the city of Iguala, Guerrero state.

Parraguire was under the protection programme of the Protection Mechanism for Human Rights Defenders and Journalists of the Mexican Interior Ministry. According to media reports, one of his bodyguards, a Guerrero state police officer who had been assigned to him after receiving threats through a video posted on social networks, was also shot dead.

Luis Eduardo Ochoa Aguilar

AUGUST 6 - MEXICO

The 28-year-old freelance journalist, who had contributed to local media in Uarapán, Michoacán such as La Voz de Michoacán and CB Televisión, was killed by unidentified gunmen.

Juan Necio Espinoza

AUGUST 24 - MEXICO

According to the Secretary of Public Security of the State of Coahuila, the reporter who worked for Valedor TV, died from respiratory problems while in police custody, but his relatives disputed the official account.

They said that Espinoza, who was arrested while he was covering the events in his hometown of Piedras Negras, had already received threats from police officers because of the reports he published about irregularities. In particular, he had exposed the fact that vehicles of the State Attorney General's Office (FGE) patrolled without identification plates

Likewise, the reporter's relatives dismissed reports made public by the Secretary of Public Security claiming that Espinoza was arrested with a colleague at a police checkpoint for driving under the influence of alcohol. The family said that the journalist was arrested after covering a confrontation

between police and criminals and his report was broadcast live. In addition, the family of Espinoza said that the body of the journalist showed marks of torture, information which was not revealed in the official version.

Julio Valdivia Rodriguez

SEPTEMBER 9 - MEXICO

The body of the journalist for the regional newspaper El Mundo was found decapitated by the train tracks in the city of Tezonapa, Veracruz state, where he lived and worked.

According to the State Attorney General's Office (FGE), his body was found a few meters away from his motorcycle, with logos of his newspaper's website printed on it. The authorities ruled out an accident as a cause for the killing, following forensic examinations.

Valdivia had worked for El Mundo since 2014, reporting on general events and crime.

In an editorial, El Mundo said of Rodriguez "Those who knew him remember him as a cheerful and persuasive person in search of news, from social problems to the friendly note, the one he spread to help those who had no voice in the mountains, where he rode his motorcycle for more than two hours to become the voice of the readers.

Luis Almendares

SEPTEMBER 28- HONDURAS

The 35-year-old correspondent for Radio Globo and Azteca TV was shot twice and fatally injured and died in hospital.

Media reports said that gunmen on a motorcycle opened fire multiple times on Almendares when he visited a store in the region of Comayagua, north of the capital Tegucigalpa. He was taken to hospital with multiple gunshot wounds from which he died a day later.

The journalist was known for his publications denouncing corruption in Honduras politics and the activities of organised crime groups in the country.

Almendares had reportedly received death threats and filed complaints with the police and the country's National Protection System, according to rights groups quoted by AFP.

Arturo Alba Medina

OCTOBER 31 - MEXICO

The body of the 49-year-old TV host for Telediario, part of Multimedios Televisión, was found inside his car with

gunshots wounds in city of Juárez, Chihuahua.

Media reports said that Medina was killed minutes after finishing his news program and eleven shell casings were found at the crime scene, according to the Municipal Public Security Secretariat (SSPM).

Jesús Alfonso Piñuelas

NOVEMBER 2 - MEXICO

The journalist, who worked for many news organisations including Televisora del Yaqui, the ICI News Agency and the newspaper El Regional de Sonora, was shot dead in the city of Obregon, Sonora state.

According to local official sources, the journalist also known as "El Norris" and managed two Facebook news account called Zarathustra Prensa" and "El Shock de la Noticia", was intercepted by unidentified gun men who shot him several times

Israel Vázquez Rangel

NOVEMBER 10 - MEXICO

The 31-year-old editor of El Salmantion, an online newspaper, was killed in the Mexican state of Guanajuato by unidentified assailants.

The SNRP, an IFJ affiliate, said that Rangel was shot several times by gunmen in the Villa Salamanca colony where he had gone to report on the discovery of human remains dumped in plastic bags. His attackers fled the scene, the SNRP added.

Jaime Daniel Castaño Zacarías

DECEMBER 14 - MEXICO

The photojournalist and editor of the digital news outlet PrensaLibreMx was gunned down in Jerez, Zacatecas state, while he was covering the discovery of two hodies

According to local news reports, the reporter was shot after he took photographs of the bodies that were left on the public highway as a result of a clashes between the Jalisco Nueva Generación and Sinaloa cartels. Castaño Zacarías worked as a photojournalist and editor of the digital news outlet PrensaLibreMx.



ASIA PACIFIC

Despite widespread government-imposed movement lockdowns, journalists and media workers in the Asia-Pacific region found themselves more vulnerable and more targeted at a time good journalism was needed most.

The onset of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 brought with it a contagion of information controls, overt and aggressive use of legislation and a dramatic shrinking of media freedoms across just about every country in the region. But what no-one was quite prepared for was the simultaneous delivery of the sharp spike in murders and targeted killings of media workers.

Like the waves of pandemic, so too came the waves of killings – first in May and then a second deadlier wave in November. By year's end, the region's death toll for media workers had catapulted to 32 – marking the region as the world's most deadly workplace for journalists. But more than that, it also marked some distinct changes in the pattern of killings and murders.

Retaliatory killings accounted for 78% of the deaths in the region, with 50% of all deaths being victims of shooting assassinations, usually by assailants on motorbikes.

A United Nations report published in the year points out the sharp increase in targeted killings of

human rights defenders and journalists in Afghanistan since peace talks started between the Taliban and Afghan government in September 2020. The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, UNAMA, says there has been "a distinct change in the type of killings". Where previously journalists or activists mostly became victims of general attacks on the population, the recent wave had seen a rise in "intentional, premeditated, and deliberate targeting of individuals".

On the morning of December 10, 2020, 25-year-old **Malala Maiwand** was killed by gunmen in a targeted attack in Nangarhar province in eastern Afghanistan. Assailants opened fire on Malala Maiwand's car as she left to travel to work in Jalalabad from her home in eastern Nangarhar province. Both Malala and her driver, **Mohammad Tahir**, were killed in the attack.

The Islamic State (IS) later claimed responsibility, accusing her of being a "pro-regime" journalist.

The female anchor for Enkaas TV and Radio, she was also an advocate for women's rights. Malala, whose own activist mother had been killed in a targeted attack five years earlier, often spoke on importance of peace for the future of her country. She told Radio Free Afghanistan in early 2020: "All of our needs can only be met in peace."

Malala's death was one of ten recorded in Afghanistan in the year, most of which occurred in in Kabul (recording five) and Nangarhar province (two) – most of them targeted.

The culture of fear delivered by the rash of killing in Afghanistan continues to drive women from the industry and dramatically contracted the media spacey. Many Afghan journalists and activists have reported self-censorship or toning down their words. Some have quit their jobs, left home or left the country.

Across the region, a vacuum of protection for journalist killers was delivered in spades under the pandemic, which already has a paltry scorecard for securing justice for journalist killings.

India and the Philippines continued to log media killings – eight and four respectively - despite both countries operating in so-called peaceful democracies and Bangladesh recorded one.

In the Philippines, 62-year-old **Virgilio Maganes** died on the spot after being hit several times in the head and other parts of the body in



front of his home by gunmen on a motorcycle. The journalist and member of the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP), who worked as a commentator on dwPR and columnist for the weekly Northern Watch newspaper, survived a prior assassination attempt in 2016 by playing dead when motorcycle-riding gunmen shot and wounded him on his way to work. In 2020, his was the 18th murder since Rodrigo Duterte became president in 2016.

"His death is an indictment on this government's empty boast that press freedom is alive and well in the country," the union said.

Pakistan was second to Afghanistan, recording nine killings, starting with the grizzly murder of Sindhi-language

Daily Kawish and KTN News journalist **Aziz Memon**.



Memon's body was found floating in a canal in Naushero Feroze on February 16 with a wire tied

around his neck. His death came after the journalist had earlier released a video in which he said officials of the opposition Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and local police had threatened him over his reporting. After an initial mishandling of the case which saw the murder ruled as suicide by investigators, a breakthrough followed when one of the suspected murderers Nazeer Sehto pled quilty before a local court in Naushero Feroze district in May, According to the Karachi Police chief additional inspector general (AIG) Nazeer's DNA matched the sample taken from the crime scene underneath Aziz Memon's nails.

Of the 21 deaths in the Asia-Pacific region, just three were a result of random explosions. There was also one death staged as a suicide, one hit and run, two stabbings, one journalist set alight and one woman journalist killed in Pakistan in a domestic violence-based honour killing. Most were targeted, intended hits.

There were also welcome breakthroughs in past cases. In Nepal, police arrested one of the accused in the murder of Bara based journalist Birendra Shah 13 years ago. Police arrested Hareram Prasad Kurmi from a hideout in Sapahi, Kolhabi municipality, on September 10. He was the fourth person arrested in the connection to the case. According to Nepal Police they had been searching for Dhami for many years.

In Pakistan, nearly a decade after the murder of Geo News journalist Wali Khan Babar, Pakistan police finally arrested one of his murderers 'at large' in an operation on June 15. He was finally captured after a tip off from a federal intelligence agency. With his arrest, all six perpetrators involved in killing of the journalist have now been brought to justice.

But with the regional rate of murder now averaging a journalist or media worker killed ever 11 days, there is a long way to go to securing justice and giving journalists the protection they so desperately need – right now.

ASIA PACIFIC

Safar Muhammad Atal

JANUARY 1 - AFGHANISTAN



The employee of Radio Samoun was killed in Lashkargah city of Helmand province, according to media reports.

Atal was found dead in the outskirts of Lashkargah city after being apparently murdered, local officials said. "On Wednesday evening Safar Muhammad had been out for an invitation but on Thursday morning his dead body was found in the Safyan area of Lashkargah city," Hayatullah Sahil, Editor in Chief of Samoon Radio, said.

Aziz Memon

FEBRUARY 16 - PAKISTAN



The journalist for Kawish Television Network (KTN) TV and Sindhi-language Daily Kawish was found dead in an irrigation waterway in Mehrabpur in Southern Sindh.

The body of 56-year-old Memon was recovered from a canal near Gaddo Bridge in the Naushahro Feroze district near where he lived, after locals reported a body floating in the water. Memon, who was also president of the Mehrabpur Press Club, was found with wire tied around his neck. His body was taken to the Sindh-based Taluka Hospital for medical and legal formalities. Initial investigations indicated that he had died from strangulation.

Police told Dawn newspaper that Memon received many threats during his 30-year career. Last year he received a threat from a Member of National Assembly (NMA) in Pakistan. The PFUJ also said Memon had released a video message, saying that he had received serious threats for breaking a story against the ruling party in Sindh province and that a senior district police officer had threatened him of dire consequences. Despite applications to the district and provincial authorities, the PFUJ said his case was not given "serious attention".

Javed Khan

FEBRUARY 25 - PAKISTAN

The bureau chief for Ausaf, the Urdu language daily newspaper in Matta, was shot and critically injured by two unidentified gunmen who opened fire on his vehicle in the northwest of Pakistan.



Reports said that the local police confirmed the incident, saying that journalist was with police guard in what they described as "a targeted attack."

36-year-old Javed Khan, who previously worked as a correspondent for Dawn in Mingora, a locality of the Swat valley, was taken to hospital but died on the way.

Saeed Qaisar Inphool Nagar

APRIL 29 - PAKISTAN

The local journalist was found hanging in a building in the Kasur district, 40 km from Lahore after he had been missing since April 27.

The PFUJ, an IFJ affiliate, alleged the murderers tried to stage Qaisar's death as a suicide by hanging. The police have registered the case and started investigations.



Cornelio Pepino

MAY 5 - PHILIPPINES

The 48-year-old radio host, also known as Rex Comelio, was fatally shot after hosting his regular radio program on dyMD Energy 93.7 FM. Cornelio was riding his motorcycle with his wife in Dumaquete City when two men on a separate motorcycle opened fire. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Siliman University Medical Centre. His wife survived, unharmed.



Ahmad Khan Nawid

MAY 9 - AFGHANISTAN

The radio presenter for Voice of Ghor was killed by a shot fired during clashes between police and protestors over unfair distribution of food aid in the city of Firozkoh, Ghor province. Nawid was passing in the area on his way to work when a bullet struck the back of his head, killing him instantly.

Zulfiqar Mandrani

MAY 26 - PAKISTAN

The reporter associated with KTN Group was gunned down in Jacobabad District of Dodapur city. According to media reports, police arrested six suspects in connection with his killing, including a police officer named Mumtaz Daio.

The others were named as Akbar Ali, Syed Imam Shah, Ghulam Ali, Riaz Daio and Nazeer Daio while four other suspects were at large with police looking for them. Police recovered guns used in the killing from Nazeer Diao and Riaz Diao, media reports added.

Mandrani's father was quoted in media as accusing Mumtaz Daio of threatening his son for running stories against them. According to him, Mandrani was attacked by the policeman and his accomplices at the market place and taken to an empty house, where he was shot dead.

Mir Wahed Shah, Safiq Zamir Amiri, Shafiqullah Zabih

MAY 30 - AFGHANISTAN

A roadside bomb attack on a bus carrying 15 Khurshid TV personnel killed journalist Safiq Zamir Amiri, Economics reporter Mir Wahed Shah and technician Shafiqullah Zabih in the Afghan capital city, Kaboul.

According to Afghan Independent Journalists' Association (AIJA), an IFJ affiliate, at least seven other people were injured, including six Khurshid TV staff and the driver.



The interior ministry's deputy spokesperson, Marwa Amini said the attackers targeted the Khurshid TV vehicle. The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, ISIS) group, who are responsible for many of the deadliest attacks in Afghanistan in recent years, claimed responsibility for the attack.

Shubham Mani Tripathi

JUNE 19 - INDIA

The 25-year-old reporter for Kampu Mail was shot multiple times in the Uttar Pradesh's Unnao district while riding home and died from his injuries. Tripathi had been covering controversial land mine disputes prior to his death and actively posted online and petitioned local authorities to stop a member of 'land mafias', from claiming large sections of government land.



He had received several online threats following his investigation into the illegal actions of the 'land mafia' and had expressed fears on his Facebook page that there would be harsh retaliation for his work.

Three suspects were arrested in connection of his killing and a police statement named one of the suspects as Divya Awasthi, who allegedly indirectly paid Ahmed and Bari to shoot Tripathi.



Vikram Joshi JULY 20 - INDIA

The journalist was attacked in the Ghaziabad District of Uttar Pradesh, when a group of men forcibly stopped his motorbike, beating him and shooting him in front of his two daughters. He died in hospital two days later. The attack was filmed on CCTV camera and the District police arrested nine men in connection

with the incident

Sunil Tiwari

JULY 22 - INDIA



The 39-year-old stringer with Nai Duniya newspaper was attacked by unidentifed attackers in Niwari district of Madhya Pradesh who left him unconscious. The assailants encircled Sunil's motorbike, firing shots and striking him with sticks and an axe, before fleeing the scene.

His family members and relatives took the unconscious journalist to the Niwari district hospital for treatment. He was referred to Jhansi Medical College but he died of his injuries.

On May 25, the journalist had uploaded a video on his Facebook page, pleading with the Niwari police superintendent and the Jhansi police superintendent for his safety. In the video, Sunil claimed that he along with his family had received death threats after he exposed illegal activities of Avdhesh Tiwari, Narendra Tiwari and Anil Tiwari. In the video, Tiwari also accused the police in Niwari of refusing to file FIR case against the trio.

Anwar Jan

JULY 23 - PAKISTAN



The journalist, who worked for Naveed-e-Pakistan newspaper, was shot dead by two gunmen while walking home in Barkhan, Balochistan.

Anwar Jan's family accused Abdul Rehman Khetran, the minister for food in the Baluchistan province, of ordering Jan's murder in retaliation for his investigative reporting and social media activism about the alleged corruption of landlords.

According to PFUJ, police filed a First Information Report (FIR) against two bodyguards who work for Abdur Rehman, the provincial minister. Pakistani police stated they were investigating the provincial minister's alleged involvement in the killing of Jan but Mr. Rehman denied these accusations.

Shaheena Shaheen

SEPTEMBER 5 - PAKISTAN



The host of state-owned Pakistan Television morning show and the editor of a local language magazine Dazgohar was fatally shot in her home in Turbak Kech, allegedly by her husband of six months, Nawabzada Mahrab. Her family members have suggested that it may have been an 'honour killing'.

The Turbat police registered the case as a murder and have

begun an investigation with her husband being the chief suspect. Officials reported that Mahrab along with another man left Shaheen's body at the local hospital before fleeing the scene. Police are still searching for Mahrab.

Shaheen was well-known as being a strong supporter of gender equality in Balochistan and had previously been warned by the Baloch militants to leave her job.



Jobert Bercasio
SEPTEMBER 14 - PHILIPPINES

The online broadcast reporter for Balangibog TV was murdered in Sorsogon City by two assailants, who shot him five times near the XTRM Seabreeze Homes subdivision as he rode his motorcycle. Bercasio died at the spot and the attackers fled the scene.



Abid Hussain Abidi SEPTEMBER 25 - PAKISTAN

The journalist, working for the local newspaper Jurm-o- Saza, was shot dead in Mandi Bahaudin in the Malikwal by unidentified gunmen.

Family sources said that two unidentified gunmen on a motor-cycle opened fire targeting Jurm-o- Saza journalist Abidi when the journalist and his brother Muhammad Asif were returning home. The journalist sustained serious injuries to his legs and was taken to local Malikwal hospital. Given the severity of the injuries, the hospital referred the journalist to Malikwal district hospital for further treatment. Abidi died on the way to the district hospital.

According to Abidi's brother Asif, the gunmen at first shouted that their attack was in retaliation for a report Abidi had published. They then shot at the Abidi and fled the scene.

According to the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ), an IFJ affiliate, police arrested one suspect allegedly involved in Abidi's murder.



Iliyas Hossain

OCTOBER 11 - BANGLADESH

The print reporter for Dainik Bijoy was repeatedly stabbed while returning home from work in Dhaka, Narayanganj District in Bangladesh. He was found in the street and taken to hospital where was declared dead.

K Satyanarayana

OCTOBER 17 - INDIA

The reporter for Andrha Jyothi was hacked to death by unknown attackers in Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh. A month before his death, Satyanarayana had filed a report with police concerning an earlier attack.

Yama Siawash

NOVEMBER 7 - AFGHANISTAN



The former Tolonews TV's journalist was killed in a targeted explosion in Makrorayan-e-Char area of Kabul.

According to the police, the explosion targeted the vehicle carrying the TOLO news's former reporter Siawash and two others. Siawash had begun working with Afghanistan's central bank and was in a bank's vehicle along with another senior employee, Ahmadullah Anas, and the driver, Mohammad Amin. All died in the explosion.

G Moses

NOVEMBER 9 - INDIA



The correspondent for Tamil language channel Tamilian TV was knife stabbed by a group of men a short distance from his house in Kundrathur, Tamil Nadu. He attempted to flee but was stabbed again and left fatally wounded. He later died of his wounds.

Virgilio Maganes

NOVEMBERA 10 - PHILIPPINES



The journalist and member of the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP), who worked as a commentator on dwPR and columnist for the weekly Northern Watch newspaper, was gunned down in front of his home in Villasis town by gunmen on motorcycle in black jackets riding in tandem.

He died on the spot after being hit several times in the head and other parts of the body, according to media reports.

Maganes had survived a prior assassination attempt on 8 November 2016, playing dead when motorcycle-riding gunmen shot and wounded him as he rode a tricycle to work, reports added.

गजरवी संवाकार

Parag Bhuyan

NOVEMBER 12 - INDIA

The senior journalist for the Pratidin group and Vice President of the Tinsukia District Journalists' Association (TDJA), was fatally injured when a vehicle struck him and a fellow journalist from behind, while walking on a highway near his home in Assam province. Bhuyan was flung 15 feet in the air, suffering severe head injuries. He died in a nursing home the following day.

Elias Daei

NOVEMBER 12 - AFGHANISTAN



The 33-year-old correspondent of US-funded radioRadio Liberty (RFE / RL) was killed in an explosion in the Helmand province. According to Afghan Independent Journalists Association (AIJA), the journalist was killed in an explosive device attached to his car exploded.

AFP quoted Human Rights Watch as saying that Daei had been "explicitly" warned not to report on the Taliban's operations in the province or that the group was "violating the agreement" it signed with Washington in February, that paved the way for withdrawing American forces from Afghanistan.

"The Taliban had searched his house, questioned him about his movements, and asked local residents to report on his behaviour," journalists who knew Dayee told HRW, the AFP quoted statement added.

He was the second victim of a booby-trapped car blast in a week following a similar incident which claimed the life of former TOLO TV presenter Yama Siawash in the Makrorayan-e-Char area of Kabul.

Ronnie Villamor

NOVEMBER 14 - PHILIPPINES



The freelance journalist Ronnie Villamor was shot by soldiers on the island of Masbate in the Philippines. The authorities claimed that the army was investigating the presence of five armed men in Barangat Matanglad, when Villamor allegedly drew a firearm and was shot dead. This has been vehemently denied by his colleagues who said he was there on request for media coverage of a land dispute that had be coordinated with local police. Villamor attempted to phone police when soldiers prevented the surveyors from working and he was shot dead.

Noor Hassan Lanjwani

NOVEMBER 19 - PAKISTAN

The senior reporter for Sindh Express and secretary of the Press Club in Jacobabad, was shot dead by two armed assailants on a motorcycle while returning to his home near Jacobabad. The journalist was visiting the city to attend the hearing of a murder case in which his brother was among four suspects. He died of his injuries at the scene.



Rakesh Singh Nirbhek

NOVEMBER 28 - INDIA

The journalist for Nirbhek, a daily publication in Lucknow, was burnt alive in Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh along with his partner. In a statement given before his death at the hospital, Rakesh asserted that he had beenwriting 'big news', and was attacked for this reason.

S V Pradeep

DECEMBER 4 - INDIA

The Thiruvananthapuram - based broadcast journalist was killed in a hit-and-run road accident in what sources describe as suspicious circumstances.

According to police and onlookers, a Swaraj Mazda truck hit Pradeep's two-wheeled vehicle which was travelling in the same direction near a Karakkamandapam traffic signal. Instead of stopping, the driver sped away. Pradeep was severely injured and died later from the injuries he had sustained in the incident.

Local police set a special investigation team and said they were considering the option of a targeted attack as a motive and were focused on tracing the vehicle, media reports added.

The journalist's family alleged that Pradeep's death might have been staged and demanded an enquiry. Both Pradeep's mother and sister stated that he was regularly threatened on social media platforms due to his work. A Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) state chief K Surendran was also quoted as saying Pradeep was informed of important "secrets of those in power".

The veteran journalist worked for several major media organisations, including Media One, Manorama News, Jaihind, News 18 and Mangalam TV.

Qais Javed

DECEMBER 7 - PAKISTAN

The 37-year-old cameraman affiliated with Ehadnama media news, who also worked for many other media outlets including Geo News, was shot dead in front of his home in the north western city of Dera Ismail Khan in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province.

Unidentified gunmen on a motorcycle shot Qais Javed multiple times in the stomach, before fleeing the scene. He was rushed to a nearby hospital in Dera Ismail Khan but died on the way.

No group claimed responsibility for the murder, but the region has a history of militant attacks on journalists and people from religious minorities. Javed belonged to the Christian community.

Malala Maiwand, Mohammad Tahir

DECEMBER 10 - AFGHANISTAN

25-year-old Malala Maiwand, a female TV anchor for Enkaas TV and Radio, was killed by gunmen in a targeted attack in Nangarhar province in eastern Afghanistan.

The assailants opened fire on Malala Maiwand's car as she left to travel to work in Jalalabad from her home in eastern Nangarhar province. Both Malala and her driver, Mohammad Tahir, were killed. Following the shooting, the assailants fled the scene. The Islamic State (IS) subsequently claimed responsibility for the shooting, accusing her of being a "pro-regime" journalist. Nangarhar is known for IS militant activity and the group claimed responsibility for most of the recent attacks on civilians in the area.

Rahmatullah Nikzad

DECEMBER 21 – AFGHANISTAN

The reporter, photographer and chief of the Ghazni Journalists' Union, was assassinated in the first district of Ghazni province by unknown assailants.

Nikzad, a respected Afghan journalist who has worked for Al Jazeera and Associated Press, was shot three times in the chest with a silencer pistol as he left home to visit a local mosque.

In his mid-40s, Nikzad was a Ghazni resident and began working as a journalist in 2003. He was associated with several international news outlets and worked on a freelance basis with Al Jazeera Media Network and Associated Press





Europe is not without safety concerns and the International and European Federations of Journalists (IFJ-EFJ) have again recorded two murders of journalists on the European continent, as in 2019. The victims were:



Exiled Pakistani journalist **Sajid Hussain Baloch**, editor-in-chief of the online news magazine Balochistan Times, found

dead near Uppsala (Sweden), on 23 April 2020;

Russian editor **Irina Slavina**, editorin-chief of Koza Press online news, died after setting herself on fire outside the police headquarters in Nizhny Novgorod (Russia), on 2 October 2020, a day after a police raid on her flat.

After the grim record of 12 deaths in 2015, mainly as a result of the massacre of the editorial staff of the weekly Charlie Hebdo, in Paris (France), the situation is now stablising in Europe, with the killing in single digits ever since. Three deaths in 2016, five in 2017, four in 2018, two in 2019 and two in 2020.

On the other hand, the number of cases of impunity for the murder of journalists remains relatively high. The Council of Europe Platform for

the Protection of Journalism and the Safety of Journalists officially records 38 cases of impunity in Europe, including 14 murders and disappearances of Serb and Albanian journalists in Kosovo.

The IFJ and EFJ have also increased calls for justice for the family of investigative journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia, who was brutally murdered in a car bomb attack in Malta on 16 October 2017. The assassination of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, on 2 October 2018 at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul (Turkey), is another major case of impunity, as well as the case of the murder of the Slovak investigative journalist Ján Kuciak killed at home on 21 February 2018.

While the number of murders on European soil has stabilised, cases of physical violence continue to increase. In 2020, the Council of Europe Platform recorded 201 serious violations of press freedom, including 52 cases of attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists (mainly in Russia, Italy, Serbia, the United Kingdom, France, Albania, Bulgaria and Sweden).

2020 was an unfortunate record year in the European Union regarding threats and attacks against journalists. The EFJ is a partner organisation of the EU "Media Freedom Rapid Response" Platform (MFRR) which recorded 245 alerts (with 873)

attacked persons or entities related to media) in 22 EU Member States. According to MFRR data, nearly one in four incidents (23.7%) resulted in journalists and media workers being physically attacked. In more than every tenth incident (11.4%), media workers were injured.

In particular, incidents during protests have become a serious issue. There were 72 MFRR alerts about incidents which took place in 11 European countries and involved 163 journalists, media workers

or entities during demonstrations. Such incidents happened across the European Union, ranging from attacks on TV crew of Germany's public service broadcaster ARD in Berlin to French journalists obstructed in the exercise of their profession by the police, when Yellow Vests resumed their demonstrations in several French cities.

Ricardo GUTIÉRREZ.

EFJ General Secretary



KILLED LIST 2020 EUROPE

Sajid Hussain Baloch

APRIL 23 - SWEDEN

The body of the editor-in-chief of Balochian Times, a news website in Pakistan, was found in the Swedish city of Uppsala near the river Fyris. He had had missing since 2 March.



Media reports said that Hussain's friends reported his disappearance to the Swedish police after they stopped receiving phone calls from him. "Initially, police refused to register the case saying it is normal in Sweden for someone to go in isolation. We insisted that it was not normal for us. Then they registered the case," said Taj Baloch, a friend of Hussain's to Al Jazeera.

Sadij Hussain fled Pakistan in 2012 after receiving death threats, having his home raided, family interrogated and put under surveillance. Between 2012 and 2017 Hussain moved lived in Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Uganda before seeking refuge in Sweden.

Balochian Times is known for its reporting on alleged human rights violations in Pakistan and Hussain had published stories on enforced disappearances and organised crime in his country. There are fears he could have been kidnapped by Pakistani secret services, reports added. The authorities in Sweden said that the autopsy did not reveal the cause of his death but police investigations were continuing.

Irina Slavina

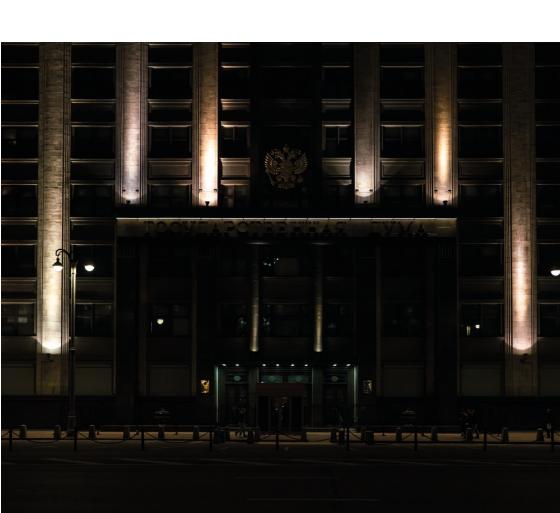
OCTOBER 2 - RUSSIAN FEDERATION

The 47-year-old editor of Koza Press online news died after setting herself on fire outside the police headquarters in Nijni-Novgorod. Her death came a day after the police had searched her apartment. In a note she published on Facebook prior to her act, Irina said:" Blame the Russian Federation for my death."

Media reports quoted her as saying that the search of her apartment was linked to the police investigation into Open Russia, an organisation founded by the Russian exiled oligarch Mikhaïl Khodorkovski. She had also been questioned in connection with another criminal probe of a local businessman, Mikhaïl Losilevitch, also linked to Open Russia. The authorities dismissed any link between her death and the search at her

apartment, claiming that she was only a witness and not a suspect or accused in any criminal activity.

However, Irina had faced numerous chargesi, ranging from taking part in a march in memory of opposition politician Boris Nemtov, contempt of the public following her Facebook about the unveiling of a Stalin memorial in Shakhunya, her participation at the Free People Forum as well as allegations of publishing fake news on Covid crisis in Russia.





MIDDLE EAST AND ARAB WORLD

The Middle East and Arab World is perhaps the region where journalists and media professionals have seen wild swings in their fortunes with regard to media safety. For most part of the last three decades, the Middle East and Arab World was notoriously recognised as the killing fields of journalists and media workers, with countries, such as Algeria, Iraq, Palestine, Syria and Yemen recorded some of the highest death tolls in journalism due to wars, sectarian violence and terrorism.

In the 1990s, it was Palestine and Algeria where violence against journalists shattered media communities. By the end of the civil war in Algeria, over 120 journalists lost their lives from terrorist attacks and extrajudicial killings. During the war, hundreds of journalists and their families were forced to leave their homes and live in safe houses.

The American-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 was followed by wave after wave of bloody attacks on journalist's media organisations, which left over 450 journalists and media workers killed according to Iraqi Journalists Syndicate (IJS). Women journalists were particularly vulnerable to the attacks, during the height of the civil war. Between 2006-2008, only a few dozens of women journalists were still working inside Iraq, the others either left the profession or forced them flee the country.

In 2008, the president of IJS Shihab Tamimi was shot dead by assassins after leaving the offices of the union and died in the hospital four days later. The Iraqi authorities did not bring his killers to face justice nor published a report of its investigations in this case or in the majority of cases of murdered journalists. This has resulted in the culture of impunity for the killers of journalists in the region, which has been the biggest factor in the media safety crisis and continues to inflame it.

ng the 2010s following the Arab Spring, several countries descended into violence and civil wars. Journalists were intentionally targeted in Yemen, Syria, Iraq, Egypt and Libya, resulting in the killings of hundreds of journalists and media workers. Many more were forced to flee their homes or leave the profession.

However, in recent years, there has been a change in the direction of travel, with killings trending downwards. The case in point is Iraq, where from the height of killings, up to 167 in mid 2000s, only two journalists lost their lives in 2020.

The region's number of killings in media was also marginally up from 2019, with only nine journalists and other media professionals killed when eight were killed last year.

In 2020, Syria topped the region's list of countries where journalists were killed in work-related incidents, with four killings, followed by Yemen (3) and Iraq (2). Another illness-related death was recorded in Iraq Kurdistan.

Furthermore, the year 2020 will go down in history as the year of another crisis, the unprecedented global pandemic Corona crisis, which proved quite challenging to the health safety of journalists and other media workers. On one hand, journalists were faced which challenges of reporting safely on the deadly virus. On the other, a whole range of measures in the form of legislation by governments around the world which seriously impeded independent reporting under the disguise of combating fake news.

During all these years, the IFJ stood shoulder to shoulder with unions and iournalists to address these crises. It organised international campaigns to demand justice for killed journalists, like the US deadly attack on Palestine Hotel in Baghdad in 2003, which killed two journalists and injured many others. It provided financial support to injured journalists and the families of the journalists who lost their lives. It organised safety training to thousands of journalists in conflict zones to help them to take care of themselves. The IFJ and its affiliates worked with media employers to take its 'Duty of Care' for their staff seriously including providing relevant training, safety equipment and insurances and worked with international organisations and the authorities to set up national media safety mechanisms mandated with investigating and attacks and threats against journalists.

These opportunities provided media professionals with life saving skills and helped give its unions in the region take care of their members.



MIDDLE EAST AND ARAB WORLD

Ahmad Abdessamad, Safaa Ghali

JANUARY 10 - IRAQ

37-year old Ahmad Abdessamad, a correspondent for the local television station al-Dijlah in Basra and his 26-year-old cameraman Safaa Ghali,t were shot dead in southern Iraqi city where they had been covering anti-government protests.

According to media reports, Ahmad and Safaa were in their car when a 4x4 vehicle pulled up and its passengers fired a hail of bullets into the car. Ahmad Abdessamad was killed instantly while his cameraman was taken to hospital, where he died shortly afterwards. A video of the attack later emerged on the website of Dijlah TV , showing Abdessamad slumped down in his chair.



Badil Al-Baraih

JANUARY 18 - YEMEN

The photojournalist for September 26, an online newspaper, was killed in a missile attack by the Houthi rebels on an army camp near Marib.



Amjad Aktalati

FEBRUARY 4 - SYRIA

The freelance journalist, who contributed to several media outlets, died in airstikes on Idlib, according to a statement of UNESCO's Director-General.



FEBRUARY 20 - SYRIA

The journalist and photographer for Binnish Media Office was killed in airstrikes on Idlib, according to a statement by UNESCO's Director-General.



Nabil Hasan al-Quaety

JUNE 2 - YEMEN

The 34-year-old photojournalist who contributed to the AFP and other major news organisations was gunned down by unidentified masked gunmen in Yemen's southern city of Aden, according to the AFP.

He was shot while in his car, shortly after leaving his home in Aden, in what the authorities called "a planned and organised assassination." He was severely wounded and died later in the hospital.

Rashid al-Bakr

OCTOBER 26 - SYRIA



The reporter for Syria 1 News Agency was killed in an airstrike while covering the training of soldiers belonging to the Turkish-backed National Front for Liberation, a Syrian opposition coalition, at a training camp in Jabal al-Duwailah, near the northern Idlib city of Kafr Takharim.

Hussein Khattab

DECEMBER 12 - SYRIA

The reporter for Turkish state broadcaster TRT World, was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in Al Bab city, in Aleppo's northwestern neighborhood.

Khattab was working on a report about displaced people in Al Bab and the dangers surrounding their living conditions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In the middle of his work, two masked men on a motorbike shot him 10 times near the city's cemetery, killing him instantly.

Al Bab is controlled by Ankara-backed Syrian armed groups and the Turkish Armed Forces (TSK). Khattab, also known as 'Kara Al-Safrani', had earlier warned on his Facebook account about an assassination attempt against him on 23 September. The post, published four days after the threat, identified a man named Ahmed Al-Abdullah as the person threatening him.

According to the journalist's statement, the threat was thought to be related to a report he was working on in the village of Tar'hine, located in the Aleppo region, about living conditions, the lack of a school or a clinic, and the poverty local people were living in. Due to the lack of responses by the police about this issue, he was forced to leave his house.

Adeeb Al-Janani

DECEMBER 30 - YEMEN



The correspondent for Belqees TV was killed in a missile attack on Aden Airport while he was reporting live TV about the arrival of the Yemeni government plane, when the airport was hit by 4 missiles, leaving 25 casualties and 110 wounded. Among the wounded were the correspondent of the Yemeni channel 'Al Fadhayia', Sadok El Ritibi, who was also reporting the government's arrival.

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS

Hanumanthu

APRIL 21 - INDIA

The employee of Public TV, was killed in a road accident on his way back to Bangalore from Ramanagara jail, where he was reporting on a story relating to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Huner Rasool

AUGUST 12 - IRAQ

The journalist for Gali Kurdistan TV of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan Party suffered a heart attack and died while coverig clashes between security forces and protesters in the town of Ranya of Iraq Kurdistan, according to a statement by UNESCO. According to the Kurdish Journalists' Syndicate (KJS), an IFJ affiliate, Rasool had a well-known heart condition.





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International Safety Fund

2020

REPORT ON THE IFJ'S INTERNATIONAL SAFETY FUND FOR 2020

In 2020, the International Safety Fund continued to provide assistance to journalists and media staff as well as their family members from the four corners of the globe to meet multiple needs. The IFJ International Safety Fund paid more than 48.433,57 Euros in relief to help them pay for living expenses, relocate to safety, receive medical treatment or pay for legal assistance.

Fortunately, the year also continued support from IFJ affiliates to the Safety Fund which raised over 11.000 Euro in donations. These generous contributions enable the Fund to continue its unique model of solidarity among journalists. Since its inception in 1992, the Fund payed over three million euros in humanitarian and emergency assistance, making the Safety Fund a vital lifeline for journalists.

The IFJ Safety Fund is made up of money raised by individual journalists and IFJ unions. It has taken up cases all over the world and intervened to provide special support for the media victims of natural disasters and accidents.

The IFJ International Safety Fund covers the following areas of assistance:

The IFJ Safety Fund is designed primarily to provide assistance for

journalists and media staff injured in the line of duty, often in the so-called "hot-spots" of the world and in cases where the media employing the journalist/media staffer are unable to cover such costs. This assistance can be in the form of travel, medical or subsistence costs.

The Safety Fund can also be used on a case by-case limited basis to assist in legal fees for journalists/media staff that again cannot find sufficient support from their employer.

Finally, the Safety Fund can provide immediate assistance for the families of journalists and media staff whose 'bread-winner' has been killed and who have no means to sustain themselves.

Whenever the IFJ gives assistance there is a monitoring and reporting process to ensure that the money goes to where it is intended. In 2010 the IFJ revised the Safety Fund rules. These are available on request from the IFJ secretariat.

Over the years the IFJ Safety Fund has been used to produce publications as part of the IFJ Safety Programme. These have included the IFJ Safety Fund brochures produced in English, French Japanese and Spanish and the IFJ Safety Manual, Live News for journalists travelling to conflict areas.

Live News has been produced in Albanian, Arabic, Bulgarian, Chinese, English, French, Italian, Japanese, Macedonian, Romanian, Russian, Serbian and Spanish. These publications provide basic guidelines on the dangers which may occur, and what measures journalists can take to minimise risks. They are distributed to journalists, free of charge.

When a journalist is attacked, everyone in journalism is affected. When a journalist is helped to overcome intimidation and violence, it strikes a blow for press freedom and our rights which are of benefit to the whole community.

The Safety Fund is not just a practical source of aid and comfort; it is also a symbol of international goodwill that encourages journalists to carry on even in times of struggle and distress.

The type of relief provided by the IFJ Safety Fund, the speed with which it can be used, and the flexibility built into the system means that it is a unique source of solidarity for journalists.

The IFJ does not try to duplicate work that is being done by others. We are in regular contact with other organisations working in the field of journalists' safety and freedom of expression. These include the Committee to Protect Journalists, the International Press Institute,

Reporters Without Borders, the Canadian Journalists for Free Expression, the Writers in Prison Committee, the Rory Peck Trust and the World Association of Newspapers.

Information is exchanged, and, where necessary, an individual may receive coordinated assistance from more than one source.

Nonetheless, without the IFJ Fund, many would have gone unaided. Some might have suffered unnecessarily, others might have died.

The IFJ Safety Fund can only continue to assist journalists if its future is secured. In order to go out, money must come in. But, most importantly, it is a Fund that must provide help to those who need it most. Since the launch of the IFJ safety dedicated website, it is now possible to make secure online donations.

Please visit http://ifj-safety.org/en and donate to ensure that we get the message out to those who have suffered and face a bleak future: you are not alone – the IFJ Safety fund is here to help.

SOLIDARITY IN ACTION

AFRICA

RWANDA

A journalist in exile received assistance from the IFJ's International Safety Fund for medical treatment while another journalist received help for legal representation in a criminal case for his reporting:

BURUNDI

The Safety Fund contributed to legal representation for journalists detailed and charged with criminal offences as result of their reporting assignment. Another journalist who went into hiding after receiving threats over his reporting was given assistance to relocate to safety.

CAMEROUN

The IFJ's International Safety Fund gave humanitarian assistance to a jouornalist who suffered ill health abroad

LIBERIA

The Safety Fund provided financial help for legal assistance to a journalist seeking protection in a country of exile

SOMALIA

The Fund gave financial help to the journalist who needed medica care

in a country where he was seeking political protection. Another journalist also contributed to the legal aid to the union to support their legal challenge against a new media law while a third journalist was awarded financial help for living expenses in exile.

UGANDA

The Safety Fund provided contribution to the legal aid to a journalist involved in a lawsuit for unlawful dismissal.

AMERICAS

COLOMBIA

The Safety Fund awarded an emergency assistance to a journalist seeking safe accommodation after receiving threats for his work. The Safety Fund also paid costs for representation of journalists who are victims of arbitrary layoffs during the Covid-19 crisis.

EL SALVADOR

The Safety Fund granted a humanitarian assistance to two journalists for housing after a natural disaster left them and their families homeless.

PERU

Another journalist was awarded financial assistance for legal representation in a case of unlawful dismissal.

ASIA PACIFIC

AFGHANISTAN

A journalist received assistance from the IFJ Safety Fund for medical treatment. Another journalist also received help for a medical operation to remove shrapnel sustained while covering fighting.

EUROPE

BELARUS

The Safety Fund gave financial assistance to a journalist who needed medical care after suffering injuries while covering protests.

MIDDLE EAST AND ARAB WORLD

IRAN

The Safety Fund provided assistance to three journalists in exile for living expenses.

PALESTINE

Five journalists received financial assistance from the Safety Fund for medical treatment for injuries sustained at work.

YEMEN

The Safety Fund awarded assistance for living expenses the the family of a jailed journalist. Another journalist who suffered ill health following his long detention received assistance after his release.



COUNTRY				Date of
NAME	ď₽	ORGANISATION	POSITION	Arrest
ALGERIA				
ABDELKRIM	ď	Radio-Sarbacane	Journalist	24/6/2020
ZEGHILECHE				
AZERBAIJAN				
ARAZ GULIYEV	ď	Xeber 44	Editor	8/09/2012
ELCHIN ISMAYILLI	ď	Kend	Journalist	17/02/2017
IKRAM RAHIMOV	ď	Realliq	Journalist	26/10/2018
POLAD ASLANOV	ď	Xeberman, Press-az	Editor-in-chief	12/06/2019
ZIYA ASADLI	ď	Azadliq	Reporter	5/09/2017
AHMED HUMAIDAN	ď		Freelance photographer	29/12/2012
MAHMOUD AL-JAZIRI	♂	Al Wasat Newspaper (now closed)	Reporter	28/12/2015
SAYED AHMED AL MOUSAWI	ਂ		Freelance photographer	10/02/2014
HASSAN QAMBAR BELARUS	♂		Freelance photographer	12/06/2018
MARYNA	Q	Viasna	Journalist	30/10/2020
KASTYLYANCHANKA				
KATSIARYNA MIADZVEDZEVA	Q	Freelance	Journalist	12/11/2020
ANDREI RABCHYK	ď	Belapan agency	Journalist	15/11/2020
ANDREI SHAULUHA	ď	Belapan agency	Journalist	15/11/2020
KATSIARYNA ANDREEVA	Q	Belsat	Journalist	22/11/2020
DARIA CHULTSOVA	Q	Belsat	Journalist	22/11/2020
ALEXANDRA KVITKEVICH	Q	Belsat	Journalist	16/11/2020
MAXIM LAURETSKY	ď	Belapan agency	Journalist	16/11/2020
KATSIARYNA BARYSEVICH	ਂ	TUT.by	Journalist	19/11/2020
IHAR ILYASH	ď	Belsat	Journalist	24/11/2020
YAUHEN MIKALAYEVICH	੦ਾ	Media-Polesie	Journalist	25/11/2020
BANGLADESH				
ABUL ASAD	ď	Daily Sangram	Editor	13/12/2019
ARIFUL ISLAM	ď	Bangla Tribune / Kurigram	Journalist	13/03/2020
CAMBODIA	Ŭ	g		
RATH ROTT MONY	ď	News Fixer and Translator	News fixer and Translator	26/06/2019
HUN SOKHA	ď	CPNTV / Sihanoukville	Journalist	19/07/2019
KEO RATTANA	ď	TN-TV / Sihanoukville	Journalist	19/07/2019
SOVANN RITHY	ď	TVFB News site / Phnom Penh	Director	7/04/2020
SOK OUDOM	ď	Local Rithysen 99.75 FM Radio station and News website / Kampong Chhnang City	owner	13/05/2020
ROS SOKHET	ď	Cheat Khmer Newspaper	Journalist	25/06/2020
UON CHHIN	ď	Radio Free Asia (RFA)	Reporter	17/11/2017
YEANG SOTHEARIN	♂	Radio Free Asia (RFA)	Reporter	17/11/2017
KEO HOUR	♂	SBT Hot News	Reporter	8/07/2020

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CAMEROON				
AMADOU VAMOULKÉ	♂	Cameroon Radio and Television (CRTV)	Journalist / Director	29/07/2016
KINGSLEY FUMUNYUY NJOKA	ď	,	Freelance journalist	15/05/2020
MANCHO BIBIXY	ď	Abakwa FM	Journalist	17/01/2017
PAUL CHOUTA	ď	Cameroon Web, Le TGV de l'info	Freelance journalist	28/05/2019
THOMAS AWAH JUNIOR	ď	Aghem Messenger, Afril2 Radio	Journalist	2/01/2017
WAWA JACKSON NFOR	ď		Freelance journalist	15/05/2018
CHINA				
NIYAZ KAHAR	ď	Golden Tarim / Urumqi, Xinjiang province	Reporter / Blogger	JUIL20
GHEYRAT NIYAZ	්	Uighurbiz / Urumqi, Xinjiang province	Reporter	1/10/2009
GULMIRE IMIN	Q	Urumqi, Xinjiang province	Blogger	14/07/2009
MEMETJAN ABLIZ BORIYAR	ď	Kashgar Publishing House / Xinjiang province	Editor-in-chief	1/10/2020
LI XINDE	ď	China Public Opinion Surveillance Net / Beijing	Founder of China Public Opinion Surveillance Net	23/10/2019
KE CHENGBING	ď	Xinshengdai/ llabour / Shenzhen	Journalist	20/03/2020
WEI ZHILI	ď	Xinshengdai/llabour / Shenzhen	Journalist	20/03/2019
YANG ZHENGJUN	ď	Xinshengdai/ ILabour / Shenzhen	Editor / reporter	8/01/2019
ABLAJAN SIYIT	ď	Kashgar Publishing House / Xinjiang province	Journalist	15/10/2018
JURET HAJI	ď	Xinjiang Daily / Xinjiang province	Editor	6/08/2018
MEMTIMIN OBUL	ď	Xinjiang Daily / Xinjiang province	Editor	6/08/2018
MIRKAMIL ABLIMIT	් ්	Xinjiang Farmer's Daily / Xinjiang province	Editor	6/08/2018
ILHAM WELI	ď	Xinjiang Daily / Xinjiang province	Journalist	1/07/2018
ERKIN TURSUN	ď	Ili Television Station / Xinjiang province	Journalist	1/03/2018
OSMAN ZUNUN	ď	Kashgar Publishing House / Xinjiang province	Former editor-in-chief	EARLY 2018
ABLIZ OMER	ď	Kashgar Publishing House / Xinjiang province	Former editor-in-chief	YEAR 2017
HUANG QI	ď	64 Tianwang / Chengdu, Sichuan province	Founder	28/11/2016
LIU WEI'AN	♂	Shaoguan, Guangdong province	Freelance journalist	5/06/2013
LIU FEIYUE	ď	Minsheng Guancha	Founder / Editor	16/11/2016
MEMETJAN ABDULLA	♂ਂ	China National Radio / Xinjiang province	Editor	JULY, 2009

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NAME	•			Arrest
CUBA				
ROBERTO JESÚS QUIÑONES	ď	CubaNet	Journalist	11/09/2019
DEMOCRATIC REPUB	LIC C	F THE CONGO		
JUNIOR SUPA	ď	Radio Liberté Buta (RALIB)	Technician	28/11/2019
EGYPT				
ISLAM AL-KAHLI	ď	Dareb	Journalist	9/9/2020
SAYED SHEHTA	♂"	Youm 7	Journalist	30/8/2020
HANY GRISHA	♂"	Youm 7	Journalist	26/8/2020
ESSAM ABDEEN	ď	_	Freelance journalist	1/9/2020
SHAIMA SAAMI	Q	Alexandria	Freelance journalist	20/5/2020
MOSTAFA SAKER	ď	Business News	Journalist	12/4/2020
AHMED SUBAIE	ď	Al aqsa TV/ Afaq Arabia	Journalist	1/2/2020
AHMED SHAKER	ď	Rose El-Yousef Newspaper	Journalist	28/11/2019
HOSSAM EL-SAYYAD	ď	_	Freelance photojournalist	26/11/2019
SOLAFA MAGDY	Q		Freelance reporter	27/11/2019
MOSTAFA AL-KHATEEB	්	Associated Press / Cairo	Reporter	13/10/2019
ESRAA ABDELFATTAH	Q	Tahrir News / Cairo	Journalist	13/10/2019
KHALED DAOUD	ď		Freelance journalist	25/9/2019
HASSAN AL-KABBANI	♂		Freelance journalist	17/9/2019
MOHAMED OXYGENE	ď		Freelance photographer	1/9/2019
SAYED ABD ELLAH	♂		Freelance photographer	22/9/2019
HISHAM FOUAD	o"	Cairo	Freelance journalist	25/6/2019
HOSSAM MOANIS	♂	Al-Karama Newspaper	Reporter	25/6/2019
MOATAZ WADNAN	්	HuffPost Arabi	Reporter	16/2/2018
BADR MOHAMED BADR	ď	Al-Osra Al-Arabyia	Journalist	30/3/2017
ERITREA				
AMANUEL ASRAT	ď	Zemen	Editor	09/2001
DAWIT HABTEMICHAEL	♂ੈ	Meqaleh	Editor	24/09/2001
DAWIT ISAAC	♂"	Setit	Editor	23/09/2001
GHEBREHIWET KELETA	ď	Tsigenay	Reporter	JULY, 2000
HAMID MOHAMMED SAID	ď	Eri TV	Editor	15/02/2002
IDRIS SAID (ABBA ARRE)	්	Tsigenay, Eritrea Al-Haditha	Columnist	10/2001
JIM'IE KIMEIL	්	Eritrea al-Haditha	Investigative journalist / Sports editor	24/11/2005
MATTEWOS HABTEAB	ď	Megaleh	Founder / Editor	09/2001
MEDHANIE HAILE	ď	Keste Debana	Editor	09/2001
SAHLE TSEGAZEAB (WEDI ITAY)	♂	Haddas Ertra, Zemen	Freelance journalist	09/2001
SAID ABDELKADER	ď	Admas	Editor	09/2001
SALEH ALJAZEERI	♂	Dimtsi Hafash, Eritrea al- Haditha	Journalist	09/2001

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SEYOUM TSEHAYE	ď	Setit	Founder / Independent journalist	21/09/2001
TEMESGEN GHEBREYESUS	ď	Keste Debena	Editor	23/09/2001
TESFAY 'GOMORA' GHEBREAB	♂	Setit	Freelance	09/2001
YUSUF MOHAMED ALI HONG KONG	ď	Tsigenay	Editor-in-chief	23/09/2001
MR. WONG	ď	Editorial Board City U SU	Journalist	27/08/2019
MR. MA	ď	Passion Times	Journalist	30/09/2019
MR. JOEY KWOK	ď	Stand News	Photographer	3/11/2019
INDIA	0			
AASIF SULTAN INDONESIA	් ්	Kashmir Narrator/Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir	Assistant editor	27/08/2018
DIANANTA PUTRA	ď	BanjarHits.id/Kotabaru,	Chief editor	4/05/2020
SUMEDI	U	South Kalimantan		
MOHAMMAD SADLI SALEH	ď	Liputanpersada.com / Central Buton, South East Sulawesi	Chief editor	17/12/2019
IRAN				
ROOHOLLAH ZAM KAZAKHSTAN	♂	Amad News	Journalist	14/10/2019
AMANGELDY	♂	S-Inform	Editor	23/09/2019
BATYRBEKOV MOROCCO				
HAMID AL-MAHDAOUI	ď	News website Badil.info	Journalist	20/7/2017
SOULAIMAN RAISSOUNI	ď	Akhbar Al-Youm Newspaper	Editor-in-chief	22/5/2020
TAOUFIK BOUACHRINE	ď	Akhbar Al-Youm Newspaper	Columnist / Publisher	23/2/2018
MOHAMED AL-ASRIHI	ď	Rif24	Journalist / Director	6/6/2017
OMAR RADI	ď	Lakome	Journalist	29/7/2020
MYANMAR	Ŭ			
KO NAY MYO LIN	ď	Voice of Myanmar (VOM) / Mandalay	Editor-in-chief	30/03/2020
KYAW SOE OO	ď	Reuters / Yangon	Journalist	12/12/2017
NANDA	♂	Channel Mandalay TV / Mandalay	Journalist	15/05/2019
WA LONE	ď	Reuters / Yangon	Journalist	12/12/2017
ZAW YE HTET	ď	Online News Agency Dae	Chief editor	13/05/2020
PAKISTAN	Ĭ	Pyaw/Karen state		
MIR	E.,	Jang & Geo Media Group	Editor in chief	12/03/2020
SHAKIL-UR-REHMAN	♂	/ Karachi	Luitor-in-chief	12,05/2020
PHILIPPINES				7/00/5
FRENCHIE MAE CUMPIO	Q	Alternative media outfit Eastern Vista/ Tacloban City, in the Eastern Visayas region	Executive director	7/02/2020

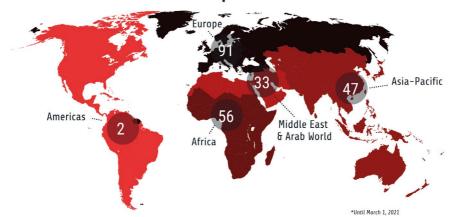
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RWANDA				
DAMASCENE MUTUYIMANA	♂	lwacu TV	Reporter	10/2018
JEAN BAPTISTE NSHIMIYIMANA	♂	lwacu TV	Reporter	10/2018
PHOCAS NDAYIZERA	ď		Freelance journalist	21/11/2018
SHADRACK	ď	lwacu TV	Reporter	10/2018
NIYONSENGA	Ŭ			
RUSSIA				
ABDULMUMIN GADZHIEV	♂	Chernovik Newspaper	Editor	14/06/2019
NARIMAN MEMEDEMINOV	<i>්</i>		Freelance journalist	22/03/2018
OSMAN ARIFMEMETOV	♂		Freelance journalist	27/03/2019
RASHID MAYSIGOV	ď	Fortanga News website	Reporter	12/07/2019
REMZI BEKIROV	ď	Grani News website	Journalist	27/03/2019
RUSTEM SHEIKHALIEV	ď		Freelance journalist	27/03/2019
SAUDI ARABIA			•	
ABDULLAH AL-DUHAILAN	♂ਂ	El Hayate Newspaper	Journalist	4/4/2019
ABDULRAHMAN FARHANA	♂ਂ	Al-Sabeel	Journalist	20/2/2019
ALAA BRINGY / ALAA BRINJI	♂	El Bilad Newspaper	Journalist	13/5/2014
FAHD AL-SUNAIDI	ď	Al-Majd TV	Journalist	11/9/2017
THUMAR	ď	•	Freelance journalist	4/4/2019
AL-MARZOUQI			•	
YAZED AL-FAIFI	ď	El-Watan Newspaper	Journalist	4/4/2019
ZANA CHAHRI	Q	Asr Magazine	Journalist	11/ 2019
AHMED AL-SUWIAN	♂	Al-Bayan	Chairman	20/9/2017
ALI AL-OMARI	♂	4Shbab	Chairman	10/9/2017
MARWAN AL-MUREISI	♂		Freelance reporter	1/6/2018
MOHAMMED AL-SADIQ	ď		Freelance journalist	4/4/2019
SAMI AL-THUBAITI	ď	Tawasul	Journalist	09/2017
WAJDI AL-GHAZZAWI	ď	Al-Fajr Media Group	Owner	10/8/2012
ZUHAIR KUTBI	ď		Freelance journalist	10/1/2019
SOMALIA			•	
ABDIQAADIR SALEBAN	ď	Horn Cable TV	Chief editor	18/11/2019
ASEYR SUDAN				
EMMANUEL	ď	The Dawn Newspaper	Editor-in-chief	4/11/2019
MONYCHOL AKOP SYRIA	O	тте Dawit Newspaper	Lattor-in-criter	7172515
MOHAMMAD TAWFIQ	ď	Syria Alikhbaria TV	Journalist	3/6/2019
AL-SAGHIR KHALED EL-HASSEN	ď	Manar TV	Journalist	12/6/2019
RAAFAT NBHAN	ď	Al-Quds TV	Journalist	7/3/2019
FARES MAAMOU	ď	Shaam News Network	Contributor	1/10/2012
TURKEY		SHAUIT I YEWS I YELWOLK	Continuator	
ABDULKADIR TURAY	ď	Dicle News Agency(DİHA)	Journalist	5/05/2016
ABDULLAH KILIÇ	ď	Habertürk TV, Meydan	General Publication	25/07/2016
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TURKEY	_	T ()		42 (44 /2 040
AHMET ALTAN AHMET FEYZULLAH	් ♂	Taraf Newspaper Cihan News Agency	Editor-in-chief / Writer Journalist	12/11/2019 16/08/2017
ÖZYURT				
AHMET UZAN	♂"	Sabah Egeli Newspaper	News Manager	UNKNOWN
ALAATTIN AKKAŞOĞLU	ď	Kütahya Akis Region Newspaper – Gediz Newspaper /Karşı Newspaper	Co-Owner	UNKNOWN
ALI AHMET BÖKEN	ď	TRT	News Coordinator	UNKNOWN
AYSENUR PARILDAK	Q	Zaman Newspaper	Journalist	08/2016
AZIZ ORUÇ	ď	Dicle News Agency (DİHA)	Journalist	UNKNOWN
BARIŞ PEHLIVAN	ď	Oda TV	Editor-in-chief	UNKNOWN
BAYRAM KAYA	♂ਂ	Zaman Newspaper, Yeni Hayat	Journalist	26/07/2016
BEYTULLAH ÖZDEMIR	o"	Zaman Newspaper	Düzce Representative	27/10/2016
BURÇIN DOKGÖZ	ď	Zaman Newspaper, Cihan	Journalist	21/08/2016
CIHAN ACAR	ď	Bugün Newspaper	Journalist	30/07/2016
CUMA ULUS	ď	Millet Newspaper	Publications coordinator	26/07/2016
EMRE SONCAN	♂"	Zaman Newspaper	Journalist	24/07/2016
ERCAN GÜN	ď	Fox TV	News Editor	29/07/2016
ERDAL SÜSEM	♂ਂ	Eylul Art and Literature Journal	Editor	02/2010
ERDAL ŞEN	ď	Meydan Newspaper	Editor-in-chief	UNKNOWN
EROL ZAVAR	ď	Odak Magazine	Owner / Editor-in-chief	YEAR 2007
ERSIN DEMIRCI	් ්	Zaman Newspaper, Cihan News Agency	Erzurum Representative	UNKNOWN
FAHRI ÖZTOPRAK	ď	Zaman Newspaper	Journalist	12/12/2016
FARUK AKKAN	♂ਂ	Cihan News Agency	General Manager / News Coordinator	27/07/2016
FERHAT ÇIFTÇI	♂ਂ	Azadiya Welat Newspaper	Representative	YEAR 2011
FETHI ALTUN	<i>්</i>	Zaman Newspaper, Cihan News Agency	Journalist	12/10/2016
FEVZI YAZICI	ď	Zaman Newspaper	Visual Editor / Technician	27/07/2016
HABIP GÜLER	ď	Zaman Newspaper	Journalist	25/07/2016
HANIM BÜŞRA ERDAL	Q	Zaman Newspaper, Yeni Hayat	Journalist	6/07/2016
HARUN ÇÜMEN	o"	Zaman Newspaper	Editor-in-chief	UNKNOWN
HASAN HÜSEYIN ÖRS	♂	TRT	Çalışan	UNKNOWN
HASAN TAŞAR	ď	TRT	Journalist	UNKNOWN
HATICE DUMAN	Q	Atılım Newspaper	Owner / Editor-in-chief	9/04/2003
HÜLYA KILINÇ	Q	Oda TV	Journalist	UNKNOWN
HÜSEYIN AYDIN	o"	Cihan News Agency	Journalist	26/07/2016
İBRAHIM HALIL ÖZTÜRKERI	♂ਂ	TRT	Çalışan	UNKNOWN
İSMAIL ÇOBAN	ď	Azadiya Welat Newspaper	Editor-in-chief	21/04/2018
KAMURAN SUNBAT	ď	Dicle News Agency (DİHA)	Journalist	YEAR 2011
KAZIM CANLAN	♂	Cihan News Agency	News Manager	UNKNOWN

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KENAN KARAVIL	♂	Radio Dünya	General Publication Coordinator	7/12/2009
MAHMUT GÜLECAN	ď	Özgür Halk Magazine	Editor	UNKNOWN
MEHMET GÜLEŞ	ਂ	Dicle News Agency (DİHA)	Journalist	6/12/2016
MEHMET KURU	ď	Zaman Newspaper	Journalist	16/08/2016
MIKTAT ALGÜL	♂ਂ	Mezitli FM	General Publication Coordinator	YEAR 2010
MUHAMMET SAID KULOĞLU	♂ਂ	Subuhaber News site	Founder / Editor-in-chief	24/07/2017
MURAT ÇAPAN	ď	Nokta Magazine	Editor	24/05/2017
MUSA AYAN	ď	Cihan News Agency	Journalist	UNKNOWN
MUSTAFA ERKAN ACAR	♂	Bugün Newspaper	News Manager	29/07/2016
MUSTAFA GÖK	♂	Ekmek ve Adalet Magazine	Ankara Representative	19/02/2004
MUSTAFA GÖKKILIÇ	ď	Habertürk-Radikal	Journalist	UNKNOWN
MUSTAFA ÜNAL	ď	Zaman Newspaper	Temsilci	27/07/2016
MUTLU ÇÖLGEÇEN	ď	Millet Newspaper	Editorial Coordinator	31/08/2016
MÜYESSER YILDIZ	Q	Oda TV	Ankara Representative	UNKNOWN
NEDIM TÜRFENT	♂"	Dicle News Agency (DİHA)	Journalist	12/05/2016
OĞUZ USLUER	ď	Habertürk TV	News Coordinator	28/12/2016
ÖMER ORUÇ	ď	Cihan News Agency	Journalist	18/12/2016
ÖZCAN KESER	ď	TRT	Journalist	19/08/2016
ÖZDEN KINIK	Q	TRT	Çalışan	UNKNOWN
RAWIN STERK (İSMAIL YILDIZ)	♂ਂ	Rudaw	Journalist	UNKNOWN
SAMI TUNCA	ď	Mücadele Birliği Journal	Editor-in-chief	YEAR 2013
SERKAN AYDEMIR	ď	Bitlis Aktüel Newspaper	Journalist	13/02/2016
SERTAN ÖNAL	♂	Halkın Günlüğü Newspaper	Journalist	24/02/2018
SEYIT KILIÇ	ď	TRT	Journalist	29/07/2016
SEYITHAN AKYÜZ	੦ਁ	Azadiya Welat Newspaper	Representative	7/12/2009
TURGUT USUL	ď	TRT	Journalist	4/01/2018
VAHIT YAZGAN	ď	Zaman Newspaper	Agent	8/08/2016
YILMAZ KAHRAMAN	ď	Özgür Halk Magazine	Editor	YEAR 2009
ZIYA ATAMAN	ਂ	Dicle News Agency (DİHA)	Journalist	11/04/2016
UNITED ARAB EMIRA	ΓES			
MONDHIR ALMUZAKI	♂	Abu Dhabi Sports Channel	Correspondent	5/11/2020
UNITED KINGDOM				
JULIAN ASSANGE VENEZUELA	♂	Wikileaks	Founder	11/04/2019
NICMER EVANS	ď	Punto de Corte News website	Founder / Director	13/07/2020
VIETNAM	<u> </u>			
LE HUU MINH TUAN	ď	Vietnam Toi Bao	Freelance journalist	12/06/2020
PHAM CHI DUNG	ď		Freelance journalist	21/11/2019
NGUYEN VAN HOA	♂	Radio Free Asia	Reporter	11/01/2017

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YEMEN				
ABDEL-KHALEQ AHMED AMRAN	ď	Al-Islah online website	Editor-in-chief	6/6/2015
ABDULLAH AWAD BAKIR	ď		Photojournalist	27/5/2020
AKRAM SALEH AL-WALIDI	ď	Alrabie-ye.net News website, presently suspended	Journalist	9/6/2015
HARETH SALEH HAMID	ď	Alrabie-ye.net News website, presently suspended	Journalist	9/6/2015
MOHAMMED QAED ALMUQRI	ď	Yemen Today TV	Journalist	12/1/2015
SULTAN QUTRAN	ď	Almithaq Newspaper	Journalist	24/12/2019
TAWFIQ MOHAMMED AL-MANSOURI	ď	Almasdar Newspaper	Journalist	9/6/2015
WAHID AL-SUFI	ď	Arab site under incorporation	Journalist	21/10/2018
MUHAMMAD ALI AL-JUNAID	ď		freelance journalist	
ZIMBABWE				
HOPEWELL CHIN'ONO	ď		Investigative journalist	3/11/2020

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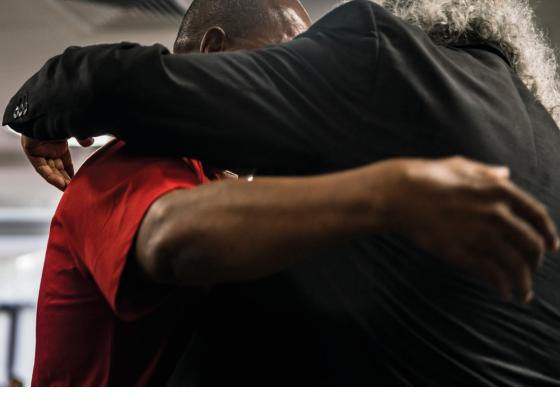


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