

International Federation of Journalists

Journalists and Media Staff Killed in 2003

**An IFJ Report on Media Casualties in the
Field of Journalism and Newsgathering**



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Introduction

The impact of war and conflict on the work of news media cast a long shadow over journalism in 2003. War in Iraq and continuing insurgencies in Colombia and the Philippines provided most casualties in a year marked by growing anger within media circles over targeting of journalists.

At least 83 journalists and media staff were killed – 13 more than the previous year. The IFJ report sets out the details of casualties and underscores the need for international action to protect journalists, particularly in conflict zones.

In Iraq 16 journalists were killed and two media workers died, and that does not include two who are missing – **Fred Nérac** and **Hussein Osman** – both presumed dead in a firefight near Basra in March during the invasion.

The IFJ has called for independent investigations into seven confirmed deaths in Iraq – **Terry Lloyd**, who was travelling with Nérac and Osman, and who was shot twice, once by US troops; **José Couso** and **Taras Protsiuk** who were killed after a US tank attacked the Palestine Hotel where more than 150 media staff were staying in Baghdad; **Tareq Ayyoub**, who died when a US air launched missile hit the offices of *Al-Jazeera* in Baghdad; and **Mazen Dana**, the award-winning cameraman who was shot dead by US troops while on assignment in the city after the invasion was over.

These cases have become emblematic of the struggle for greater protection for journalists in conflict zones. The IFJ has called for changes in international law to ensure that targeting of journalists and negligence in the protection of journalists are made war crimes. The IFJ also wants independent inquiries whenever journalists are killed in conflict zones.¹

But although Iraq stole many of the headlines during the year, killings in the Philippines and Colombia have been just as worrying with seven journalists killed in Colombia and one under investigation, along with three confirmed killings of journalists in the Philippines and a further four cases under investigation.

In both countries journalists have been targeted for trying to expose political corruption as in the cases of radio reporter **Juan Emeterio Rivas** and television journalist **Guillermo Bravo Vega** in Colombia and **Apolinario Pobeda** and **Bonifacio Gregorio** in the Philippines. In many cases the hand of the drugs mafia and crime gangs is at work. And in far too many instances the problem of impunity, and the failure of officials to properly investigate killings of media staff, remains a persistent obstacle to justice for journalists and media staff who are killed.

In Colombia the IFJ supported a safety training programme in September and met with the country's Vice President Francisco Santos who committed his government to fresh work to improve safety of journalists and to develop an organisational framework for protection of journalists.

¹ See *Justice Denied on the Road to Baghdad*, the IFJ report on treatment of journalists in the Iraq War, which sets out the details of these cases.

Wherever media are engaged in exposing governmental corruption, or official links with organised crime, journalists are most at risk.

The case of **Zahra Kazemi** in Iran, who was brutally tortured and killed in July while in police custody, is one example where international pressure can force a government to properly investigate a journalist's death. The prompt calls for action by the Canadian authorities and a chorus of outrage from press freedom and journalists' groups worldwide forced the authorities in Tehran to act in this case.

The problems in India also deserve mention. With five deaths and one case under investigation, journalism in this country with one of the most robust and diverse landscapes for press freedom is facing a crisis of safety for journalists.

Meanwhile, the continuing crisis for democracy and press freedom in the occupied Palestinian territories has once again delivered media victims with the killing of Palestinian cameraman **Nazeh Darwazeh** and the shooting of freelance cameraman **James Miller**, both at the hands of Israeli soldiers. A fierce campaign for justice in the Miller case has highlighted once again the need for independent inquiries into such killings and reminds us of the constant threats facing those caught in the crossfire of the continuing Intifada.

The demand for justice for journalists is gathering strength. The IFJ has added to the debate with its own report on the Iraq war and this report adds further to the unease over casual attitudes to the loss of life among news gatherers.

Many of the 2003 cases illustrate just why governments need to be put under renewed pressure to deliver credible answers over how and why journalists are being killed. The case of investigative journalist Gyorgy Gongadze, brutally murdered in the Ukraine three years ago, has come to symbolise the need for a global campaign against impunity, further highlighted by the case of Russian journalist **Alikhan Guliyev** this year and that of Ukraine newspaper journalist **Volodimir Karachenzev** who was apparently discovered hanged on the handle of a fridge.

The crisis for news safety has led during 2003 to the establishment of the International News Safety Institute, an industry-led initiative, supported by leading media companies and journalists' unions.

The IFJ, along with other leading media professional groups, is backing this campaign, which offers, for the first time, a global movement to lobby governments for more protection for journalists – to match the added protection agreed by the United Nations Security Council this year for humanitarian workers in conflict zones – as well as providing a framework for safety training for media staff in all of the world's most dangerous regions.

At last, the media industry is recognising that it must do more to reduce the risks to reporters and news teams, and particularly to freelancers who are among the most vulnerable. Now the message must be driven home to governments that they, too, must do more to bring the killers to justice.

Aidan White, General Secretary

Country by Country Analysis (updated 22 December 2003)

Country	Journalists Killed	Media Staff Killed	Cases Under Investigation
Brazil	3		1
Cambodia	1		
China	1		
Colombia	7		1
Democratic Republic Congo		1	
Guatemala	1		1
Honduras	1		
India	4		2
Indonesia	2		
Iran	1		
Iraq	16	2	2
Ivory Coast	2		
Japan	1		
Kyrgyzstan			1
Nepal	3		
Pakistan	1		1
Palestine	2		
Philippines	3		4
Russia	9	1	2
Somalia	1		
Thailand			1
Ukraine	1		2
United States of America	1		
<i>Total</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>18</i>

Regional Analysis

Region	Journalists Killed	Mediaworkers Killed	Total
Africa	3	1	4
Americas	16		16
Asia	24		24
Europe	14	2	16
Middle East & N. Africa	20	3	23
Total	77	6	83

Cases of Journalists Killed

Country: BRAZIL
CASENR: 1
Name: **Melyssa
Martins Correia**
Nationality: Brazilian
Profession: Editor
News organ: *Oeste Notícias*
Sector: Press
Date: 3 June 2003
Age: 23
Source: IPI, IFEX, RSF, IAPA,
CJFE, WAN
Description: On 3 June, Martins
Correia, aged 23, editor of the daily
Oeste Notícias cultural supplement,
was shot in the head at point-blank
range. Still alive when found by police,
she died while being rushed to
hospital.
The killer fled by commandeering a
car and getting the driver to take him
to the neighbouring state of Mato
Grosso do Sul. On the way, he
reportedly told the driver, Fábio César
Padoves, that he had been paid to kill
the journalist, and that the murder of a
judge, Antonio José Machado, in
March was also a paid hit.
Oeste Notícias had covered the judge's
murder extensively, blaming it on a
São Paulo criminal organisation known
as Primeiro Comando da Capital
(PCC), whose activities have often
been the subject of reports in the
newspaper.

Country: BRAZIL
CASENR: 2
Name: **Nicanor Linhares
Batista**
Nationality: Brazilian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Rádio Vale do
Jaguaribe*
Sector: Radio
Date: 30 June 2003
Age: 42

Source: IFJ, FENAJ, IAPA, IPI,
EJC, CPJ, WAN, IFEX
Description: Nicanor Linhares
Batista, radio host and owner of Rádio
Vale do Jaguaribe, was murdered on
30 June, while recording his daily
show Encontro Político. Batista had
angered local politicians and had also
received death threats because of his
critical commentaries.

Country: BRAZIL
CASENR: 3
Name: **Luis Antonio da Costa**
Nationality: Brazilian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Época*
Sector: Press
Date: 23 July 2003
Source: IPI, FENAJ, CPJ, WAN
Description: On 23 July, Luis Antonio
da Costa, a reporter for the magazine
Época, was shot by a lone gunman in
Sao Bernardo, in the suburbs of Sao
Paulo. He had been reporting on
demands by up to 6,000 protesters
urging the government of President
Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva to provide
them with public housing.

Country: CAMBODIA
CASENR: 4
Name: **Chuor Chetharith**
Nationality: Cambodian
Profession: Deputy Editor-in-chief
News organ: *Ta Prum*
Sector: Radio
Date: 18 October 2003
Age: 37
Source: IFJ, IPI, RSF, IFEX,
TJA, CPJ, WAN
Description: On 18 October, Chuor
Chetharith, deputy editor-in-chief of
Ta Prum radio station was shot dead
by two men on a motorcycle in front of
the station's Phnom Penh studios as he
was getting out of his car. He was hit
in the neck. Prime Minister Hun Sen
had warned the station four days

earlier to "better monitor its programmes" after it had criticised him extensively.

Country: CHINA
CASENR: 5
Name: **Wang Wen**
Nationality: Chinese
Profession: Photographer
News organ: *Weinan Daily*
Sector: Press
Date: 9 September 2003
Age: 36
Source: China Daily
Description: On 9 September, Wang Wen, a journalist reported missing in Weihe River floods days before was found at an orchard in Huaxian of northwest China's Shaanxi Province. Wen, a photographer with the *Weinan Daily*, fell in the water when he was interviewing local officials in a boat in the floods.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 6
Name: **Luis Eduardo Alfonso Parada**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *El Tiempo*
Sector: Press
Date: 18 March 2003
Age: 33
Source: IFJ, IPI, FLIP, IFEX, CJFE, WiPC, IPYS, CPJ, WAN, RSF
Description: On 18 March, Luis Eduardo Alfonso Parada, a journalist for the daily newspaper *El Tiempo*, was killed by unknown gunmen while leaving his house for work. Alfonso Parada was known for reporting cases of corruption and questioning the administration's operation. At the time of his murder, he had received threats and sought cover under the Colombian government's protection programme for journalists.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 7

Name: **Juan Emeterio Rivas**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Calor Estéreo*
Sector: Radio
Date: 6 April 2003
Age: 44
Source: IFJ, EJC, AP, IPI, IFEX, IAPA, CPJ, WAN, RSF, FLIP
Description: On 6 April, Juan Emeterio Rivas, who worked for *Calor Estéreo* radio station, was shot to death by unidentified gunmen as he walked out of a restaurant in the city of Barrancabermeja, north of the capital, Bogotá. Rivas, who reported on cases of municipal corruption, had received death threats from leftist rebels. Julio Cesar Ardila, the mayor of Barrancabermeja, was charged 11 July with ordering the murder of Rivas who often accused him of being corrupt and having links to outlawed paramilitary groups. Three other officials from city hall were detained for their alleged roles in the killing

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 8
Name: **Guillermo Bravo Vega**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Canal 2*
Sector: TV
Date: 28 April 2003
Age: 65
Source: IFJ, IFEX, PFC, IAPA, IPI, CPJ, WAN, RSF
Description: On 28 April, Guillermo Bravo Vega, producer and presenter of the financial programme "Hechos y Cifras" on the local television station *Canal 2*, was gunned down by two assailants who stormed his residence late on Monday 28 April in the southern city of Neiva, 155 miles (250 km) south of the capital. Bravo, 65 had unveiled cases of municipal corruption in the local newspaper, relatives said.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 9
Name: **Jaime Rengifo Revero**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Owner/Editor
News organ: *Guajiro*
Quincenario/Olímpica
Radio
Sector: Radio/Press
Date: 29 April 2003
Age: 48
Source: IFJ, IFEX, PFC, FLIP,
IAPA, IPI, CPJ, WAN, RSF
Description: On 29 April, Jaime Rengifo Revero was killed after being shot five times in the back by an attacker as he left a hotel in the northern city of Maicao, 460 miles (740 km) north of Bogotá. He was the owner of Guajiro Editorial House, and directed and presented the programme, "Periodistas en Acción" on the *Olímpica* radio station. He also was editor of the newspaper *Guajiro Quincenario*.
Revero was well known by his colleagues and publicly for denouncing crime in the Maicao area.
Revero had worked as a journalist for more than 20 years. According to local police the motives of his assassination were directly linked to his professional activities and they are continuing their investigations.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 10
Name: **Juan Carlos Benavidez**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Manantial Estereo*
Sector: Radio
Date: 22 August 2003
Age: 28
Source: IFJ, EJC, IFEX, IPI, FLIP, CPJ, WAN, AMARC-ALC
Description: On 22 August, Juan Carlos Benavidez, a reporter with the community station *Manantial Estereo*,

was shot in the back by rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) when his car reportedly failed to stop at a roadblock. He and another reporter from the station, Jaime Conrado, who was wounded in the stomach, were travelling from Puerto Caicedo (Putumayo state) to cover a meeting the next day between President Alvaro Uribe and regional officials in Puerto Asis.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 11
Name: **José Nel Muñoz**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Latina Estereo*
Sector: Radio
Date: 5 October 2003
Age: 25
Source: IFJ, IFEX, IPI, WAN, FLIP
Description: Radio announcer José Nel Muñoz was reportedly killed on 5 October 2003, two kilometres from the settlement of Puerto Libertad in Putumayo department, in southern Colombia. Muñoz's body was retrieved by his wife and five journalists from the area, who said that there were indications that he had been tortured and shot three times.

Muñoz had been working for *Latina Estereo* radio station in Puerto Asís for more than a year, hosting music and community information programmes. He also occasionally covered news about the armed conflict and political issues.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 12
Name: **William Soto Cheng**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Telemar*
Sector: TV
Date: 18 December 2003

Age: 46
Source: IFJ, IFEX, FLIP, IAPA
Description: On 18 December, Soto Cheng was killed when he arrived to work at the local television station, *Telemar*, in Puerto de Buenaventura, in the Cauca Valley, located in the south-eastern part of the country. Two men on a motorcycle approached him and shot him in the head. Soto Cheng had been receiving threats by telephone since the end of October, which had led him to think about leaving Buenaventura. The journalist, who had more than 15 years of experience, broadcast a television opinion programme as well as the Litoral Pacífico (Pacific Coast) and Deportes en Acción (Sports in Action) programmes on the local station. During the October 26 elections, Soto said that members of the police and military were accomplices in a series of irregularities in the tally of votes. When several criminal charges were issued against him, he retracted his comments and apologised.

Country: GUATEMALA
CASENR: 13
Name: **Hector Ramirez**
Nationality: Guatemalan
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Noti-7*
Sector: Radio
Date: 24 July 2003
Age: 60
Source: IPI, IFEX, IAPA, AMARC-ALC, SNP, PFC, CPJ, RSF, WAN
Description: On 24 July, Hector Ramirez, a journalist was shot dead during a rally supporting the presidential campaign of former military dictator Efraín Ríos Montt. A mob of about 100 people with hoods chased a group of journalists "when a shot was heard," said Juan Lemus, a spokesman for the city fire fighters. The bullet hit reporter Ramirez, 60, of

the *Noti-7* news programme, Lemus said. Ramirez, a respected 30-year veteran of the Guatemalan news media, managed to make it to a nearby house to ask for help "but by then nothing could be done".

Country: HONDURAS
CASENR: 14
Name: **Germán Antonio Rivas**
Nationality: Honduran
Profession: Managing Director
News organ: *Corporación Maya Visión – Channel 7*
Sector: TV
Date: 26 November 2003
Age: 48
Source: IPI, IFEX, WAN, RSF, PFC, IAPA,
Description: Germán Antonio Rivas was gunned down in the car park of his television station in Santa Rosa de Copán on 26 November. Rivas was parking his car in front of the offices of *Corporación Maya Visión-Channel 7* when an unidentified individual approached him and shot him in the head. Rivas was the managing director. Last February, Rivas survived an assassination attempt while returning home from work. It is the first murder of a Honduran journalist in more than 20 years.

Country: INDIA
CASENR: 15
Name: **Vikram Singh Bisht**
Nationality: Indian
Profession: Cameraman
News organ: *Asian News International*
Sector: Press
Date: 9 January 2003
Age: 28
Source: IFJ, IPI, RSF, CPJ, IFEX
Description: Vikram Singh Bisht, a cameraman with the *Asian News International* agency who was

wounded and permanently paralysed in a 2001 attack on the Indian parliament, died of internal bleeding on 9 January 2003 after falling out of his wheelchair. Five gunmen attacked parliament on 13 December 2001, killing eight policemen and a gardener before being shot dead by security forces. Bisht, who was covering the attack, was hit in the spine and treated at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences until November 2002.

Country: INDIA
CASENR: 16
Name: **Parvaz Mohammed Sultan**
Nationality: Indian
Profession: Editor-in-chief /Owner
News organ: *News and Feature Alliance (NAFA) / Quami Awaaz*
Sector: Press
Date: 31 January 2003
Age: 36
Source: IFJ, IFEX, IPI, CPJ, WAN, RSF
Description: On 31 January, Parvaz Mohammed Sultan, owner and editor-in-chief of the local news agency *News and Feature Alliance* (NAFA) was killed by two gunmen. He was wounded in the neck and died of his injuries a short time later. The police suspect that the two killers were armed separatists. Sultan also worked for the Indian newspaper *Quami Awaaz*.

Country: INDIA
CASENR: 17
Name: **Vidyadhar Tiwari**
Nationality: Indian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Chautha Khambha*
Sector: Press
Date: 13 March 2003
Source: IFJ
Description: Unidentified criminals shot dead Vidyadhar Tiwari, in

Mainpura, Patna, on 13 March. Tiwari was working with *Chautha Khambha*, a Hindi weekly. Preliminary inquiry indicated that the criminals were waiting for Tiwari to come out of his house, the police said.

Country: INDIA
CASENR: 18
Name: **Parmanand Goel**
Nationality: Indian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Punjab Kesari
Sector: Press
Date: 18 September 2003
Source: IFJ, IFEX, IPI, CPJ, WAN
Description: On 18 September, Parmanand Goel, a reporter for *Punjab Kesari* was killed by 3 unidentified individuals outside his home in Kaithal, Haryana, north of Delhi. Goel was also the district president of Haryana Union of Journalists. The Haryana Government has transferred the investigation of the murder of Goel, a Kaithal-based journalist, to the State Vigilance Bureau. The demand for a Central Bureau of Investigation inquiry has not yet been met. The government has constituted a special investigation cell to look into the case.

Country: INDONESIA
CASENR: 19
Name: **Mohammad Jamal**
Nationality: Indonesian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: TVRI
Sector: TV
Date: 17 June 2003
Age: 30
Source: IFJ, IFEX, RSF, PMW, CPJ, WAN
Description: On 17 June, the body of Mohamad Jamal, a cameraman for the state-owned *TVRI* television station was found in a river in Banda, Aceh.

Jamal was reported as having been missing since 20 May this year.

Country: INDONESIA
CASENR: 20
Name: **Arie Woelan**
Nationality: Indonesian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Indosiar*
Sector: Press
Date: 26 November 2003
Source: Laksamana.net
Description: Arie Woelan from the *Indosiar* private television network was killed when an old armoured vehicle he was travelling in plunged into a ravine near Jambi Baru village in Sultan Daulaut sub district, South Aceh district on 26 November. The *Indosiar* crew had gone with the Indonesian military to Aceh earlier in the week to cover Army Chief General Ryamizard Ryacudu's recent Idul Fitri visit to the war-torn province.

Country: IRAN
CASENR: 21
Name: **Zahra Kazemi**
Nationality: Iranian/Canadian
Profession: Freelance Photographer
News organ: *Camera Press/Recto Verso*
Sector: Press
Date: 13 July 2003
Age: 54
Source: IFJ, EJC, IFEX, AI, WiPC, TNG-CWA, RSF, CJFE, CASCEN, CPJ, IPI, WAN
Description: Zahra Kazemi, a Canadian citizen born in Iran, was taking photographs of a prison in Tehran when she was arrested and reportedly beaten into unconsciousness. She died on 13 July after lapsing into a coma from a brain haemorrhage sustained whilst in police custody.
Kazemi was a freelance contributor to *Recto Verso*, a Montreal-based magazine, and the London-based photo

agency *Camera Press*. An official investigation into her death was initiated only after an international outcry over the circumstances.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 22
Name: **Terry Lloyd**
Nationality: British
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *ITV News*
Sector: Press
Date: 22 March 2003
Age: 50
Source: IFJ, NUJ, AJI, TNG-CWA, CJFE, IFEX, EJC, IPI, CPJ, PMW, APFW, WAN, RSF
Description: ITV news correspondent Terry Lloyd and his team working for Britain's ITN network were caught in the crossfire of fighting between US Coalition forces and Iraqi military south of Basra on 22 March. It had been thought that he died later of wounds received in that attack. However, six months after the incident new evidence revealed that a civilian minibus taking the wounded reporter to hospital was fired upon by an American helicopter gunship. Two other members of the team, cameraman Fred Nérac and translator Hussein Osman are still missing, presumed dead. A fourth member of the team, cameraman Daniel Demoustier, who was injured in the incident, was able to get back to US and British lines.
Additional: The Lloyd case has angered ITN management who have demanded an explanation from the Pentagon over why US forces fired on a civilian Iraqi minibus taking Lloyd to hospital. In their own internal investigation they also believe a US helicopter shot at the back of the retreating minibus. A US bullet hit Lloyd in the head while in the minibus. He had earlier been struck in the stomach by an Iraqi bullet after an

exchange of fire when the ITN team came between US and Iraqi troops. The findings of the ITN inquiry have been handed over to US and British military investigators with a demand for a "comprehensive explanation of the course of events and reasons the minibus came under US fire."

The IFJ in its report *Justice Denied on the Road to Baghdad* has demanded an independent inquiry into the incident and the death.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 23
Name: **Paul Moran**
Nationality: Australian
Profession: Freelance Cameraman
News organ: *ABC* Australia
Sector: Press
Date: 22 March 2003
Age: 39
Source: IFJ, EJC, AJI, IFEX, PMW, CJFE, IPI, WAN, CPJ, RSF
Description: On 22 March, freelance cameraman Paul Moran, 39, died instantly in a suicide bomb attack at a checkpoint in Sayed Sadiq in Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq near the Iranian border. He was the last of a string of journalists travelling through the checkpoint, which had been taken by Kurdish opposition fighters 24 hours earlier.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 24
Name: **Gaby Rado**
Nationality: Hungarian/British
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Channel 4
Sector: TV
Date: 30 March 2003
Age: 48
Source: IFJ, EJC, IFEX, PMW, CJFE, IPI, WAN
Description: Gaby Rado, an award-winning foreign affairs correspondent with Channel 4 News, was found dead outside a hotel in northern Iraq. His

body was discovered in the car park of the Abu Sanaa hotel in Sulaimaniya, in Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq. It is thought he fell from the roof.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 25
Name: **Kaveh Golestan**
Nationality: Iranian
Profession: Freelance Cameraman
News organ: *BBC*
Sector: Press
Date: 2 April 2003
Age: 52
Source: IFJ, EJC, IFEX, AJI, CJFE, IPI, PMW, WAN, CPJ, RSF
Description: On 2 April, Kaveh Golestan, an Iranian freelance cameraman on assignment for the BBC was killed in northern Iraq after stepping on a landmine. Golestan accidentally detonated the mine when he exited his car near the town of Kifri. Golestan had been on assignment with *BBC* producer Stuart Hughes from London for two months. Hughes lost a foot in the blasts.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 26
Name: **Michael Kelly**
Nationality: American
Profession: Editor-at-large/Columnist
News organ: *Atlantic Monthly/Washington Post*
Sector: Press
Date: 4 April 2003
Age: 46
Source: IFJ, EJC, IFEX, AJI, CJFE, IPI, PMW, WAN, CPJ, RSF
Description: On 4 April, Michael Kelly, the *Atlantic Monthly* editor-at-large and *Washington Post* columnist, was killed in a Humvee accident while travelling with the Army's 3rd Infantry Division. Kelly was the first journalist

killed while participating in the Pentagon's embedding programme.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 27
Name: **Julio Anguita Parrado**
Nationality: Spanish
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *El Mundo*
Sector: Press
Date: 7 April 2003
Age: 32
Source: IFJ, FAPE, AJI, PMW, CJFE, CC.OO, IFEX, EJC, IPI, CPJ, WAN, RSF
Description: On 7 April, Parrado, a correspondent for the Spanish daily *El Mundo*, died in an Iraqi missile attack while accompanying the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division south of the capital, Baghdad. Both Parrado and Christian Liebig, a German journalist for *Focus* magazine who was also killed in the incident, were embedded with the division.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 28
Name: **Christian Liebig**
Nationality: German
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Focus*
Sector: Press
Date: 7 April 2003
Age: 35
Source: IFJ, IFEX, DJV, AJI, EJC, IPI, CJFE, PMW, CPJ, WAN, RSF
Description: On 7 April, Liebig, a reporter for the German weekly magazine *Focus*, died in an Iraqi missile attack while accompanying the US Army's 3rd Infantry Division south of the capital, Baghdad. Both Liebig and Julio Anguita Parrado, a Spanish journalist also killed in the incident, were embedded with the division. According to *Focus* editor-in-chief Helmut Markwort, the two men had decided not to travel with the unit to

Baghdad, believing they would be safer at the base. Two US soldiers were also killed during the attack, and 15 were injured. Liebig, 35, had worked for *Focus* since 1999.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 29
Name: **Taras Protsiuk**
Nationality: Ukrainian
Profession: Cameraman
News organ: *Reuters*
Sector: Press
Date: 8 April 2003
Age: 35
Source: IFJ, EJC, IAPA, WiPC, AJI, TNG-CWA, RSF, APFW, PMW, CJFE, IFEX, CPJ, IPI, WAN
Description: On 8 April, Taras Protsiuk, a Ukrainian cameraman working for *Reuters* died after a US tank fired on the Palestine Hotel in Baghdad, which was used as a base by the foreign media. He had worked for *Reuters* since 1993, covering conflicts in Bosnia, Kosovo, Chechnya, and Afghanistan. He was married with an 8-year-old son. José Couso, a cameraman for the Spanish television station *Telecinco*, also died in the attack.
Additional: On 12 August, U.S. Central Command (Centcom) issued a news release summarizing the results of its investigation into the incident. The report concluded that the tank unit that opened fire on the hotel did so "in a proportionate and justifiably measured response." It called the shelling "fully in accordance with the Rules of Engagement."
The IFJ in its report *Justice Denied on the Road to Baghdad* has demanded an independent inquiry into the incident and the death.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 30
Name: **José Couso**

Nationality: Spanish
Profession: Cameraman
News organ: *Telecinco*
Sector: TV
Date: 8 April 2003
Age: 37
Source: IFJ, NUJ, AJI, WiPC, IFEX, CCOO, TNG-CWA, PMW, FAPE, APFW, EJC, CJFE, CPJ, WAN, IPI, IAPA, RSF
Description: On 8 April, José Couso, a cameraman for the Spanish television channel *Telecinco* died after a US tank fired on the Palestine Hotel in Baghdad, which is used as a base by the foreign media. Taras Protsiuk, a Ukrainian cameraman for *Reuters*, was also killed in the attack.

Additional: On 12 August, U.S. Central Command (Centcom) issued a news release summarizing the results of its investigation into the incident. The report concluded that the tank unit that opened fire on the hotel did so "in a proportionate and justifiably measured response." It called the shelling "fully in accordance with the Rules of Engagement."

The IFJ in its report *Justice Denied on the Road to Baghdad* has demanded an independent inquiry into the incident and the death.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 31
Name: **Tareq Ayyoub**
Nationality: Jordanian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Al-Jazeera*
Sector: TV
Date: 8 April 2003
Age: 35
Source: IFJ, EJC, AJI, WiPC, CJFE, IFEX, IPI, PMW, APFW, CPJ, WAN, RSF
Description: On 8 April, Tareq Ayyoub, a business correspondent for the Arab network *Al-Jazeera* was killed when the network's office on the

bank of the Tigris River was struck by a Coalition bomb. He later died.

Ayyoub was married with one baby girl.

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Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 32
Name: **Mario Podestá**
Nationality: Argentinean
Profession: Freelance Journalist
News organ: *America TV*
Sector: TV
Date: 14 April 2003
Age: 52
Source: IFJ, IFEX, RFE/RL, EJC, IPI, WAN

Description: On 14 April, Mario Podestá an Argentine freelance war correspondent for the Argentine television station *America TV* was killed in a car crash near Baghdad. Podestá was travelling in a convoy of press vehicles on the highway between Amman and Baghdad when the accident happened.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 33
Name: **Veronica Cabrera**
Nationality: Argentinean
Profession: Freelance
Camerawoman
News organ: *America TV*
Sector: TV
Date: 15 April 2003
Age: 29
Source: IFJ, IFEX, EJC, RFE/RL, IPI, WAN

Description: Veronica Cabrera, a freelance camerawoman, died on 15 April from injuries sustained in a car crash the previous day. She was travelling in the same convoy of press vehicles as Mario Podestá some 120 kilometres from Baghdad when the

accident happened. She was the first female journalist to be killed while covering the war. She was married with a 3-year-old daughter.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 34
Name: **Elizabeth Neuffer**
Nationality: American
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *The Boston Globe*
Sector: Press
Date: 9 May 2003
Age: 46
Source: IFJ, IFEX, IPI
Description: Elizabeth Neuffer, the bureau chief and foreign correspondent for *The Boston Globe*, died in a car accident in Iraq while on assignment covering the aftermath of the war. Neuffer, 46, died on 9 May after the car in which she was a passenger apparently struck a guardrail near the town of Samarra, about halfway between Tikrit and Baghdad. She was returning to Baghdad from Tikrit, where she was reporting on efforts to rid Iraq of the influence of the Baath Party. Neuffer's translator, Waleed Khalifa Hassan Al-Dulami, also died in the accident. The driver, Saad Al-Azzayi, survived.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 35
Name: **Richard Wild**
Nationality: British
Profession: Freelance Cameraman
Sector: Press
Date: 5 July 2003
Age: 24
Source: IFJ, EJC, IFEX, IPI, CPJ, WAN
Description: On 5 July, Wild, 24, a British freelance cameraman, died after an unidentified assailant shot him in the head at close range in a crowded

street near Baghdad's Natural History Museum.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 36
Name: **Mazen Dana**
Nationality: Palestinian
Profession: Cameraman
News organ: *Reuters*
Sector: Press
Date: 17 August 2003
Age: 43
Source: IFJ, EJC, IFEX, IPI, CPJ, WAN, RSF
Description: On 17 August, Mazen Dana, a Palestinian-born *Reuters* cameraman was struck in the chest while filming near Abu Ghraib Prison outside Baghdad. Dana had been reporting near the prison after a mortar attack had killed six Iraqis there the previous night. Eyewitnesses quoted by international media said that several journalists had been near the prison at the time of the incident and that a soldier in the tank fired on Dana as he filmed it approaching him from about 30 meters. US officials have said that the troops mistook Dana's camera for a rocket-propelled grenade launcher. The *Reuters* team identified themselves to the US soldiers guarding the perimeter of the prison. They were refused permission to enter or film inside the prison, but were told they could film the overview of the prison from a nearby bridge. Dana was shot in broad daylight and was traveling with a group of journalists in clearly marked vehicles. *Additional:* Dana was an award-winning journalist who had worked for 14 years with *Reuters* in Hebron, surviving bullet wounds and beatings inflicted by Israeli authorities who sought to block his reporting of attacks on Palestinians. He was married with four children.

The IFJ in its report *Justice Denied on the Road to Baghdad* has demanded an independent inquiry into the incident and the death.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 37
Name: **Ahmet Shawkat**
Nationality: Iraqi
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Bilah Ittijah*
Sector: Press
Date: 28 October 2003
Source: IPI, EJC, CPJ, WAN
Description: On 28 October, Ahmed Shawkat, editor of the Iraqi weekly *Bilah Ittijah* was shot and killed by a gunman in Mosul. The gunman and an accomplice had followed the journalist to his office roof that afternoon. Shawkat's daughter, Roaa, told Associated Press that her father had received threatening letters several weeks earlier, warning him to close his newspaper. Local police are investigating the murder.

Country: IVORY COAST
CASENR: 38
Name: **Kloueu Gonzreu**
Nationality: Ivorian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Agence Ivoirienne de Presse*
Sector: Press
Date: 11 January 2003
Age: 51
Source: IPI, UNJCI, CPJ, RSF
Description: Kloueu Gonzreu, 51, a correspondent for the state-run news agency, *Agence Ivoirienne de Presse*, was found dead by a team from the Red Cross near Toulepleu, a town in the western part of the country, where Liberian mercenaries employed by the Ivorian government reportedly kidnapped the journalist on 11 January. Gonzreu, who also worked for the local Red Cross, disappeared less than two weeks after *Notre Pays*, a pro-

government publication, had listed him among suspected rebels in its 30 January edition. Three other bodies were recovered, including that of Gonzreu's 19-year-old son, Thierry, and two other Red Cross workers.

Country: IVORY COAST
CASENR: 39
Name: **Jean Hélène**
Nationality: French
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Radio France Internationale*
Sector: Broadcasting
Date: 21 October 2003
Age: 50
Source: IFJ, EJC, RFI, MFWA, UJAO, IFEX, IPI, WAN, RSF
Description: On 21 October, Jean Hélène, veteran correspondent for RFI, was killed by a police officer outside police headquarters in Abidjan while awaiting the release of opposition party activists, who had been detained the previous week on suspicion of plotting assassination attempts. Hélène first reported about the militants' disappearance a number of days prior to his death. The policeman was reportedly arrested and an inquiry into the journalist's death is underway.

Country: JAPAN
CASENR: 40
Name: **Satoru Someya**
Nationality: Japanese
Profession: Freelance Journalist
Sector: Press
Date: 12 September 2003
Age: 38
Source: IPI, EJC, JNPWU, CPJ, WAN, RSF
Description: The body of Satoru Someya, a freelance journalist was found in Tokyo Bay on 12 September. Someya, 38, had written about the seedy side of the Kabukicho entertainment district in Tokyo told

friends he feared for his life and was threatened by people to whom he owed money.

Someya wrote for weekly and monthly magazines for more than 10 years under his real name and the pen name Kuragaki Kashiwabara. He earned a name for himself as an expert on drug- and gun-running operations, and many of his stories focused on activities in Kabukicho. He had told the editor of a Tokyo weekly magazine in June that he might not be able to show his face in Kabukicho again.

Someya wrote "Kabukicho Underground," a book about organized crime and adult entertainment businesses in Kabukicho that was published in July.

A judicial autopsy found that Someya was stabbed eight times in the back and had a fractured skull. His body had been bound with a chain and weighed down with diving weights.

Country: NEPAL
CASENR: 41
Name: **Amar Lama**
Nationality: Nepalese
Profession: Managing Editor
News organ: *Tajakhabar*
Sector: Press
Date: 27 July 2003
Source: IFJ, RSF, IPI, IFEX, CEHURDES, WAN

Description: Amar Lama, managing editor of the weekly newspaper *Tajakhabar*, was killed by four unidentified gunmen. The incident occurred on 27 July in Naya Bazar, Kritipur town (approximately 10 kilometres south of Kathmandu). Lama had recently assumed the position of managing editor for the newspaper. He was abducted from the newspaper's office that same day when he went to drop off an article for the 28 July edition of his column "Janamat". Unidentified individuals posing as police officers indicated to Lama that

they wanted to speak to him outside the office.

Country: NEPAL
CASENR: 42
Name: **Gyanendra Khadka**
Nationality: Nepalese
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *National News Agency*
Sector: Press
Date: 7 September 2003
Age: 35
Source: IFJ, EJC, IFEX, RSF, CEHURDES, IPI, CPJ, WAN
Description: On 7 September, Maoists murdered Gyanendra Khadka, a reporter of the *National News Agency* (NSS), by slitting his throat. He was abducted by a group of four Maoists when he was teaching students at a school in Jyamire of the district.

Country: NEPAL
CASENR: 43
Name: **Binod Sajana Chaudhary**
Nationality: Nepalese
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Nepalgunj Express*
Sector: Press
Date: 27 September 2003
Source: IFJ, IFEX, RSF, CEHURDES, IPI, WAN
Description: On 27 September, Binod Sajana Chaudhary was killed in western Nepal. Initial reports suggested that security forces summarily executed him. At the time of his death, Chaudhary was a contributor to the weekly *Nepalgunj Express* in the western district of Kailali. He used to write for the Maoist weekly *Janadesh*, which no longer exists. Chaudhary was reported shot dead at point-blank range along with a Maoist activist. The daily Nepal *Samacharpatra* quoted Maoist rebel sources as alleging that he was shot by members of the security forces in civilian dress after showing his identity

card. He had been on his way on Kegaun in search of information at the time. The Maoist sources said he was not armed. Local security sources told the press that Chaudhary and the Maoist activist were killed in an armed clash.

Country: PAKISTAN
CASENR: 44
Name: **Ameer Bux Barohi**
Nationality: Pakistani
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Kawish*
Sector: Press
Date: 3 October 2003
Age: 27
Source: IFJ, IPI, CPJ, PPF, WAN
Description: On 3 October 2003, three unidentified individuals killed a journalist in the town of Shikarpur. According to reports, Ameer Bux Barohi, a correspondent for the Sindhi-language newspaper *Kawish*, was returning from police headquarters in a jeep when his assailants fired upon him. The attackers fled after shooting the journalist. Ameer Bux Barohi was shot five times, twice in the shoulders, and rushed to the Shikarpur Civil Hospital by police, where he died from his injuries.

Country: PALESTINE
CASENR: 45
Name: **Nazeh Darwazeh**
Nationality: Palestinian
Profession: Cameraman
News organ: *APTN*
Sector: Press
Date: 19 April 2003
Age: 43
Source: IFJ, IFEX, IPI, CPJ, WAN, PJS, RSF
Description: On 19 April, Palestinian cameraman, Nazeh Darwazeh, was shot by Israeli Forces in the northern West Bank city of Nablus. The 43-year-old working for the American

news agency APTN (*Association Press Television News*) and a local Palestinian television station was hit by a bullet, which pierced his right eye, while filming clashes between Palestinian stone throwers and Israeli soldiers.

Country: PALESTINE
CASENR: 46
Name: **James Miller**
Nationality: British
Profession: Freelance Cameraman
Date: 3 May 2003
Age: 34
Source: IFJ, EJC, NUJ, IFEX, IPI, CPJ, WAN, RSF
Description: On 3 May, freelance cameraman James Miller and a four-person crew were filming the demolition of houses for a HBO documentary in the Gaza town of Rafah, when Miller was shot by Israeli troops. Israeli army spokesmen said he was hit as troops fired in defence. Miller, his producer Saira Shah, and translator Abdul Rahman Abdullah attempted to identify themselves to the Israeli troops in the area. Abdullah waved a white flag while Miller used a flashlight to illuminate their marked jackets and the flag. As they approached the soldiers, the journalists shouted in English and Arabic that they were members of the media. The troops then fired three shots in their direction, Zeyara said, followed by a burst of gunfire. Miller was hit once in the neck. The crew have been carrying out their own private investigations into the incident. A formal inquiry is underway by the Israeli authorities. *Additional:* Miller was an award-winning journalist with international acclaim for his documentary work, including "Beneath the Veil", a film about life under the Taliban.

Country: PHILIPPINES
CASENR: 47
Name: **Noel Villarante**
Nationality: Filipino
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *DZJV/Laguna Score*
Sector: Radio/Press
Date: 19 August 2003
Age: 32
Source: IFJ, EJC, IFEX, CMFR,
IPI, CPJ, RSF, WAN

Description: On 19 August, Villarante, of local radio station *DZJV*, was shot dead in Santa Cruz (Laguna province, 70 kilometres southeast of Manila). One gunman first opened fire on him outside his home, but Villarante managed to flee inside. When family members tried to take him to hospital, a second gunman began shooting to prevent them from leaving. The gunman then killed the journalist at point-blank range and continued shooting him as he lay on the ground wounded.

Villarante, aged 32, also wrote for the local newspaper *Laguna Score*. He had often criticised regional authorities for corruption. His wife Jocelyn told radio station *DZRH* that he had also denounced illegal gambling. A few days before he was killed, she overheard him telling at least two members of the regional council, Rolando Bagnes and Susano Tapia, on the phone: "it's nothing personal, it's just work."

Country: PHILIPPINES
CASENR: 48
Name: **Rico Ramirez**
Nationality: Filipino
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *DZSF*
Sector: Radio
Date: 20 August 2003
Source: IFJ, IPI, IFEX, CPJ,
CMFR, RSF, WAN

Description: On 20 August, Ramirez, who worked for *DZSF* radio station,

was shot dead in the back by two gunmen. The killers were standing about 100 metres from the railway station. Stationmaster Max Tutor, who witnessed the incident, said police still have not found any clues. However, Ramirez's recent criticism of local organised crime and drug traffickers suggests these circles may be behind the murder.

Country: PHILIPPINES
CASENR: 49
Name: **Juan Porras Pala**
Nationality: Filipino
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *DZGO*
Sector: Radio
Date: 6 September 2003
Source: IFJ, EJC, IFEX, IPI,
CPJ, CMFR, RSF, WAN

Description: Juan Porras Pala was shot dead on 6 September by two gunmen as he left a friend's home in Davao, on the southern Philippines island of Mindanao.

Porras Pala presented a daily programme on local radio station *DXGO* that harshly criticised some local politicians and communist rebels. He was a former Davao town councillor and ran as an independent for deputy mayor in May 2001.

Gunmen had tried to kill him as he rode to work in a taxi on 29 April this year with three bodyguards, who fired back, forcing the attackers to flee. He was wounded and said he suspected the police of being responsible.

At least four masked men with M-16 rifles and Uzi submachine guns had fired at his car on 14 June 2001. He was hit by three bullets, one in the neck, but managed to broadcast his programme the next day from his hospital bed. Since then, bodyguards had constantly accompanied him. An investigation by the mayor of Davao did not name those responsible for the attack.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 50
Name: **Vladimir Sukhomlin**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Journalist/Editor
Sector: Internet
Date: 4 January 2003
Age: 23
Source: *The Moscow Times*
Description: Vladimir Sukhomlin, a software designer and military website editor was assassinated on 4 January. On the night of 4 January, Sukhomlin, who had gone to meet a potential client at a cinema on Leninsky Prospekt in southwest Moscow, was dragged into a Lada car by two police officers on the pretext of checking his documents. As he was being driven away, he called the police and the call was recorded. Sukhomlin's body was found in Solntsevo, a district on the far outskirts of Moscow. Two police inspectors, who were arrested, said they had a contract to kill him. Sukhomlin's best-known project was Military Historical Forum portal at www.vif2.ru - one of Russia's largest sources of news and analysis on military-related subjects. "He was an authority in the world of the Internet and among those involved in military issues," said Ruslan Pukhov, director of the Center for Analysis of Strategies and Technologies.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 51
Name: **Yuliana Nakhodkina**
Nationality: Russia
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Rossiia State TV*
Sector: TV
Date: 03 May 2003
Source: IFEX, CPJ, AP
Description: On 3 May, four journalists were killed when a large firefighting helicopter they were traveling in crashed in the Chita

Region, some 3,000 miles east of the capital, Moscow.

Rossiia state television journalist Yuliana Nakhodkina and cameraman Konstantin Kozar, journalist Galina Kovalskaya and photographer Ruslan Yamalov, of the Moscow weekly *Yezhenedelny Zhurnal*, also died.

Flying conditions were poor, with strong winds and low visibility due to smoke from forest fires that had begun in the region in late April. The journalists were travelling in a Mi-26 helicopter operated by the Emergency Situations Ministry to cover the story when the helicopter crashed. Seven crewmen and a forest official also died.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 52
Name: **Konstantin Kozar**
Nationality: Russia
Profession: Cameraman
News organ: *Rossiia State TV*
Sector: TV
Date: 3 May 2003
Source: IFEX, CPJ, AP
Description: SEE ABOVE

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 53
Name: **Galina Kovalskaya**
Nationality: Russia
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Rossiia State TV*
Date: 3 May 2003
Source: IFEX, CPJ, AP
Description: SEE ABOVE

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 54
Name: **Ruslan Yamalov**
Nationality: Russia
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Yezhenedelny Zhurnal*
Date: 3 May 2003
Source: IFEX, CPJ, AP
Description: SEE ABOVE

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 55
Name: **Alikhan Guliyev**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *TVT*
Sector: Radio
Date: 18 July 2003
Source: IFJ, IFEX, IPI, WAN
Description: On 18 July, Alikhan Guliyev, who worked for Russia's *TVT* channel, was gunned down at the entrance to his Moscow apartment building. Last year, Guliyev had filed a complaint against Khamzad Gutseriyev, a candidate in race for the presidency of the southern Russian republic of Ingushetia. Subsequent to a Russian Supreme Court ruling, Gutseriyev was disqualified shortly before the April 2002 vote.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 56
Name: **Natalia Astafyeva**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Channel One*
Sector: Radio
Date: 4 October 2003
Source: CPJ
Description: Channel One journalist Natalia Astafyeva, cameraman Sergei Isakov, and driver Yuri Selyanov died on 4 October when their car collided with a truck on the Tyumen-Khanty Mansiik highway. They were returning from Nizhnevartovsk, where they were shooting a piece on the daily life of local ethnic groups in the Khanty Mansiisk Autonomous District.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 57
Name: **Sergei Isakov**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Cameraman
News organ: *Channel One*
Sector: Radio

Date: 4 October 2003
Source: CPJ
Description: SEE ABOVE

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 58
Name: **Aleksey Sidorov**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Togliattinskoe Obozrenie*
Sector: Press
Date: 9 October 2003
Source: IFJ, IFEX, IPI, EJC, RFE/RL, CPJ, WAN
Description: Aleksey Sidorov, the editor-in-chief of independent newspaper *Togliattinskoe Obozrenie* ("Togliatti Review") was murdered on October 9. Sidorov was knifed to death by near his home in the city of Togliatti, in the Volga region.

Prior to Sidorov's death, the newspaper was investigating criminal groups connected to the largest car manufacturer in Russia, AutoVAZ. In particular, Sidorov was preparing articles on theft by representatives of the so-called Volga criminal group, whose ten members are now awaiting the verdict of a Togliatti court.

On 17 October, police arrested two men in connection with the killing. According to Russian authorities Sidorov got caught up in a fight with two strangers over vodka. However, Sidorov's colleagues have rejected this story and insist that his death was a contract hit.

Country: SOMALIA
CASENR: 59
Name: **Abdullahi Madkeer**
Nationality: Somali
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *DMC*
Sector: Radio
Date: 24 January 2003
Source: SOJON

Description: Abdullahi Madkeer, a journalist with *DMC Radio*, was shot in the stomach by members of the Rahanweyn Resistance Army (RRA) militia while covering the reopening of Baidoa Airport in the southwest of the country, according to the Somali Journalists' Network (SOJON) and the Action Alert Group, a press freedom organization. He was taken to a hospital and died that day after doctors refused to operate on him because he was HIV positive. The shooting occurred while militia belonging to the RRA faction of Shaykh Adan Madobe fired on the airport crowd to drive them back from an aircraft with a cargo of the narcotic khat. The airport had just reopened after months of war between rival RRA factions in the region.

Madkeer's station, *DMC Radio*, has since been forced to close after local fighters from RRA factions requisitioned the stations' offices.

Country: UKRAINE
CASENR: 60
Name: **Volodimir Karachenzev**
Nationality: Ukrainian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Kuryer*
Sector: Press
Date: 14 December
Source: IMI, IPI

Description: On 14 December Volodimir Karachevtsev, a journalist for *Kuryer*, died in Melitopol, Zaporizhzhya Region, under suspicious circumstances. He was apparently discovered hanged on the handle of a fridge. Forensic experts found his death was the result of mechanical asphyxia caused by hanging. Police believe this was an accident, but have not ruled out murder. Ihor Jenin, Karachevtsev's editor-in-chief at *Kuryer*, has also not ruled out the possibility of murder. In

the past, Karachevtsev received several death threats after writing articles about corruption among local government officials and businessmen. Karachevtsev's wife also claims that his death was not an accident or a suicide.

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CASENR: 61
Name: **Ed Murphy**
Nationality: American
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *The News Journal*
Sector: Press
Date: 14 March 2003
Age: 46
Source: APSE

Description: Ed Murphy, a sports writer for a Delaware newspaper, *The News Journal*, was killed when he was struck by the propeller of a small airplane as he was leaving Richmond where he had covered a basketball game. The plane was flown by a photographer for the newspaper.

***Total Journalists Killed* 61**

Cases of Mediaworkers Killed

Country: DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF THE
CONGO

CASENR: 1
Name: **Akité Kisembo**
Nationality: Congolese
Profession: Interpreter
News organ: *Agence France Presse*
Date: 3 July 2003
Source: IFEX, JED, AFP

Description: On 3 July, Akité Kisembo, a local interpreter for the special envoy of *AFP* to Bunia, was abducted and executed by rebels. All evidence points to Thomas Lubanga, head of the UPC (Union des patriots Congolais) rebels, as the perpetrator of the crime. Lubanga admitted to killing Kisembo in an interview.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 2
Name: **Kamaran Abdurazaq Muhamed**
Nationality: Kurdish
Profession: Translator
News organ: *BBC*
Sector: Press
Date: 6 April 2003
Source: IPI, CPJ, EJC, CJFE, IFEX, PMW, RSF

Description: On 6 April, a Kurdish translator working for *BBC* in Northern Iraq died after being seriously wounded, apparently by an American bomb.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 3
Name: **Jeremy Little**
Nationality: Australian
Profession: Soundman
News organ: *NBC Network*
Sector: TV
Date: 6 July 2003
Age: 27
Source: IFJ, IFEX, RSF, WAN

Description: On 6 July, sound recordist Jeremy Little died in an American hospital in Germany from injuries sustained to his lower body on 1 July in a rocket attack in Falluja, a town outside of Baghdad, Iraq. Little was working for the United States TV network *NBC* and was embedded with US Third Infantry Division when a military vehicle in which he was travelling was fired upon.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 4
Name: **Yuri Selyanov**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Driver
News organ: *Channel One*
Sector: Radio
Date: 4 October 2003
Source: CPJ

Description: *Channel One* journalist Natalia Astafyeva, cameraman Sergei Isakov, and driver Yuri Selyanov died on 4 October when their car collided with a truck on the Tyumen-Khanty Mansiik highway.

They were returning from Nizhnevartovsk, where they were shooting a piece on the daily life of local ethnic groups in the Khanty Mansiisk Autonomous District.

Total Mediaworkers Killed: 4

Cases Under Investigation

Country: BRAZIL
CASENR: 1
Name: **Edgar Ribeiro Pereira de Oliveira**
Nationality: Brazilian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Boca do Povo*
Sector: Press
Date: 9 June 2003
Age: 43
Source: IFJ, IAPA, IFEX, RSF, CJFE, IPI, WAN
Description: On 9 June, journalist Edgar Ribeiro Pereira de Oliveira, part owner of the weekly, *Boca do Povo*, was shot dead. The paper was well known for its close scrutiny of business and political leaders in the southern Brazilian state of Mato Grosso do Sul. Oliveira, 43, was shot eight times in the state capital of Campo Grande by two men who then fled in a car, police said. Police however said he had not received any death threats.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 2
Name: **Oscar Salazar Jaramillo**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist, Owner, Manager
News organ: *Radio Sevilla*
Sector: Radio
Date: 10 March 2003
Age: 74
Source: IFJ, IFEX, RSF, IPI, EJC, CPJ, WAN
Description: On 10 March, radio journalist Oscar Salazar Jaramillo was found stabbed to death in his home in Sevilla, in Valle del Cauca department (350 km. southwest of Bogota). The local authorities said Salazar was stabbed to death while resting in his home. They did not say if they were aware of any threats against him.

Salazar was the owner and manager of Radio Sevilla, a radio station, which he founded in 1954 and which was affiliated to Radio Caracol. He presented a weekly programme of local news, "Sevilla en 7 dias," in which he had reported cases of embezzlement within the local municipal government. He had himself held several posts in the municipal government and chamber of commerce. In the 1970s, he was also a parliamentarian for the Popular National Alliance (ANAPO).

Country: GUATEMALA
CASENR: 3
Name: **Milton Oswaldo Martínez**
Nationality: Guatemalan
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Ke Buena*
Sector: Radio
Date: 25 May 2003
Source: IPI, WAN, IFEX, APG
Description: On 25 May, the body of Milton Oswaldo Martínez, who worked for a local radio station *Ke Buena*, body was found in the department of Huehuetenango. Although Martínez went missing on 21 May, authorities were informed of his disappearance but did nothing to determine his whereabouts.

Country: INDIA
CASENR: 4
Name: **Achal Dixit**
Nationality: Indian
Profession: Journalist
Sector: TV
Date: 12 January 2003
Source: IFJ, *The Tribune India*

Description: On 12 January, Achal Dixit, a TV journalist died after being shot by car-borne assailants near Raval village.

Country: INDIA
CASENR: 5

Name: **Indra Mohan Hakasam**
Nationality: Indian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Amar Assam*
Sector: Press
Date: 24 June 2003
Source: IFJ, IFEX, RSF

Description: On 24 June, the United Liberation Force of Assam (ULFA), an outlawed militant group active in Assam, abducted Indra Mohan Hakasam from his house. Hakasam worked as a local correspondent for *Amar Assam* an Assamese daily published in the city of Guwahati. Local newspapers have recently reported that the ultra militant group has killed Hakasam. The Journalists Union of Assam (JUA) held a one-day sit-in strike at the premises of the Guwahati Press Club on 21 November in order to press for an investigation into Hakasam's case.

The headman of Hakasam's village was told by ULFA sources that Hakasam had been killed. But no proof of his death has yet been provided. Hakasam was married with two young children.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 6
Name: **Fred Nérac**
Nationality: French
Profession: Cameraman
News organ: *ITN Network*
Sector: Press
Date: 22 March 2003
Age: 43
Source: IFJ, EJC, NUJ, AJI, RSF, IFEX, CJFE, ITN
Description: Fred Nérac was a cameraman who was working for ITN with Terry Lloyd (see Journalists killed) and went missing along with Lebanese translator Hussein Osman on 22 March near Basra.

Nérac was caught in the crossfire between US and Iraqi forces, as he travelled with three other ITN colleagues towards Basra.

Nérac started working for ITN in 1997 and since then covered a wide range of stories with various ITN reporters, including the Afghanistan and Kosovo conflicts.

The IFJ in its report *Justice Denied on the Road to Baghdad* has demanded an independent inquiry into the incident and the death.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 7
Name: **Hussein Osman**
Nationality: Lebanese
Profession: Translator
News organ: ITN Network
Sector: Press
Date: 22 March 2003
Age: 31
Source: IPJ, NUJ, EJC, AJI, IFEX, CJFE, RSF, ITN
Description: Hussein Osman was a translator who was working for ITN with Terry Lloyd (see Journalists killed) and went missing along with French cameraman Fred Nérac on 22 March near Basra.

Hussein had been with the ITN team for about a month, when they were caught in the crossfire between UN and Iraqi troops on the road to Basra in Southern Iraq.

The IFJ in its report *Justice Denied on the Road to Baghdad* has demanded an independent inquiry into the incident and the death.

Country: KYRGYZSTAN
CASENR: 8
Name: **Ernest Nazalov**
Nationality: Kyrgyz
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Kyrgyz Ruhu*
Sector: Press
Date: 15 September 2003
Age: 27

Source: IPI, IFEX, FH, WAN
Description: Ernest Nazalov's body was reportedly found on 15 September in a river in the Osh Oblast region of Kyrgyzstan. While law enforcement officials say the body showed no signs of injury, Nazalov's father reported that his son's right hand was broken and featured stab wounds.

At the time of his death, Nazalov, who was 27 years old, worked as a correspondent for the newspaper *Kyrgyz Ruhu*. He earlier worked for the youth newspaper, *Civindem*, whose chief editor, Sanjar Abdykadyrov, said Nazalov had been investigating alleged corruption among top local officials and that he may have uncovered incriminating evidence against them. In August, Nazalov was purportedly preparing an article about corruption among officials in Osh. Alisher Toksonbaev, a journalist with the Osh Media Resource Center, reported that two people beat Nazalov two weeks prior to his death. They also reportedly seized documents related to his investigative work.

Country: PAKISTAN
CASENR: 9
Name: **Syed Saghar Hussain Kazmi**
Nationality: Pakistani
Profession: Editor
News organ: *Mashriq*
Sector: Press
Date: 21 February 2003
Source: IFJ
Description: On 21 February, an unidentified activist riding on a motorbike shot dead Syed Saghar Hussain Kazmi, the senior sub-editor of *Mashriq* newspaper in Karachi. Although there were reports that it could have been a targeted killing the victim's father, Kabir Husain Kazmi, said that Saghir was not active in any sectarian organization nor had he any personal enmity. Police sent the body

to Jinnah hospital where an investigation was initiated.

Country: PHILIPPINES
CASENR: 10
Name: **John Villanueva**
Nationality: Filipino
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *DZGB*
Sector: Radio
Date: 28 April 2003
Age: 53
Source: IFJ, EJC, CMFR, IFEX, IPI, WAN, RSF
Description: Radio announcer John Villanueva was killed in the central city of Legaspi. Villanueva was shot dead by two motorcycle-riding gunmen on the night of April 28 on his way home after hosting his radio programme at *DZGB* in Legaspi City in Albay. Besides being a popular radio broadcaster, Villanueva was former vice mayor of Camalig for three consecutive terms. An initial investigation indicated that the killing of John Villanueva, 53, was deliberately planned.

Country: PHILIPPINES
CASENR: 11
Name: **Apolinario Pobeda**
Nationality: Filipino
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *DWTI*
Sector: Radio
Date: 17 May 2003
Age: 35
Source: IFJ, EJC, IFEX, CMFR, IPI, CPJ, RSF, WAN
Description: Apolinario Pobeda, 35, was murdered on 17 May near the city of Lucena, south east of Manila. Pobeda was killed on the spot after two men on a motorcycle shot him several times at close range while he was on his way to work at the *DWTI* radio station in Lucena. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but reports said it could be linked to

accusations earlier aired by Pobeda linking local officials to the spread of drugs and gambling in the area.

Country: PHILIPPINES
CASENR: 12
Name: **Bonifacio Gregorio**
Nationality: Filipino
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Dyaryo Banat*
Sector: Press
Date: 8 July 2003
Age: 55
Source: IFJ, IPI, IFEX, CPJ, CMFR, RSF, WAN

Description: Bonifacio Gregorio, who worked for the local weekly *Dyaryo Banat*, was shot to death on 8 July 2003 by an unidentified assailant in front of his house in La Paz, Tarlac. The 55-year-old journalist was reportedly talking on his mobile phone when the assailant gunned him down. The reporter-columnist sustained three gunshot wounds in the head and was rushed to the La Paz District Hospital and was later transferred to Ramos General Hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival. Gregorio, a former village chief of Barangay Caramutan for nine years, joined *Dyaryo Banat* three years ago and was a member of the Tarlac Media Association.

The victim was known for his criticism of La Paz Mayor Dionisio Manuel. He reportedly wrote several articles assailing Manuel for his allegedly illegal activities, among them the conversion of a former rice-field in La Paz into a memorial park.

Police are still investigating whether other individuals accompanied the assassin.

Country: PHILIPPINES
CASENR: 13
Name: **Nelson Nadura**

Nationality: Philippine
Profession: Journalist
News organ: DYME
Sector: Radio
Date: 2 December 2003
Source: IFJ, IFEX, RSF, WAN, CPJ, CMFR, IPI
Description: On the morning of 2 December, Nadura left the DYME radio station on motorcycle shortly after hosting his regular radio programme "Opinion Publico" when assailants shot him, a colleague told CMFR. While the motive for the killing has not been determined, police said Nadura may have been targeted because of past connections to the New People's Army, a guerrilla organisation that has been waging a war with the government since 1969.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 14
Name: **Yurii Shchekochikhin**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Novaya Gazeta*
Sector: Press
Date: 2 July 2003
Source: RFE/RL, INDEX, EJC
Description: On 2 July, Yurii Shchekochikhin, chief deputy editor of *Novaya Gazeta* died after what was described as an 'acute allergic reaction'. Reports suggest that Shchekochikhin was murdered.

He had a long-standing reputation for investigative journalism, particularly for unmasking corruption in the Moscow City Council, the Ministry of Defence, the Prosecutor-General's Office, and the Russian military forces in Chechnya.

Shchekochikhin had recently returned from Ryazan, where he had been investigating customs-duties fraud.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 15
Name: **Dimitri Shvets**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Owner/Director
News organ: *TV-21*
Sector: TV
Date: 19 April 2003
Age: 37
Source: IPI, RSF, IFEX, RFE/RL, CPJ, WAN
Description: On 19 April, Dimitri Shvets, a high-profile executive and co-owner of a local television station was shot dead in the northern Russian port of Murmansk.
Shvets, 37, deputy director and co-owner of *TV-21*, died from three bullet wounds as he stepped from his car outside the station, a major broadcaster on the Kola Peninsula.
The unidentified killer fled, leaving a Russian-made TT pistol on the ground near the victim.
Investigators refused to comment on the killing, which appeared to have been ordered either for political reasons or in connection with the victim's business activities.

Country: THAILAND
CASENR: 16
Name: **Suraphong Rittee**
Nationality: Thai
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Thai Rath*
Sector: Press
Date: 11 February 2003
Age: 43
Source: IFJ, IFEX, RSF, TJA, IPI, CPJ, WAN
Description: On 11 February, Suraphong Rittee, a reporter for the *Thai Rath* newspaper and the ITV television station was killed by a gunman while he was shopping at a grocery shop in Phuket province's Kratoo district.

An initial investigation showed the killing was likely the result of a personal dispute and unrelated to a countrywide crackdown on illicit drugs that has led to the shooting deaths of dozens of dealers.

Country: UKRAINE
CASENR: 17
Name: **Serhiy Naboka**
Nationality: Ukrainian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: RFE/RL
Sector: Press
Date: 18 January 2003
Age: 47
Source: EJC, AP, RFE/RL, IMI
Description: Well-known Ukrainian journalist Serhiy Naboka was found dead in a hotel room in Vinnytsya, in western Ukraine, on 18 January. Naboka, 47, a veteran journalist for RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service, was in Vinnytsya with a group of journalists to prepare a series of reports on the living conditions of prisoners. Preliminary reports indicated that Naboka's death was caused by a blood clot. Reports claim that foul play was involved as Naboka was known for hard-hitting reporting on political issues.

Country: UKRAINE
CASENR: 18
Name: **Vladimir Efremov**
Nationality: Ukrainian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Sobor / Dniepropetrovsk/TV 11*
Sector: Press/Radio
Date: 14 July 2003
Source: IFJ, RFE/RL, IFEX, IMI
Description: On 14 July, Efremov, was editor of the newspapers "*Sobor*" and "*Dniepropetrovsk*" was killed when his car collided with a truck near the eastern town of Verkhnyodniprovsk. Efremov founded

the regional television station TV 11, which backs former Prime Minister Pavlo Lazarenko, an opponent of current President Kuchma. Efremov had agreed to testify at Pavlo Lazarenko's 18 August trial in the United States, on charges of "embezzlement of public funds". Efremov was also a correspondent for the press freedom organisation Institute of Mass Information (IMI) in the city of Dniepropetrovsk. IMI are continuing their investigations into the case.

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APFW	Arab Press Freedom Watch
APG	La Asociacion de Periodistas de Guatemala
APSE	Associated Press Sports Editors
Associated Press	
CASCEN	Central Asian and South Caucasian Freedom of Expression Network
CC.OO	Confederacion Sindical de Comisiones Obreras
CEHURDES	Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Studies
China Daily	
CJFE	Canadian Journalists for Free Expression
CMFR	Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility
CPJ	Committee to Protect Journalists
DJV	Deutscher Journalisten-Verband
EJC	European Journalism Center
FAPE	Federacion de Asocaciones de la Prensa Española
FENAJ	Federacao Nacional do Jornalistas
FLIP	Fundacion para la Libertad de Prensa
FNJ	Federation of Nepal Journalists
FH	Freedom House
IAPA	Inter American Press Association
IFEX	International Freedom of Expression Exchange
IFJ	International Federation of Journalists
IMI	Institute of Mass Information
INDEX	Index on Censorship / Index for Free Expression
IPI	International Press Institute
IPYS	Instituto Preaso y Sociedad
JED	Journaliste en Danger
JNPWU	Japan Federation of Newspaper Workers' Unions
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MFWA	Media Foundation for West Africa
NPU	Nepalese Press Union
NUJ	National Union of Journalists of UK and Ireland
NUJN	National Union of Journalists Nepal
PFC	Periodistas Frente a la Corrupcion
PJS	Palestinian Journalists Syndicate
PMW	Pacific Media Watch
PPF	Pakistan Press Foundation
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RFI	Radio France Internationale
RSF	Reporters sans Frontières
SAJA	Southern Africa Journalists Association
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International Code of Practice for the Safe Conduct of Journalism

The dangers posed to journalists and media staff working in dangerous situations and conflict zones are the subject of extensive record. The IFJ has recorded the deaths of more than 1000 journalists and media staff over the past ten years.

Many journalists are killed, injured or harassed in war zones, either targeted by one side or another or caught in the crossfire of violence. Others are the victims of premeditated assault and intimidation either by criminals, terrorists or by agencies of the state – the police, the military or the security forces – acting secretly and illegally.

Very often there is little that journalists or media organisations can do to avoid casualties. There will, inevitably, be accidents, no matter how much care is taken to provide protection and there is little one can do when those targeting media use ruthless and brutal methods to crush journalistic inquiry.

However, there are steps that journalists and media organisations should take to minimise the risks to staff. In particular, the following are vital considerations in providing protection:

Adequate preparation, training and social protection. *It is essential that journalists and media staff be in a state of readiness when difficulties arise. There should be a framework for providing individuals with health care and social protection.*

Media professionals must be informed and inform themselves *about the political, physical, and social terrain in which they are working. They must not contribute to the uncertainty and insecurity of their conditions through ignorance or reckless behaviour.*

Media organisations must guard against risk-taking for competitive advantage, *and should promote co-operation among journalists whenever conditions exist which are potentially hazardous.*

Governments must remove obstacles to journalism. *They must not restrict unnecessarily the freedom of movement of journalists or compromise the right of news media to gather, produce and disseminate information in secure and safe conditions.*

People Must Keep Their Hands Off Media. *Everyone should respect the physical integrity of journalists and media staff at work. Physical interference with filming or other journalistic work must be prohibited.*

*With these considerations in mind, the IFJ calls on journalists groups, media organisations and all relevant public authorities to respect the following International **Code of Practice for the Safe Conduct of Journalism:***

- 1. Journalists and other media staff **shall be properly equipped** for all assignments including the provision of first-aid materials, communication tools, adequate transport facilities and, where necessary, protective clothing;*
- 2. Media organisations and, where appropriate, state authorities **shall provide risk-awareness training** for those journalists and media workers who are likely to be involved in assignments where dangerous conditions prevail or may be reasonably expected;*
- 3. Public authorities shall inform their personnel of the need **to respect the rights of journalists** and shall instruct them to respect the physical integrity of journalists and media staff while at work.*
- 4. Media organisations **shall provide social protection** for all staff engaged in journalistic activity outside the normal place of work, including life insurance;*
- 5. Media organisations **shall provide, free of charge, medical treatment and health care, including costs of recuperation and convalescence, for journalists and media workers who are the victims of injury or illness as a result of their work outside the normal place of work;***
- 6. Media organisations **shall protect freelance or part-time employees.** They must receive, on an equal basis, the same social protection and access to training and equipment as that made available to fully employed staff.*