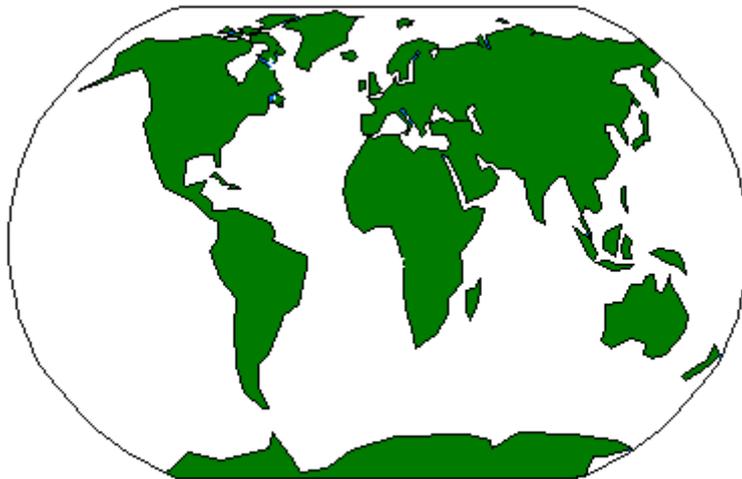


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Journalists and Media Staff Killed in 2000

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



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Introduction

The year 2000 has been marked by a series of assassinations and targeted murders of journalists that highlight the dangers facing reporters everywhere. This annual list of journalists and mediaworkers killed during the year makes grim reading.

This is the tenth year of the publication of the IFJ Killed List and according to the 2000 Report, there were 62 killings, many of them directed against media exposing corruption or expressing political dissent.

The death toll speaks for itself and reveals how journalists risk their lives daily for expressing independent opinions and exposing wrongdoing. In every corner of the world journalists continue to pay a terrible price in the struggle for democracy.

There have been some positive developments this year. The recent decision by a number of major media to adopt a Code of Conduct for Safety for their staff illustrates that some media are taking very seriously the need to create safe working conditions for journalists. The Code, which has been agreed by the BBC, CNN, AP, Reuters and ITN takes up some of the elements of the IFJ's own Code of Practice for the Safe Conduct of Journalism issued some years ago.

The IFJ's report lists 37 journalists as having been killed as a result of their work, and details 20 cases as under investigation. The deaths of five media staff are also listed.

The Report highlights a number of dramatic examples of assassination: In Colombia, nine journalists have been targeted by paramilitary groups in the country's long-running civil conflict; in Spain, Jose Luis Lopez de la Calle, an outspoken critic of the terrorist group ETA, was shot outside his home; in Pakistan, Sufi Mohammed Khan, a reporter who exposed local mafia was killed after death threats; in Mozambique, Carlos Cardoso, a campaigning editor, was gunned down in a military-style ambush; in Russia, Sergei Novikov, a radio station owner who made trenchant criticism of regional political leaders, was shot by a lone killer outside his home.

At the same time journalists covering war zones have continued to be in the firing line. One Palestinian journalist has been killed and about 30 injured in the Middle East conflict and two veteran reporters, Miguel Gil Moreno of AP and Kurt Schork of Reuters, were shot dead in a horrifying ambush in war-torn Sierra Leone.

Country by Country Analysis

Country	Journalists Killed	Mediaworkers Killed	Cases Under Investigation
Bangladesh	2		
Belarus	1		1
Brazil	1		
Chechnya	3		
Colombia	11		6
Democratic Republic of Congo	1		
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	1		1
Gambia	1		
Georgia	1		
Guatemala	1		
Haiti	1	1	
India	4		1
Iraq	1		1
Lebanon		1	
Mexico	3		2
Mozambique	1		
Netherlands	1		
Pakistan	1	3	
Palestine	1		
Peru	1		1
Philippines	2		
Russia	5		3
Sierra Leone	3		
South Africa	1		1
Spain	1		
Sri Lanka	2		
Somalia	1		
Tajikistan	1		
Ukraine	1		1
United States of America	1		1
Uruguay	1		
Zambia	1		1
<i>Total</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>20</i>

Regional Analysis

Region	Journalists Killed	Mediaworkers Killed	Total
Africa	9		9
Americas	20	1	21
Asia	11	3	14
Europe	15		15
Middle East	2	1	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>62</i>

Cases of Journalists Killed

Country: BANGLADESH
CASENR: 1
Name: **Mir Illais Hossein**
Nationality: Bangladeshi
Profession: Publisher / Editor
News organ: Dainik Bir Darpan
Sector: Press
Date: 15 January 2000
Age:
Source: RSF, WAN, IFEX, IPI
Description: On 15 January, three masked attackers shot and killed Mir Illais Hossain in the city of Jhenaidah, Bangladesh. The journalist, also the leader of Sramajibi Mukti Andolon, a leftist party, had apparently received death threats a few weeks earlier from Maoist armed movements. In the newspaper, he had regularly denounced such underground movements. Mir Illais Hossain had recently sought police protection after receiving death threats from extremist armed groups, but this had not been provided.

Country: BANGLADESH
CASENR: 2
Name: **Shamsur Rahman Kebol**
Nationality: Bangladeshi
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Janakantha
Sector: Press
Date: 16 July 2000
Age: 43
Source: CPJ, IFEX, EJC, OPC, Media Watch, WAN, RSF, BBC
Description: On the evening of 16 July, Shamsur Rahman Kebol, a special correspondent with the daily *Janakantha* and a contributor to the Bengali service of the BBC, was shot dead in Jessore, a district town on

Bangladesh's southwestern border. Local sources said that at 8:00 p.m. (local time), as the journalist was working at his office in the centre of Jessore, two unidentified men entered his office and fired two bullets at him. One bullet hit his heart and another his head. He was alone in his office at the time. After hearing the gunshots, people rushed to his room and found him in a pool of blood. He was rushed to Jessore general hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Police suspect local mafia in this Indian border province. The journalist had been reporting on the illegal activities of a local mafia. He had also investigated the Sarbahara Party, one of the leftist armed movements active in the region. In March 1999, he escaped a murder attempt in Jessore. He had recently received death threats by telephone.

Additional: Shamsur Rahman Kebol was one of Bangladesh's senior journalists. He earned his reputation as an expert on Indian politics. He had a thorough knowledge of the smugglers' syndicate active on the border with India. He investigated the extremist politics of the region, filed many stories for his paper and was the leader and an activist of the Jessore Union of Journalists (JUJ). The government recently ran a combing operation against extremist groups in the southwestern part of the country. Shamsur Rahman Kebol received several death threats from the smugglers' group as well as from extreme leftist groups. The home affairs minister condemned this tragic death and ordered local police to start an investigation leading to the arrest of the journalist's killers.

Country: BRAZIL
CASENR: 3
Name: **Zezinho Cazuza**

Nationality: Brazilian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Radio Xingo FM
Sector: Radio
Date: 13 March 2000
Age:
Source: SINDIJOR, IFJ
Description: Cazuzza was shot and killed with a shotgun after leaving a party. Two days later, police arrested José Ferreira Melo. Melo confessed having killed Cazuzza and handed over the weapon to the police. He also told police that he had been hired by Mayor Galindo for R\$ 3000 to kill Zezinho Cazuzza. Mayor Galindo had already paid Melo R\$ 500. With the R\$ 500 Melo bought the shotgun and changed two tyres on his car. The gunman has been emphatic about having been hired to kill the broadcaster.
Cazuzza reported daily on his show about corruption and wrongdoings in City Hall.

Country: CHECHNYA
CASENR: 4
Name: **Vladimir Yatsina**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Photographer
Newsorgan: Itar-Tass
Sector: News Agency
Date: 20 February 2000
Age: 51
Source: Itar-Tass, IFEX, IFJ, CPJ, EJC, The Independent, WAN, COMTEX
Description: Vladimir Yatsina was kidnapped and taken to Chechnya in July 1999 while leaving the Ingushetia capital Nazran. A month later, kidnappers contacted his family and demanded a ransom of two million dollars. In November, they demanded the same amount from the TASS management.
According to an eyewitness account, Yatsina was killed on February 20th as a group of hostages was being moved to the village of Shatoi. Due to health

problems, Yatsina was unable to move quickly. Approximately 5 kilometres away from the village, gunmen shot him dead.
His body has not been recovered yet, slowing down the investigation process.

Country: CHECHNYA
CASENR: 5
Name: **Alexander Yefremov**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Journalist
Newsorgan: Nashe Vremya
Sector: Press
Date: 12 May 2000
Age:
Source: EJC, Freedom Forum, IFEX, RSF, WAN
Description: Alexander Yefremov, a Russian reporter for Siberian newspaper *Nashe Vremya*, was travelling toward Grozny when the jeep he was riding in was blown up near the village of Kirov. Two Russian police officers in the car with him were also killed.

Country: CHECHNYA
CASENR: 6
Name: **Adam Tepsurgayev**
Nationality: Chechen
Profession: Cameraman
Newsorgan:
Sector:
Date: 22 November 2000
Age: 24
Source: EJC, AP, News24, RSF, IFEX
Description: Adam Tepsurgayev, a freelance cameraman who worked for a number of media including Reuters, was shot and killed in a house in the town of Alkhan-Kala, ten kilometres south of Grozny. According to statements by his brother, Ali Tepsurgayev, who was injured in the attack, armed men speaking a Chechen dialect burst into the house and started shooting.

Ali Tepsurgayev said that his brother had been killed as punishment for his work as a journalist. Reuters officials in London said Mr Tepsurgayev had worked for them as a freelancer but had not worked for them in more than six months.

Several months ago, Mr Tepsurgayev provided video footage of a Chechen rebel commander, Shamil Basayev, having a leg amputated.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 7
Name: **Antonio Gomez**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Ecos de la Sierra
Sector: Radio
Date: 9 February 2000
Age: 60
Source: FIP, Prensa Libre, IFEX, RSF, IFJ

Description: Gómez was shot to death in his home, just moments after watching television with his wife Yaneth Castelar and twenty-five year old daughter Diana.

The killers wore hoods and forced his wife and daughter to lie on the ground while they shot the journalist.

Gómez, sixty years old, was the owner of the radio station *Echos of the Sierra (Ecos de la Sierra)*, in Palmor, municipality of Ciénaga-Magdalena, in the Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta. He used his radio station to promote community action campaigns. He was also the head of a cable television service in the region, where groups such as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia, FARC), National Liberation Army (Ejército de Liberación Nacional, ELN) and the Colombian United Self Defense groups (Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia, AUC) are active.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 8
Name: **Maria Elena Salinas Gallego**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
Newsorgan:
Sector: Radio
Date: 5 March 2000
Age:
Source: Prensa Libre, FIP, OPC, IPI, WAN, IFEX

Description: On Sunday 5 March, journalist María Elena Salinas Gallego was found dead in the correctional center, "The Capotal". The journalist's body was found next to two guerrilla fighters from the National Liberation Army (Ejército de Liberación Nacional, ELN) who were killed during a confrontation with army troops.

Salinas was reported missing on Thursday 2 March after she was transferred to the Municipality of San Carlos, to investigate the situation in the department of Antioquia.

She worked as a professor in the Faculty of Social Communications at the University of Medellín and also for several of the city's radio programs.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 9
Name: **Humberto Bueno Garces Angulo**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
Newsorgan: Presencia Colombiana
Sector: Press
Date: 18 March 2000
Age: 48
Source: Prensa Libre, FIP, IFJ, OPC, WAN, IPI, IFEX

Description: Humberto Good Garcés was murdered by unknown men in a disco in the area of Acopi-Yumbo in the Valley of the Cauca.

He was shot five times.

A membership card of Reporters sans Frontieres, ripped in two, was found in his car. Two men were retained as suspects.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 10
Name: **Carlos José Restrepo Rocha**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Director / Editor
Newsorgan: Tangent / Usocoello
Sector: Press
Date: 9 September 2000
Age: 44
Source: Prensa Libre, FIP, WAN, RSF, IFEX, IAPA

Description: Carlos José Restrepo Rocha, director of *Tangent* newspaper and editor of the daily *Usocoello* was murdered by the AUC in the Tolima Department.

Restrepo Rocha was paying wages to 30 workers when a group of 20 men, who were identified as members of the AUC (Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia), handcuffed him and then killed him with 11 shots in the neck and body.

His body was found by residents of the San Luis township in Tolima province, 125 miles southwest of Bogotá.

Additional: Restrepo Rocha, was running for a seat on the local city council. According to local residents a group of some 20 men identifying themselves as members of the AUC grabbed him, handcuffed him and took him away, accusing him of being in league with left wing guerrillas.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 11
Name: **Gustavo Ruiz Castillo**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Radio Galeon
Sector: Radio
Date: 15 November 2000
Age: 39

Source: Prensa Libre, IAPA, AP, RSF, WAN, CPJ, EJC, FLIP

Description: Two gunmen killed Ruiz, a correspondent for the regional station Radio Galeón, with two close-range shots to the head as he crossed the market square in the northern town of Pivijay at around dusk on November 15, police and colleagues said.

Police said they were still investigating the identity of the attackers. However, senior colleagues at Radio Galeón, based in the port city of Santa Marta, alleged that Ruiz was killed by members of a right-wing paramilitary group that operates in and around Pivijay, in central Magdalena Province.

Ruiz had worked for Radio Galeón on a free-lance basis for the last three years, covering politics, crime, and general news in and around Pivijay. He was a self-taught journalist who began radio reporting about 15 years ago for Radio Libertad, another regional station headquartered in the port city of Barranquilla.

Country: DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
CASENR: 12
Name: **Crispin Kandolo**
Nationality: Congolese
Profession: Cameraman
Newsorgan: UNESCO
Sector: Television
Date: 5 September 2000
Age:
Source: RSF, WAN, IFEX, IPI, JED

Description: Crispin Kandolo, a freelance cameraman, was killed on 5 September during an ambush in the Kahuzi Biega park, located in Bukavu (eastern region of the Democratic Republic of Congo). Some ten others died in this attack.

Since 24 July, a team of technicians, officials and soldiers has been working, at the request of UNESCO, to

demarcate the Kahuzi Biega Park, in order to put an end to conflicts between the population bordering on the park and the park authorities. The journalist was covering the activities of this team when the events took place. According to the governor of South-Kivu, Norbert Basingizi Katintima, the men were surrounded and attacked by Interahamwe militiamen. The body of the journalist and those of many others were burned by the assailants.

Country: GAMBIA
CASENR: 13
Name: **Omar Barrow**
Nationality: Gambian
Profession: Journalist
Newsorgan: SUD FM
Sector: Radio
Date: 10 April 2000
Age: 28
Source: CPJ, IFEX, OPC, CPU, IPI, WAN

Description: Omar Barrow, a news editor with the privately owned Senegalese radio station SUD FM, which broadcasts in the Gambia, was shot dead on April 10 by a uniformed member of the Gambian army's anti-riot unit.

Two bullets hit Barrow in the armpit as he stood inside the Red Cross compound in Kanifing, a suburb of Banjul, where he had volunteered as a first-aid medical assistant during a violent student demonstration.

Country: GEORGIA
CASENR: 14
Name: **Antonio Russo**
Nationality: Italian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Radio Radicale
Sector: Radio
Date: 16 October 2000
Age: 40
Source: Reuters, WAN, EJC, IFEX, CNN, RSF, CPJ, TOL

Description: Russo's body was discovered on the side of a road near the town of Gombori (eighty kilometres north-east of Tbilisi) on 16 October. According to the results of the autopsy, the journalist died following a violent shock to the chest that could have been caused by a blow from an iron bar or the impact of a vehicle.

Georgian forensic experts believe the journalist died on the morning of 16 October. His body was found some fourteen hours later. Next to the body, the police recovered a rope that had evidently been taken from the journalist's house and then used to tie him up.

After the body was discovered, the police and several of Russo's friends went to his apartment, which had apparently been searched and looted. Russo's laptop computer, mobile telephone, video camera, and three videotapes were missing.

Georgian authorities have not ruled out the theory that Russo was killed because of his journalism. Nevertheless, officials have also speculated that he might have died as the result of a robbery or a random hit-and-run incident.

Additional: As a foreign correspondent for Radio Radicale, Russo had previously covered Algeria, Burundi, Rwanda, Colombia, Bosnia, and most recently Kosovo. During his assignment in Tbilisi, he was constantly in touch with Chechen refugees living in the eastern part of Georgia. After Russian authorities denied him an entry visa to Chechnya, Russo entered the breakaway republic illegally on several occasions to interview Chechen military commanders and former Chechen President Aslan Maskhadov. Apparently, Russo planned to return to Italy with video footage of Chechnya at the end of the month.

Country: GUATEMALA
CASENR: 15
Name: **Roberto Martinez**
Nationality: Guatemalan
Profession: Photographer
Newsorgan: Prensa Libre
Sector: Press
Date: 27 April 2000
Age: 37
Source: FIP, IFEX, OPC, APG, RSF, CPJ, EJC, The Nando Times, AP, WAN, IPI, Freedom Forum

Description: On Thursday 27 April, photojournalist Roberto Martínez, with the newspaper *Prensa Libre*, was killed during street demonstrations provoked by public transport fare increases that were passed by the Guatemala City council. Martínez - who was 36 years old and the father of six children - was there as a result of the national and international media coverage of the events and died from a shot to the head. Three other reporters and television camera operators were wounded.

The journalist was killed when a number of private security agents opened fire on a group of demonstrators. Among them were reporters from different media who were covering the events. The attackers were captured and have been remanded for trial.

Journalists at the scene identified and detained the two security guards, who are now in police custody. At the time of the attack, Martínez was carrying a camera and was surrounded by colleagues who also carried cameras and other professional equipment, clearly identifying them as journalists.

Country: HAITI
CASENR: 16
Name: **Jean Leopold Dominique**
Nationality: Haitian
Profession: Owner / Journalist

News organ: Radio Haiti Inter
Sector: Radio
Date: 3 April 2000
Age: 69
Source: RSF, IFEX, CPJ, AMARC, FENAJ, FELAP, WAN, OPC, EJC, Nando Times, AP, IPI, Freedom Forum

Description: On the morning of 3 April, Jean Leopold Dominique was killed after parking his car in the Radio Haïti Inter lot, just as he was entering the building in which the radio station's offices are located, in the Delmas neighbourhood (north-east of Port-au-Prince). A female journalist with the station affirmed that she heard several gunshots. Seriously injured, Dominique was taken to hospital, where he died from his injuries. One of the radio station's guards was also killed during the attack. The journalist was known to be close to President René Préval. He was the most famous political commentator in Haiti, known for his commitment to democracy and attacks on dictatorships. The director of Radio Haïti Inter often criticised politicians and businessmen in his radio programme "Inter Actualités".

Additional: In the 1970s, Dominique spearheaded a free-speech movement against the dictatorial regime of Jean-Claude Duvalier, who shut down his station in 1980, and Dominique fled into exile. He returned after a popular uprising toppled Duvalier in 1986.

Dominique's station was closed down again in 1991 when the army ousted then-President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, whom Mr Dominique followed into exile in the United States. He was a close ally of Mr Aristide and his successor, President Rene Preval.

Dominique had often received death threats. His enemies ranged from far-right partisans of the 1991 army coup to some far-left supporters of Mr

Aristide's fragmented populist movement.

Country: INDIA
CASENR: 17
Name: **V. Selvaraj**
Nationality: Indian
Profession: Journalist
Newsorgan: Nakkeeran
Sector: Press
Date: 31 July 2000
Age:
Source: RSF, IFEX, OPC, WAN, IPI
Description: Selvaraj, a correspondent for the private biweekly *Nakkeeran* in Perambalur (Tamil Nadu State), was shot dead on 31 July, near the Perambalur bus station. Eight suspects were caught by police on the road between Perambalur and Chennai, just 45 minutes after the crime was committed. Police stated that the motive behind the crime had not been established. But R. Gopal, editor of the newspaper, said it was "a warning to those who fight to reveal the truth." He also noted that it was a "calculated and cold blooded murder."

Country: INDIA
CASENR: 18
Name: **Pradeep Bhatia**
Nationality: Indian
Profession: Photographer
Newsorgan: Hindustan Times
Sector: Press
Date: 10 August 2000
Age: 31
Source: CPJ, IFEX, RSF, EJC, The Hindu, Freedom Forum, IPI, WAN
Description: Bhatia died in a bomb blast in the centre of Srinagar (the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir State, in western India) on 10 August. Nine Indian and Kashmiri journalists were injured in the bombing, for which the separatist movement Hezb-ul Mujahedeen from Pakistan claimed

responsibility. The media workers had rushed to the State Bank of India, where soldiers were waiting for their salaries, after learning that a group of Kashmiri militants had attacked the building. A bomb planted under a car exploded near the bank. At least 11 people died in the bombing, including nine soldiers and two civilians. Bhatia had travelled from New Delhi to cover the conflict in Kashmir, which has caused more than 25,000 deaths in the last eleven years. He was an experienced photo reporter. Hezb-ul Mujahedeen spokesman Salim Hashmi was quoted in the 11 August edition of *The Hindustan Times* as saying, "We are deeply grieved over the death of a press photographer and injuries to some journalists." He said the attack was targeted against Indian security forces.

Country: INDIA
CASENR: 19
Name: **Thounaojam Brajamani Singh**
Nationality: Indian
Profession: Editor
News organ: Manipur News
Sector: Press
Date: 20 August 2000
Age: 68
Source: CPJ, IFEX, EJC, BBC, RSF, WAN, IPI, Freedom Forum
Description: Brajamani Singh, editor of the private daily *Manipur News* in Imphal (Manipur state), and president of the Manipur State Journalists' Association, was shot dead on 20 August, shortly after leaving the newspaper's office. Two strangers followed him on a motorcycle and shot him in the head at point-blank range. The killers did not shoot at an employee who was with the editor. No one has claimed responsibility for the murder. Police said that the motive for the crime has not been established, but the editor received anonymous death

threats on 15 August. In an editorial published the day before the murder, Brajamani Singh urged the people who had made the threats to either stop or make themselves known.

He is regarded as one of the pioneers of English journalism in the northeast of India.

Country: MEXICO
CASENR: 20
Name: **Hugo Sanchez Eustaquio**
Nationality: Mexican
Profession: Publisher
Newsorgan: La Verdad
Sector: Press
Date: 19 July 2000
Age:
Source: IAPA, IFEX
Description: On July 19, the publisher of the newspaper *La Verdad* in Atizapán de Zaragoza, Hugo Sánchez Eustaquio, was found dead three months after he was kidnapped.

Country: MOZAMBIQUE
CASENR: 21
Name: **Carlos Cardoso**
Nationality: Mozambiquan
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Metical
Sector: Press
Date: 22 November 2000
Age: 49
Source: IFJ, IFEX, MISA, AIM, WAN, Article 19, The Guardian, AP, NBC, EJC, CPJ, RSF
Description: The editor of the independent daily *Metical*, Cardoso was gunned down in an ambush as he left Metical's offices in the Maputo suburb of Polana. After two vehicles cut off Cardoso's car, two unidentified assassins opened fire with AK-47 assault rifles, killing him instantly and seriously wounding his driver. A crew from Mozambican Television (TVM) arrived on the murder scene soon after the shooting and the main

TV news began with the shocking images of the police removing Cardoso's bullet-ridden body from the car.

Additional: The Mozambican government quickly condemned Cardoso's assassination, and has promised to carry out a full investigation.

Cardoso, 48, was an experienced investigative journalist who had become one of Mozambique's foremost media personalities. He was internationally acclaimed for his groundbreaking reporting on political corruption and organized crime in Mozambique, a country that is still recovering from a brutal, decade-long civil war.

Earlier in his career, Cardoso served as editor and later director of the Mozambique state news agency AIM, from which he resigned in 1989. Before founding Metical in 1998, Cardoso ran another independent fax newsletter, Mediafax, which he launched in 1992.

On November 24, a group of 500 outraged local journalists and citizens marched from the headquarters of the Mozambican Journalists Union (SNJ) in downtown Maputo to the site of Cardoso's assassination in Polana.

Country: THE NETHERLANDS
CASENR: 22
Name: **Marcel van Nieuwenhoven**
Nationality: Dutch
Profession: Journalist / Photographer/ Cameraman
Newsorgan: SBS / Radio Twente Internet
Sector: Television / Internet Radio
Date: 13 May 2000
Age: 31
Source: NVJ
Description: Marcel van Nieuwenhoven was caught in an

explosion at a fireworks factory while filming the initial fire. The fire had spread rapidly resulting in a series of explosions.

Country: PAKISTAN
CASENR: 23
Name: **Sufi Mohammad Khan**
Nationality: Pakistani
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Ummat
Sector: Press
Date: 2 May 2000
Age: 38
Source: WAN, RSF, IFEX, IPI, CPJ, Freedom Forum
Description: Khan, a journalist with the daily *Ummat* (Nation), was shot dead on 2 May. The journalist had been reporting on the illegal activities of a local mafia involved in drug trafficking and organised prostitution. Khan had received threats for exposing the drug mafia's networks in his reports and it is believed that he was targeted because of his professional activities. Half an hour after the killing, a man surrendered to the police and confessed to the killing, describing his actions in detail. His account was widely covered in the local press.

Country: PALESTINE
CASENR: 24
Name: **Aziz Al-Teneh**
Nationality: Palestinian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Wafa
Sector: News Agency
Date: 28 October 2000
Age: 32
Source: PJS, IPI, AFP, MENA, BBC, Daily Telegraph
Description: A Palestinian journalist died in hospital in Jordan on 28 October from injuries suffered in a gas explosion in a security headquarters in the West Bank town of Bethlehem some 10 days earlier.

Aziz Yusef al-Teneh, 32, was director of the official Palestinian news agency Wafa's Bethlehem office. He was in the headquarters of Force 17, a special unit charged with the security of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and other top officials, when a gas explosion ripped through the building on 19 October.

Two members of Arafat's personal guard were killed and 10 others injured in the blast. Wafa said Teneh, who was married just a month ago, was taken to Amman for treatment.

Country: PHILIPPINES
CASENR: 25
Name: **Vincent Rodriguez**
Nationality: Filipino
Profession: Journalist
News organ: DZMM
Sector: Radio
Date: 23 May 2000
Age:
Source: CMFR, CPJ, RSF, IPI, WAN, IFEX, Freedom Forum, OPC
Description: Vincent Rodriguez, a Pampanga correspondent with the Manila-based DZMM radio station, was killed during an ambush on Mayor Catalina Bagasina.

Rodriguez was part of a seven-boat convoy escorting President Joseph Estrada's son Jojo Osorio Ejercito on a tour of coastal villages when the ambush occurred. Rodriguez, who was in the second boat, was shot in the head and died instantly. Two other journalists were injured when their boat crashed into the riverbank.

Police identified the attackers as rebels belonging to the Rebolusyonaryong Hukbong Bayan (RHB), a breakaway faction of the communist New People's Army (NPA). RHB members are known for extortion, robbery, looting and gun-for-hire activities in Pampanga. Bagasina insists that the ambush was politically motivated.

Country: PHILIPPINES
CASENR: 26
Name: **Olimpio Jalapit**
Nationality: Philippino
Profession: Journalist
News organ: DXPR
Sector: Radio
Date: 17 November 2000
Age: 34
Source: WAN, IFEX, Pacific Media Watch, RSF, EJC, Freedom Forum, IPI
Description: Olimpio Jalapit, 34, was shot in the head on November 17 in Zamboanga Province. Police reportedly believe the lone gunman is responsible a member of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front urban hit squad.
According to the authorities, the broadcaster had “many enemies” because of his programmes, in which he denounced corruption in the province. He recently investigated the disappearance of funds from an educational foundation. His colleagues said he received threats after these programmes.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 27
Name: **Artyom Borovik**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Journalist / President
News organ: Sovershenno Sekretno
Sector: Television
Date: 9 March 2000
Age: 38
Source: RUJ, CPJ, IFEX, EJC, Reuters, The Times, Freedom Forum
Description: Artyom Borovik, a legendary figure in Russian journalism, was one of four passengers and five crew members who were killed when their private plane crashed during takeoff from Moscow on a flight bound for the Ukrainian capital, Kiev. Officials are looking into technical explanations for the crash, but foul play has not been ruled out.

Additional: Borovik made his reputation in the late 1980s, when he was correspondent for the glasnost-era magazine, *Ogonyok*. His critical reporting on the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan revealed the gritty truth of the war to Russians, and established him as a warrior for openness in the media.

In the 1990s, Borovik continued to uncover the tough realities of Russian life and politics. He produced an independent, highly rated investigative program called “Sovershenno Sekretno” (Top Secret), which ran for eight years before it was taken off state-run television in retaliation for a series of reports in a sister publication, *Versiya*, which accused several top Kremlin officials of corruption. Borovik set a standard for investigative reporting.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 28
Name: **Sergei Novikov**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Owner
News organ: Vesna
Sector: Radio
Date: 26 July 2000
Age: 36
Source: RUJ, CPJ, IFEX, IPI, EJC, Reuters, AFP, CNN, RSF, WAN
Description: Novikov, 36, was shot and killed in the stairwell of his apartment building at around 9:00 p.m. (local time) on 26 July. The killer, who remains at large, shot him four times and then escaped through a back door. Novikov's employees believe the murder was politically motivated, since the station has often criticized the government of Smolensk Province. They point to Novikov's participation in a 23 July television broadcast during which he and other local journalists discussed the alleged corruption of the provincial deputy governor.

Apparently, Novikov received death threats earlier this year after announcing his intent to run for the governorship of Smolensk Province. He then petitioned the local prosecutor's office for protection and permission to carry a weapon.

Country: SIERRA LEONE
CASENR: 29
Name: **Saoman Conteh**
Nationality: Sierra Leonean
Profession: Journalist
News organ: New Tablet
Sector: Press
Date: 8 May 2000
Age:
Source: RSF, WAN, Freedom Forum, IPI, CPJ, IFJ, EJC, AP, OPC, ANB-BIA, Media Foundation for West Africa

Description: Saoman Conteh was shot dead in the streets of Freetown on 8 May as he was covering a demonstration outside the home of Foday Sankoh, Vice-President of Sierra Leone and Revolutionary United Front (RUF) leader. People inside the house opened fire on the crowd and a bullet hit Saoman Conteh. He was confirmed dead on arrival at Connaught Hospital a few hours later. RUF members also killed four demonstrators. Thousand of people were protesting against the detention of United Nations soldiers by RUF rebels.

Country: SIERRA LEONE
CASENR: 30
Name: **Miguel Gil Moreno de Mora**
Nationality: Spanish
Profession: Cameraman
News organ: APTN
Sector: News Agency / Television
Date: 24 May 2000
Age: 32
Source: AP, Reuters, IFJ, IFEX, CPJ, RSF, IPI, WAN, Freedom Forum,

BBC, OSCE, IPC Lagos, EJC, ABC, Financial Times, Human Rights Watch (Global news coverage)

Description: Escorted by at least 10 pro-government soldiers, Gil Moreno de Mora and Kurt Schork were travelling in two vehicles when the group was ambushed by rebels about 50 miles east of the capital, Freetown, near Rogberi Junction, an area hotly contested by pro-government forces and rebels of the Revolutionary United Front.

Two other Reuters journalists, South African cameraman Mark Chisholm and Greek photographer Yannis Behrakis, suffered slight injuries in the same attack.

Additional: Gil Moreno was the 25th AP journalist to die in the line of duty since the organization was founded in 1848. Previously, APTN producer Myles Tierney was fatally shot in Sierra Leone a year ago.

Gil Moreno provided news dispatches from war zones where he often was the only journalist to witness dramatic events.

He had covered conflicts in Kosovo, Chechnya, Iraq, Congo and other parts of the world for APTN.

Of reporting from Chechnya, Gil Moreno said in a recent first-person account: "Every minute of every day you think you are going to die."

Country: SIERRA LEONE
CASENR: 31
Name: **Kurt Schork**
Nationality: American
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Reuters
Sector: News Agency
Date: 24 May 2000
Age: 53
Source: AP, Reuters, IFJ, IFEX, CPJ, RSF, IPI, WAN, Freedom Forum, BBC, OSCE, IPC Lagos, EJC, ABC, Financial Times, Human Rights Watch (Global news coverage)

Description: Escorted by at least 10 pro-government soldiers, Gil Moreno de Mora and Kurt Schork were travelling in two vehicles when the group was ambushed by rebels about 50 miles east of the capital, Freetown, near Rogberi Junction, an area hotly contested in recent days by pro-government forces and rebels of the Revolutionary United Front.

Two more Reuters journalists, South African cameraman Mark Chisholm and Greek photographer Yannis Behrakis, suffered slight injuries in the same attack.

Additional: Schork was a distinguished correspondent who reported from conflicts around the world, including Bosnia and East Timor.

Country: SPAIN
CASENR: 32
Name: **Jose Luis Lopez de la Calle**
Nationality: Spanish
Profession: Journalist
News organ: El Mundo
Sector: Press
Date: 7 May 2000
Age: 62

Source: IFJ, FAPE, El Mundo, AP, Nando Times, UPI, UCJ, RSF, CPJ, FNSI, IFEX, WAN, EJC, News 24,

Description: *El Mundo* journalist Jose Luis Lopez de la Calle was killed outside his home in the Basque Country.

He was shot in the head and stomach as he was leaving his home in Andouain. According to police, his killing is in response to his outspoken opposition to the Basque guerrilla group ETA.

Apparently, no witnesses were at the scene of the crime. The journalist's body was found by a neighbour who had heard gunshots.

Additional: Mr. Lopez, who had served five years in prison during General Francisco Franco's dictatorship, was an advocate of peaceful dialogue in the struggle between Basque separatists and the Spanish state.

Lopez de la Calle was an outspoken critic of ETA's violent campaign for independence, and had received death threats from the group in the past.

Country: SRI LANKA
CASENR: 33
Name: **Anton Mariyadas**
Nationality: Sri Lankan
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation
Sector: Radio
Date: 1 January 2000
Age: 41
Source: FFE, RSF, IFEX, EJC, CPJ, WAN

Description: Mr. Anton Mariyadas, a radio journalist of the State owned Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation was shot by a gunman of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) around midnight of December 31, 1999. He died a short while later. Mr. Mariyadas was killed by a person using a revolver opposite the premises of St. Anthony's Church at Rampikulam, Vavuniya in the North of Sri Lanka. He had gone there with another colleague, to provide live radio coverage of the Catholic midnight mass, to mark the New Year.

Police and residents of the area hold the LTTE responsible for this killing. So far, the LTTE has not denied its involvement in this murder.

Country: SRI LANKA
CASENR: 34
Name: **Myilvaganam Nimalarajan**
Nationality: Sri Lankan
Profession: Freelance Journalist

News organ: Sinhala, BBC, IBC, Ravaya Virakesaree
Sector: Television, Radio, Press
Date: 19 October 2000
Age: 40
Source: WAN, IFEX, OPC, FMM, CPJ, EJC, The Times, Journalism News, Federation of Media Employees Trade Unions, IPI, RSF, Freedom Forum
Description: On 19 October, Myilvaganam Nimalaranjan died after being shot by unidentified attackers. Nimalaranjan was working in the study of his home in Jaffna, the centre of Sri Lanka's seventeen-year-old civil war, when gunmen shot him through a window. The assailants then threw a grenade into the living room, injuring both his parents and his eleven-year-old nephew.
Nimalaranjan worked for several local newspapers, radio and TV stations and was a regular contributor to the BBC's Sinhala and Tamil services. According to his colleagues, Nimalaranjan's reporting may have led to his murder. Nimalaranjan had reported on alleged vote rigging in the 10 October parliamentary elections and the problems facing people displaced by the war between government troops and Tamil separatists. Before the attack, he had filed reports critical of a former Tamil militant group that now fights alongside government troops against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. At present, no one has claimed responsibility for the murder.

Country: SOMALIA
CASENR: 35
Name: **Ahmed Kafi Awale**
Nationality: Somali
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Radio of the Somali People
Sector: Radio
Date: 26 January 2000
Age:

Source: RSF, IFEX, CPJ, WAN, IPI
Description: Ahmed Kafi Awale, a commentator for *Radio of the Somali People*, was shot dead while he was reporting in Mogadishu's Bakara market. Three other people were killed and seven others injured. The attackers, thought to be local criminals took flight when market guards shot back.

Country: TAJIKISTAN
CASENR: 36
Name: **Saifullo Rakhimov**
Nationality: Tajik
Profession: Chairman
News organ: State Radio and Television
Sector: Radio / Television
Date: 21 May 2000
Age:
Source: EJC, Nando Times, AP, Reuters, WAN, IPI
Description: Saifullo Rakhimov was shot daed by six gunmen who blocked his car as it neared his house. The gunmen, dressed in camouflage uniforms, opened fire with a submachine gun, hitting Mr Rakhimov in the chest and head.

Country: URUGUAY
CASENR: 37
Name: **Julio Cesar Da Rosa**
Nationality: Uruguaiian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: CV 149 Radio del Centro
Sector: Radio
Date: 24 February 2000
Age: 36
Source: FIP, IAPA, IFEX
Description: Julio Cesar Da Rosa, news director and owner of radio station *CV 149 Radio del Centro* in the northern Uruguayan town of Baltasar Brum, Artigas province, was killed on February 24.

Police charged a former public official, Nery Colombo, with the murder. They said he was angered by comments De Rosa had made about him in one of his broadcasts which, local media reported. He felt his political career was ruined. Colombo resigned after an investigation was begun into allegations of misconduct. He stormed into Da Rosa's office, opened fire, killing Da Rosa, and then shot himself, eyewitnesses said.

Total Journalists Killed: 37

Cases of Mediaworkers Killed

Country: HAITI
CASENR: 1
Name: **Jean Claude Louissaint**
Nationality: Haitian
Profession: Security Guard
News organ: Radio Haiti Inter
Sector: Radio
Date: 3 April 2000
Age:
Source: RSF, IFEX, EJC, AMARC, FENAJ, WAN, OPC, CPJ
Description: On the morning of 3 April, Journalist and owner, Jean Leopold Dominique was killed after parking his car in the *Radio Haïti Inter* lot, just as he was entering the building in which the radio station's offices are located. A female journalist with the station said that she heard several gunshots. Jean Claude Louissaint, one of the radio station's guards was killed during the attack.

Country: LEBANON
CASENR: 2
Name: **Abed Takoush**
Nationality: Lebanese
Profession: Driver
News organ: BBC
Sector: Television
Date: 23 May 2000
Age: 53
Source: BBC, EJC, OPC, CBC, The Times
Description: Abed Takoush, a Lebanese driver working for BBC TV News, was killed when a missile fired from an Israeli tank hit his car. Other members of the BBC team were working nearby. Mr Takoush had worked for the BBC for 25 years. The Israeli army (IDF) said the death was a "tragic mistake" but at the same time defended its soldiers who had acted "in accordance with the relevant procedures for such a situation". The IDF said the tank crew suspected the

people on the Lebanese side of the border were preparing to fire a missile at the tank.

Additional: The BBC has demanded that Israel pay compensation to the family of Abed Takoush, who was killed while working with Jeremy Bowen, BBC correspondent in south Lebanon.

The BBC says it will continue to press for answers from the Israeli military.

Country: PAKISTAN
CASENR: 3
Name: **Najmul Hassan Zaidi**
Nationality: Pakistani
Profession: Advertisement Manager
News organ: Nawa-i-Waqt
Sector: Press
Date: 6 November 2000
Age:
Source: CPJ, IFEX, PPF, RSF, WAN, EJC, BBC

Description: Three people were killed and at least three others were wounded by a bomb blast inside the offices of the *Nawa-e-Waqt* group, which publishes the Urdu-language daily *Nawa-i-Waqt*, the daily *Nation* and a number of other publications.

The building was used by advertising staff, as journalists had moved to another location after arson and rocket attacks on the building a few years ago. It was originally thought that the blast was caused by a car bomb, but it was later revealed that the bomb had been taken into the advertising manager's office by a woman. Two people - including the woman - died on the spot, and another died later in hospital.

Witnesses said the force of the blast destroyed the building's main gate and damaged walls and windows of a nearby hospital, as well as setting some cars on fire.

Country: PAKISTAN
CASENR: 4

Name: **Ziaul Haq**
Nationality: Pakistani
Profession:
News organ: Nawa-i-Waqt
Sector: Press
Date: 6 November 2000
Age:
Source: PPF, IFEX
Description: see casenr. 3

Country: PAKISTAN
CASENR: 5
Name: **Sajid Mehmood**
Nationality: Pakistani
Profession: Computer Operator
News organ: Nawa-i-Waqt
Sector: Press
Date: 11 November 2000
Age:
Source: PPF, IFEX
Description: Another victim of the bomb explosion in the offices of the *Nawa-i-Waqt* group, on November 6, died in a hospital in Karachi on Saturday, November 11. Sajid Mehmood, a computer operator in the advertisement department, was critically wounded in the blast, with burns to 70 percent of his body.

Total Mediaworkers Killed: 5

Cases Under Investigation

Country: BELARUS
CASENR: 1
Name: Dmitry Zavadsky
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Cameraman
News organ: ORT
Sector: Television
Date:
Age:
Source: Reuters, CPJ, IFEX, OSCE, Charter 97
Description: Dmitry Zavadsky, a cameraman for Russian Public Television (ORT) disappeared in Minsk on July 7.

On November 20, practically all independent editions and foreign journalists, accredited in Belarus, received information that Dmitry Zavadsky was dead. The information apparently came from an anonymous KGB officer.

The message also contained information of arrests made related to the missing cameraman.

Nine people were arrested. They are believed to have orchestrated his abduction. Five of the suspects are acting officers of the President's Security Service.

The suspects confessed to the murder of Zavadsky and pointed to an exact location in a forest near Minsk, where they buried his body. The investigators found a spade with blood stains on it. A forensic investigation proved it to be the blood of Dmitry Zavadsky. However, no exhumation has been carried out.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 2
Name: **John Restrepo Abello**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Cameraman
News organ:
Sector: Television

Date: 7 February 2000
Age:
Source: FIP, Prensa Libre, IPI, WAN, IFEX, IFJ
Description: John Restrepo Abello, cameraman for Barrancabermeja's local television channel, was assassinated by unknown individuals in Girón, province of Santander. Restrepo was killed in the home of his brother, Fabio Leonardo Abello, who was also killed. As of yet, authorities have found no clues as to the motives of the crime that occurred over the weekend. The FARC is suspected to be behind the double murder.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 3
Name: **Fabio Leonardo Abello**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ:
Sector: Television
Date: 7 February 2000
Age:
Source: FIP, Prensa Libre
Description: Fabio Leonardo Abello, was murdered presumably by the FARC together with his brother, cameraman John Jairo Abello; Fabio Leonardo had worked as host for the local channel of television *Enlace 10* in Barrancabermeja.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 4
Name: **Marisol Revelo Baron**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ:
Sector: Television
Date: 4 July 2000
Age: 25
Source: Prensa Libre, FIP, IFEX, IAPA, CPJ, BBC, EJC, IPI, WAN
Description: Rebelo, 25, had been working for a local TV news

programme sponsored by an environmental agency known as the Regional Autonomous Corporation. She was killed on 5 July when an unidentified gunman fired three bullets into her stomach on the doorstep of her home in the port of Tumaco on the Pacific coast. After the attack, the perpetrator escaped on a motorcycle. At present, no one has claimed responsibility for the murder.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 5
Name: **Juan Camilo Restrepo**
Guerra
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Director
News organ: Galaxia
Sector: Radio
Date: 31 October 2000
Age:
Source: Prensa Libre, WAN, CPJ, IPI
Description: Juan Camilo Restrepo Guerra, director of the community radio station "Galaxia", was murdered on 31 October in Ebejico-Antioquia where he had been broadcasting. No further details are currently known about his murder, but it is thought that he was killed by the AUC (Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia, Self-Defence Units of Colombia) paramilitaries.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 6
Name: **Guillermo León**
Agudalo
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
Newsorgan: Voice of the Jungle
Sector: Radio
Date: 1 December 2000
Age:
Source: Prensa Libre, RSF, IFEX, EJC, AP, IAPA, FIP, CPJ
Description: Guillermo León Agudalo was stabbed in his home in

Florencia by individuals who appeared to be common criminals, and who allegedly entered his house in order to steal money from him. However, less than two weeks later, his colleague, Alfredo Abad was assassinated.

Florencia, is a site of frequent clashes between right-wing paramilitary gunmen and urban commandos of Colombia's main Marxist rebel group.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 7
Name: **Alfredo Abad**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Director / Journalist
News organ: Voice of the Jungle
Sector: Radio / Television
Date: 13 December 2000
Age: 36
Source: Reuters, IPI, EJC, AP, IAPA, RSF, FIP, CPJ, IFEX
Description: Gunmen on a motorcycle shot and killed a reporter in a war zone in southern Colombia on 13 December.

Police said the two attackers pumped four rounds from close range into Alfredo Abad, 36, as he drove off from his home for work in the southwestern city of Florencia.

Abad died instantly. He was the director of an affiliate of the Caracol radio news network in Florencia and ran a local television news program.

Police and colleagues said there were no immediate clues to the identity of the gunmen, who sped off after the killing.

Florencia, is a site of frequent clashes between right-wing paramilitary gunmen and urban commandos of Colombia's main Marxist rebel group.

Additional: Mr Abad, president of a Caqueta press association, was the second Voice of the Jungle journalist to die violently in the past two weeks.

Country: FEDERAL REPUBLIC
of YUGOSLAVIA / KOSOVO

CASENR: 8
Name: Shefki Popova
Nationality: Albanian Kosovar
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Rilindja
Sector: Press
Date: 10 September 2000
Age: 50
Source: IFJ, IFEX, Media on Media, ANEM, WAN, IPI, Reuters, EJC, RSF, Freedom Forum
Description: Popova was attacked by two individuals near the cultural centre of Vucitrn, a city with a majority Albanian population located 30 kilometres from Pristina. The journalist was shot, then stabbed. The two attackers escaped. Popova was well known in the region and had worked for the Albanian-language *Rilindja* newspaper for 26 years. He also contributed to the newspaper's radio station, of the same name.
An inquiry has been opened by the United Nations police.

Country: INDIA
CASENR: 9
Name: **Adhir Rai**
Nationality: Indian
Profession: Professor / Freelance Journalist
News organ:
Sector: Press
Date: 18 March 2000
Age:
Source: The Hindu, The Tribune, CPJ
Description: Rai was assassinated while on a journalistic assignment, according to a brief report published in the English-language newspaper *The Hindu*. In addition to serving as the president of the Deoghar Working Journalists Union, Rai was also a lecturer at a local college.

Country: IRAQ
CASENR: 10
Name: **Sarbast Mahmud**

Nationality: Kurdish
Profession: Journalist / Editor
News organ: Media
Sector: Press
Date:
Age:
Source: Radio Free Europe
Radio Liberty
Description: Sarbast Mahmud, a Kurdish journalist and the editor of the newspaper *Media*, was murdered in Irbil, capital of Kurdish Democratic Party-controlled Iraqi Kurdistan, according to a report in *Kurdish Media* dated 1 June.
No one has yet claimed responsibility.

Country: MEXICO
CASENR: 11
Name: **Pablo Pineda**
Nationality: Mexican
Profession: Journalist /
Photographer
News organ: La Opinion
Sector: Press
Date: 9 April 2000
Age: 38
Source: IPI, IFEX, RSF, OPC, EJC, WAN, Media Central, Reuters, FIP, Freedom Forum
Description: On 9 April, Pineda's body was discovered by border guards from the state of Texas, in the United States, who, at 2:45 a.m. (local time) noticed a 'suspicious package' being deposited on the banks of the Rio Grande. The journalist was last seen the previous evening at the local police station in Matamoros. At 9:30 p.m., Pineda left the station after having received a call on his cellular phone, and after informing one of his colleagues, who was also at the station at the time, that he would return soon. According to the autopsy report, the journalist was shot in the head by a 9 mm calibre pistol and died at about midnight. Pineda was a journalist for *La Opinión*, and covered local police and crime matters.

Martin Castillo, chief police reporter with *La Opinion*, said Mr Pineda's aggressive approach to his work had made him unpopular with both the police and criminals, adding that Mr Pineda had survived an attack by a gunman in December.

Country: MEXICO
CASENR: 12
Name: **Jose Ramirez Puente**
Nationality: Mexican
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Radio Net 1490
Sector: Radio
Date: 28 April 2000
Age: 29
Source: WAN, IFEX, RSF, OPC, CPJ, IPI, EJC, Nando Times, AP, FIP

Description: The body of radio reporter José Ramírez Puente, the host of a popular news program in the Mexican town of Ciudad Juárez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, was found in his car late Saturday evening. Ramírez, a 29-year-old reporter with the private station Radio Net, had been stabbed 36 times. The murder is believed to have taken place Friday evening, April 28.

Ramírez began his career with the radio stations 860 and FM Globo. He then worked as a print reporter with the Ciudad Juárez-based daily *El Norte* before taking up a job with Radio Net. His daily news show, "Juárez Hoy", started airing about a month ago. Broadcast from Monday to Friday, the hour-long program featured breaking news and interviews with politicians, business leaders, and others.

Additional: Some time after the body was discovered, local police announced that they had found eight bags of marijuana in the boot of Mr Ramírez's car, although local journalists said they believed the drugs had been planted. Mr Ramírez's colleagues, and even the mayor of

Ciudad Juárez, Gustavo Elizondo, have publicly vouched for the journalist's integrity and have said there was no indication that he was involved in any illicit activity.

Country: PERU
CASENR: 13
Name: **Luis Caviedes Nunez de la Torre**
Nationality: Peruvian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Sur Oriente, Frecuencia Integral
Sector: Radio
Date: 2 July 2000
Age: 50
Source: ANP, FIP, IFJ, ICFTU, UCJ, SNPN, IPI, WAN, IFEX

Description: The founder of the Asociación Nacional de Periodistas del Peru (ANP)-Quillabamba branch in Cuzco, Luis Caviedes Nuñez de la Torre, who worked for the Sur Oriente and Frecuencia Integral radio stations in Quillabamba-Cuzco, was found unconscious on Sunday 2 July at 7:00 p.m. on the banks of the Chuyapi River. He suffered from bruises and injuries to the right side of his head and right eye, and was taken to the Quillabamba hospital by the police, where he consequently died of his injuries.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 14
Name: **Igor Domnikov**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Novaya Gazeta
Sector: Press
Date: 16 July 2000
Age: 42
Source: RUJ, CPJ, IFEX, WAN, Moscow Times, RSF, IPI
Description: Domnekov, a journalist with the twice-weekly Moscow newspaper *Novaya Gazeta*, died on 16 July from injuries sustained during an

attack on 12 May. Domnekov suffered serious head injuries during an assault outside his apartment building in which he was repeatedly struck with a hammer by unknown individuals. He never regained consciousness.

Additional: *Novaya Gazeta* has often published investigative stories on corruption, implicating individuals close to the government and the security services. The newspaper has also been critical of the actions of Russian forces in Chechnya.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 15
Name: **Iskandar Khatloni**
Nationality: Tajik
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Radio Free Europe
Radio Liberty
Sector: Radio
Date: 21 September 2000
Age: 46
Source: RUJ, WAN, IFEX,
OPC, Reuters, EJC, CPJ, IPI, RFERL
Description: Radio Free
Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL)
reporter Iskandar Khatloni was
attacked in his Moscow apartment by
an unknown, axe-wielding assailant.

Khatloni was struck twice in the head, according to the Moscow bureau of RFE/RL. He then stumbled onto the street and collapsed, to be found later by a passer-by. Khatloni died later that night in Moscow's Botkin Hospital. Local police have opened a murder investigation.

At the time of his death, Khatloni was known to be working on stories about the Russian military's human-rights abuses in Chechnya. The topic is controversial in Russia; earlier this year a senior official in the Media Ministry announced that RFE/RL was "hostile to our state".

Additional: Khatloni had worked since 1996 as a Moscow-based journalist for the Tajik service of the

U.S.-funded RFE/RL, which beams daily news programming to Tajikistan. Before his killing, Khatloni had been investigating human rights abuses in Chechnya. At present, no one has been arrested nor has a motive been provided for the killing.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 16
Name: **Sergei Ivanov**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Director
News organ: Lada TV
Sector: Television
Date: 3 October 2000
Age: 30
Source: RUJ
Description: On October 3, at about 10.00 pm in Toliaty, the body of the Director-General of TV Channel "Lada TV", Sergei Ivanov, was found with seven bullet wounds in his head and chest. The killer disappeared after firing at his victim.
Sergei Ivanov who was 30 years old, has headed the Toliaty television since 1993. He had no business outside his work. Police have started a criminal investigation.

Country: SOUTH AFRICA
CASENR: 17
Name: **Coletane Markham**
Nationality: South African
Profession: Editor
News organ: Sowetan Sunday World
Sector: Press
Date: 5 May 2000
Age: 35
Source: FXI, IPI, ANC
Description: Coletane Markham, 35, was a sub-editor on *The Sowetan*, South Africa's largest circulating daily. On the night of May 5 she was attacked outside her home in the town of Roodepoort (a few kilometres west of Johannesburg) by a person unknown. Her head was battered in presumably with a hammer and she

died instantly. Her assailant drove her car to a nearby police station and abandoned it there. No one has been arrested and police have been unable to establish a motive for her death.

She was conducting an investigation into child prostitution around that time but police have not been able to establish whether her death was connected with this or whether it was linked to her private life.

Country: UKRAINE
CASENR: 18
Name: **Georhiy Gongadze**
Nationality: Ukrainian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Ukrainska Pravda
Sector: Internet Newspaper
Date:
Age: 31
Source: AP, EJC, BBC, IPI, CPJ, Reuters, NVJ, UCP, IFJ, Freedom Forum

Description: Colleagues of a missing Ukrainian journalist, Georgiy Gongadze, say they have seen his body in a morgue near Kiev.

The journalists were alerted by police questions about some of Gongadze's possessions. They said the body had been beheaded and burned by acid, but they had seen personal possessions that confirmed its identity.

The body, which had been buried in a wood, had been found at the beginning of this month. The journalists said they had returned with a coffin to take it away, but were told it was no longer at the morgue. The Ukrainian police responded that there were no new developments in the case.

Mr Gongadze founded the popular Internet newspaper Ukrayinska Pravda (Ukrainian Truth) that has been critical of President Kuchma, the so-called big business "oligarchs" and the official media.

He disappeared in September not long after he complained of government harassment.

Country: UNITED STATES of AMERICA
CASENR: 19
Name: James Edwin Richards
Nationality: American
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Neighborhood News
Sector: Internet Newsletter
Date: 18 October 2000
Age: 55
Source: Reuters

Description: The controversial editor of an online newsletter covering crime in the Los Angeles beach community of Venice was shot and killed in what a Los Angeles city councilwoman called an assassination.

James Edwin Richards, 55, a longtime community activist, was shot to death in the early morning hours as he was walking near his house, Los Angeles police said.

No witnesses or motives were identified, police said.

Friends said Richards might have been targeted because he was a controversial figure in the neighborhood. His newsletter, Neighborhood News reported extensively on crime.

Although by no means a journalist of the mainstream, Richards reported on everything from petty theft to drug sales and drive-by shootings, and was often first to arrive at a crime scene, often getting there before police.

Country: ZAMBIA
CASENR: 20
Name: **Antonio Paciencia**
Nationality: Angolan
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Angola Sate Radio
Sector: Radio
Date: 2 October 2000
Age:

Source: BBC, OPC, PANA, RSF, WAN, CPJ, UJA

Description: An Angolan journalist who had disappeared during a media tour of refugee camps in western Zambia was found dead in the Zambezi River near the town of Senanga, according to Zambian police authorities.

Antonio Paciencia, an editor at the state-operated Radio Nacional de Angola (RNA), was travelling with a group of journalists from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) who were visiting refugee camps on Zambia's border with Angola. The media tour was organized and hosted by representatives of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Paciencia's body showed no signs of physical violence, and Zambian police authorities say they are investigating the circumstances of his death.

Diplomatic sources quoted in a Reuters report noted that as a journalist working for a government station Paciencia had taken a risk by visiting a camp dominated by supporters of Jonas Savimbi, the leader of the Angolan UNITA rebel group.

Total Cases Under Investigation: 20

List of Sources

AMARC	World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters
ANEM	Association of Independent Electronic Media
APG	Asociacion de Periodistas de Guatemala
Article 19	
Charter 97	
CMFR	Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility
CPJ	Committee to Protect Journalists
EJC	European Journalism Center
FAPE	Federacion de Asociaciones de la Prensa Espanola
Federation of Media Employees Trade Unions	
FELAP	Federacion Latinoamericana de Periodistas
FENAJ	Federaçao Nacional do Jornalistas
FFE	Foundation for Freedom of Expression
FIP	IFJ Latin America Office
FMM	Free Media Movement
FNSI	Federazione Nazionale della Stampa Italiana
Freedom Forum	
FXI	Freedom of Expression Institute
Human Rights Watch	
IAPA	Inter American Press Association
ICFTU	International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
IFEX	International Freedom of Expression Exchange
IFJ	International Federation of Journalists
IPC	International Press Center
IPI	International Press Institute
JED	Journaliste en Danger
Media Central	
Media Foundation for West Africa	
Media on Media	
Media Watch	
MISA	Media Institute of Southern Africa
NVJ	Nederlandse Vereniging van Journalisten
OPC	Overseas Press Club of America
OSCE	Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe
Prensa Libre	
PJS	Palestinian Journalists Syndicate
PPF	Pakistan Press Foundation
Pacific Media Watch	
Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty	
RSF	Reporters sans Frontières
RUJ	Russian Union of Journalists
SINDIJOR	Sindicato dos Jornalistas de Sergipe
SNPN	Sindicato Nacional de Periodistas de Nicaragua
UCJ	Union of Cyprus Journalists
WAN	World Association of Newspapers

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 700 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.*

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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.*