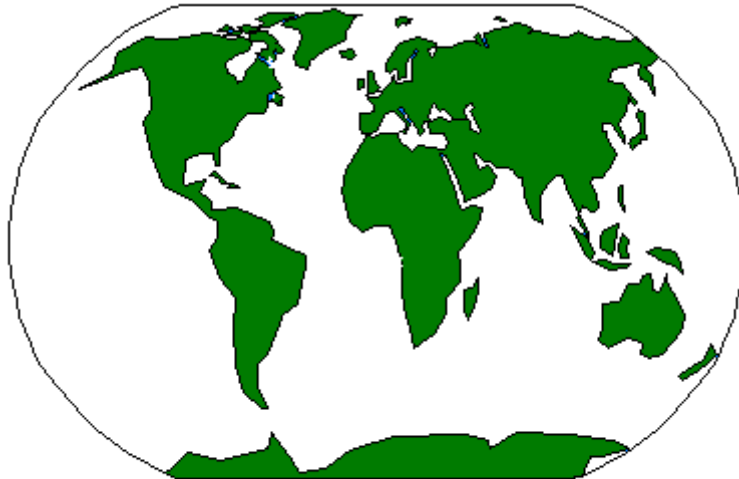




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Journalists and Media Staff Killed in 2002

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



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Introduction

The year 2002 began in the shadow of a horrifying series of deaths among journalists caught up in reporting the war in Afghanistan and it ends with sad news of another victim. Beata Pawlak, a Polish journalist on assignment in Indonesia in pursuit of information on the terrorism network, was one of the victims of the Bali bombing in October. Her badly burned body was only identified two months after the attack. During the year the IFJ has identified 70 journalists or media staff killed while on duty. If there is one terrible theme that runs through the year it is that journalists are being targeted for pursuing stories others want not to be told.

In January, the killing of *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl set the tone for the year. Pearl, who was investigating the heartless world of al-Qaeda and international terrorism, was kidnapped and mercilessly used by his captors in Pakistan who videotaped his killing in an unprecedented display of brutality. Another victim was Tim Lopes, an award-winning investigative reporter with *TV Globo* in Brazil, who disappeared in June. He was tortured and murdered for reporting on drug gangs and sexual exploitation of minors.

Another shocking case was that of Ram Chander Chaterpatti, editor of a local newspaper in the north India state of Haryana who was shot four times outside his home in Sirsa in October. Chaterpatti was reportedly targeted by a religious sect, Dera Sacha Sauda, for his reports on the sect's illegal activities. His death, like that of Valery Ivanov, Editor-in-Chief of the *Tolyattinskoye Obozreniye* newspaper – shot dead by contract killers because he was reporting on corruption – show that journalists who ask tough questions often pay the ultimate prize for their stories.

Once again, the toll in Colombia has been high – ten deaths in the year. The IFJ responded by opening up a new office in Bogotá in October to monitor attacks and to help provide assistance to local journalists.

We recognise that many of these deaths are unavoidable. Ruthless criminality and political indifference often mean that little can be done to stop determined killers. But governments must be challenged. They must respect democratic rights, investigate and follow up every attack and be held accountable when there is official complacency, negligence or, as in some cases, official complicity in attacks on media.

Nevertheless, the year ends on an optimistic note. The IFJ and the International Press Institute, supported by an unprecedented coalition of 80 media organisations, unions, press freedom groups and international organisations, is to create the International Institute for News Safety. This Institute, to be launched during 2003 will support new measures to improve journalists' safety. As these figures show, it is needed more than ever. We may not be able to stop all the killings, but we can put safety of journalism where it belongs – at the top of the media and governmental agenda.

Country by Country Analysis (updated 31 December 2002)

Country	Journalists Killed	Media Staff Killed	Cases Under Investigation
Afghanistan	1		
Armenia			1
Angola			3
Bahrain	1		
Bangladesh	2		1
Bolivia	1		
Brazil	2		2
Burundi	1		
Colombia	3	2	5
Georgia	1		
India	3		
Indonesia	1		
Kuwait	1		
Malawi			1
Mexico	1		1
Morocco			1
Nepal	3		
Pakistan	4	2	
Palestine	4		
Papua New Guinea	1		
Peru	3	1	
Philippines	3		
Russia	7		2
Rwanda			1
Uganda	1		
Ukraine			1
Venezuela	1		
Zambia	1		
<i>Total</i>	46	5	19

Regional Analysis

Region	Journalists Killed	Mediaworkers Killed	Total
Africa	8		8
Americas	19	3	22
Asia	19	2	21
Europe	12		12
Middle East & N. Africa	7		7
Total	65	5	70

Cases of Journalists Killed

Country: AFGHANISTAN
CASENR: 1
Name: **Alistair McLeod**
Nationality: New Zealander
Profession: Freelance Journalist
News organ: The Australian
Sector: Press
Date: 23 August 2002
Age: 41
Source: CPJ, IFEX
Description: Alistair McLeod, a freelance reporter on assignment in Afghanistan for *The Australian* newspaper, was killed in a car accident outside Kabul. Luis Alvarez, a reporter for the Spanish news agency EFE, and an Afghan driver were injured. The accident occurred when the car carrying the two journalists tried to dodge another vehicle and rolled over. McLeod and Alvarez were brought to an International Security Assistance Force medical clinic where McLeod was pronounced dead.
Additional: McLeod had reported on conflicts in Angola, Kosovo, and East Timor. According to *The Australian*, at the time of his death, he had just begun reporting on a story about Harry Burton, an Australian cameraman for *Reuters* who was killed along with three other journalists when their convoy en route to Kabul was ambushed by a group of gunmen on November 19, 2001.

Country: BAHRAIN
CASENR: 2
Name: **Larry Greene**
Nationality: American
Profession: Cameraman
News organ: KCBS
Sector: TV
Date: 6 September 2002
Age: 50
Source: Freedom Forum

Description: Television cameraman Larry Greene, a 24-year veteran with *KCBS* Channel 2 in Los Angeles, died and four sailors were injured when a SH-60B helicopter crashed into the North Arabian Gulf. The Navy helicopter was attached to the cruiser *USS Mobile Bay* and crashed while on "normal maritime interdiction operations". The ships of the 5th Fleet take part in an operation to enforce U.N. sanctions on Iraq, stopping freighters suspected of illegally carrying Iraqi oil. The aircraft was hovering over a Syrian-flagged vessel to observe a health inspection boarding when the rotor blade struck the ship's mast.

Country: BANGLADESH
CASENR: 3
Name: **Harunur Rashid**
Nationality: Bangladeshi
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Dainik Purbanchal
Sector: Press
Date: 2 March 2002
Age: 44
Source: Media Watch, CPJ, RSF, WAN, IFEX, BJRF, Freedom Forum, IPI
Description: On the evening of 2 March, Harunur Rashid, a reporter for the daily newspaper *Dainik Purbanchal*, was ambushed by gunmen while he was riding his motorcycle to work in the southwestern city of Khulna. Three unidentified young men brought Rashid to a hospital, told doctors he had been injured in a car accident, and then disappeared. Rashid, who is also known as Rashid Khukon, was an investigative reporter who had written several stories on official corruption and links between criminal syndicates and outlawed Maoist guerrilla groups, including the Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP). Rashid's relatives told reporters that he

was on a PBCP hit list. He had also received anonymous death threats throughout his career.

Local journalists believe Rashid was killed for his reporting.

Bangladesh's crime-ridden southwest region is the most dangerous part of the country for journalists.

Country: BANGLADESH
CASENR: 4
Name: **Shukur Hossein**
Nationality: Bangladeshi
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Anirban
Sector: Press
Date: 5 July 2002
Age: 40
Source: BJRF
Description: Shukur Hossain, crime reporter for the Khulna-based newspaper *Anirban*, was kidnapped at around midnight on 5 July by a group of about 35 armed men from his home in Ula, a village near the town of Dumuria in Khulna District. Police suspect the assailants belong to the outlawed Biplobi Communist Party, one of several guerrilla groups active in the southwest.

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Country: BOLIVIA
CASENR: 5
Name: **Maria Teresa Guzman de Carrasco**
Nationality: Bolivian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: El Diario
Sector: Press
Date: 10 April 2002
Age:
Source: IAPA, IFEX, IFJ, WiPC, IPI, WAN, PFC
Description: Maria Teresa Guzmán de Carrasco was killed when a bomb placed in her car exploded as she was

returning home from *El Diario's* offices on the evening of 10 April 2002. The journalist's driver was injured in the explosion. Guzmán, who was in charge of the newspaper's magazine for women, was the wife of *El Diario's* general director, Jorge Carrasco Jahnsen, and it is suspected that the bomb was intended for him. Had Carrasco not stayed at the office to continue editing the next day's paper, he too would have been travelling in the car.

Carrasco has stated that he believes that the attack is linked with the investigative journalism practiced by the newspaper. He also reported that ten other *El Diario* employees had been physically attacked in the last six months.

Country: BRAZIL
CASENR: 6
Name: **Tim Lopes**
Nationality: Brazilian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: TV Globo
Sector: TV
Date: 9 June 2002
Age: 50
Source: IFJ, FENAJ, IAPA, CPJ, IFEX, RSF, WAN, IPI, Freedom Forum, EJC

Description: The death of Tim Lopes was officially confirmed by the Rio de Janeiro police on 9 June. Lopes, an award-winning investigative reporter with *TV Globo* in Brazil, had disappeared several days earlier while working on assignment in the suburbs of Rio de Janeiro, at an impoverished community, known as a favela.

On 2 June, the journalist traveled to Favela Vila Cruzeiro. His driver met him at the favela at about 8 p.m. (local time), but the journalist told the driver that he needed more time to finish his work. They agreed to meet again at 10 p.m., but Lopes never arrived. This was Lopes' fourth visit to Vila

Cruzeiro, and this time, he was carrying a hidden camera.

According to *TV Globo*, Lopes was working on a report about parties hosted by drug traffickers in Vila Cruzeiro that allegedly involved drugs and the sexual exploitation of minors. The inhabitants of the favela had told Lopes that they were powerless against drug traffickers and had complained about the lack of police action.

On 3 June, *TV Globo* reported Lopes' disappearance to the police.

According to the Rio de Janeiro Civil Police, two suspects, both members of a gang headed by local drug trafficker Elias Pereira da Silva, a leading suspect in the disappearance of Lopes, were arrested on the morning of 9 June. Both men claimed that they heard how Lopes was murdered but denied any involvement in his killing.

According to the suspects' depositions, details of which the police released and the Brazilian press published, drug traffickers close to Pereira da Silva kidnapped Lopes in Vila Cruzeiro around midnight on 2 June. After Lopes told them he was a *TV Globo* reporter, the traffickers called Pereira da Silva, who was in a nearby favela.

They tied Lopes' hands, forced him into a car, and took him to the favela where Pereira da Silva was staying. There, they beat the reporter and shot him in the feet so that he could not escape. Then they held a mock trial and sentenced Lopes to death. Pereira da Silva killed Lopes with a sword, and the body was burned and buried in a clandestine cemetery, said the suspects.

The police found charred human remains shortly after Lopes' disappearance.

Based on testimony by the two suspects, however, law enforcement officials do not think the unidentified body is that of Lopes and they continue to search for the reporter's body.

Additional: Lopes received Brazil's most important journalism award in December 2001 for a *TV Globo* report on drug trafficking. The report, which was titled "Drug Fair" and was broadcast in August 2001, was filmed with a hidden camera and showed how traffickers sold drugs in a makeshift open drug market in a favela outside Rio de Janeiro.

Country: BRAZIL
CASENR: 7
Name: **Domingos Savio Brandao Lima**
Nationality: Brazilian
Profession: Owner, Publisher, Columnist
News organ: Folha do Estado
Sector: Press
Date: 30 September 2002
Age: 40
Source: FENAJ, IAPA, CPJ, IFEX, WiPC, WAN, RSF, Periodistas
Description: Brazilian journalist Domingos Sávio Brandão Lima Júnior was the owner, publisher, and a columnist of the daily *Folha do Estado*, which is based in the city of Cuiabá, in the central Brazilian state of Mato Grosso.

Brandão was shot at least 5 times by two unidentified men on a motorcycle. The two men had been waiting for Brandão near the paper's new offices, which are under construction.

As Brandão was surveying the exterior of the building with an engineer from the construction company, the gunmen approached the journalist, shot him in the chest and head with a 9 mm handgun, and then fled on the motorcycle. Several people witnessed the murder.

In an editorial, the paper blamed the murder on a "parallel power," a reference to organized crime groups that have taken over Mato Grosso. The paper attributed Brandão's death to the paper's extensive coverage of drug

trafficking, illegal gambling, and acts of corruption involving public officials.

Brandão had not received any threats, according to the newspaper. Police investigators said evidence indicates that his murder was a contract killing.

Country: BURUNDI
CASENR: 8
Name: **Hamissi Bizimana**
Nationality: Burundian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Bonesha FM
Sector: Radio
Date: 6 August 2002
Age:
Source: Reuters
Description: Burundian rebels attacked the outskirts of the capital ahead of peace talks early August, killing a journalist, his 2-year-old son and a woman.

The journalist, Hamissi Bizimana, leaped from his car when it was hit by a grenade blast during the attack, but rebels shot him when he rushed back to help his dying child.

“Hamissi managed to escape from the car and hide himself in the gutter,” his colleague Abbas Mbazumutima from *Bonesha FM* radio told Reuters.

“But then he saw his son in agony and he rushed to him to at least say goodbye. At that moment the rebels saw him and shot him dead.”

Grenade explosions and the rattle of gunfire echoed over the north of Bujumbura that evening as large numbers of rebels descended from the hills over the town and shot at passing cars in the northern Mutanga district.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 9
Name: **Orlando Sierra Hernandez**
Nationality: Colombian

Profession: Assistant Editor
News organ: La Patria
Sector: Press
Date: 2 February 2002
Age: 42
Source: WAN, IPYS, IFEX, IPI, Freedom Forum, RSF
Description: Orlando Sierra Hernandez, assistant editor of the regional daily *La Patria*, was shot several times on 30 January in front of the newspaper’s offices in Manizales. He died on 2 February. Hernandez was known for his anti-corruption investigations.

Some of the leading newspapers in Colombia, including *El Tiempo* and the newsmagazine *Cambio*, published results of a joint investigation that implicated local politicians in the murder. According to the investigation, the politicians, whom Hernandez often accused of corruption, may have ordered his murder. Police say that they have found no evidence to support that theory.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 10
Name: **Hector Sandoval**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Cameraman
News organ: RCN
Sector: TV
Date: 12 April 2002
Age:
Source: IFJ, CPJ, RSF, IFEX, IAPA, Freedom Forum, IPI, WAN
Description: Hector Sandoval, cameraman for *RCN Television* died on 12 April from injuries obtained the previous day when a *RCN Television* news crew came under fire in a mountainous region outside the southwestern city of Cali where the army was pursuing fighters from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). The rebels had just kidnapped 13 provincial lawmakers and four aides and were apparently

seeking refuge when the army launched an operation to free the captives.

The journalists had decided to turn back when an army helicopter hovering above opened fire on their vehicle. The letters "RCN" were marked in large, bright colors on the roof and both sides of the vehicle.

A bullet pierced the roof and tore through the crew's driver, Walter López's arm and into his body, killing him instantly.

Fifteen minutes after López was shot, a bullet from the helicopter ripped through cameraman Hector Sandoval's left leg.

Continued fighting forced the journalists, Sandoval, and RCN correspondent Luz Estela Arroyave to hide in the ravine for about two hours. Journalists from a local newspaper who had also come to cover the combat later took them to a local hospital.

The army has opened an investigation into the killings, said an army spokesman in Bogotá, the capital, who asked to remain anonymous.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 11
Name: **Efraín Varela Noriega**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist / Owner
News organ: Radio Meridiano-70
Sector: Radio
Date: 28 June 2002
Age: 56
Source: CPJ, IPYS, FLIP, WAN, IFEX, IAPA, IPI, RSF, CJFE, Freedom Forum

Description: Efraín Varela Noriega, owner of *Radio Meridiano-70*, was driving home when gunmen yanked him from his car and shot him in the face and chest.

Varela hosted two polemical news and opinion programs for the station in the town of Arauca and criticized all sides

fighting in Colombia's 38-year civil conflict.

According to the journalist's co-host, less than a week before the killing, Varela told listeners during his morning news show, Varela Noriega reported that fighters from the paramilitary United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, or AUC, had arrived in Arauca and were patrolling the streets in the town, which is on the border with Venezuela.

Three years ago, Varela's name appeared on a list of people that the paramilitary army had declared military targets, said the acting police commander, adding that authorities were investigating rumors that the AUC was responsible for the killing.

In recent months, Varela had begun warning his only child that his life could be in danger.

Country: GEORGIA
CASENR: 12
Name: **Ayup Paikayev**
Nationality: Chechen
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Rustavi-2
Sector: TV
Date: 29 April – 5 May 2002
Age:
Source: Radio Free Europe, CJES
Description: A refugee from Chechnya, journalist Ayup Paikayev, a journalist with *Rustavi-2 TV*, was killed in Pankisi Gorge. His reports covered illegal arms trade by Russian peacekeepers in South Ossetia aided by Georgians. The arms were sold to Chechens. By some reports, Paikayev had been sentenced by Chechen fighters.

Country: INDIA
CASENR: 13
Name: **Paritosh Pandey**

Nationality: Indian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Jansatta Express
Sector: Press
Date: 14 April 2002
Age: 32
Source: RSF, IFEX, CJFE, CPJ, WAN, Freedom Forum, IPI
Description: Paritosh Pandey, a crime reporter for the Hindi-language local daily *Jansatta Express* was murdered on the evening of April 14 while watching television at his home in Lucknow, in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Pandey was shot five times at point-blank range by several individuals. He was hit in the head and died instantly. Pandey's assassins escaped.

After learning of their colleague's murder, a group of journalists demonstrated outside the main Lucknow police station, demanding swift action from authorities accused of not taking the killing seriously. A struggle ensued and one journalist was injured when he was struck with the butt of a police officer's pistol.

According to his family and colleagues, Pandey's murder is almost certainly linked to his articles on organized crime in Lucknow.

Country: INDIA
CASENR: 14
Name: **Yambem Meghajit Singh**
Nationality: Indian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: North East Vision
Sector: TV
Date: 13 October 2002
Age:
Source: RSF, EJC, IFJ, IFEX, CJFE, WAN, IPI
Description: Armed men shot dead television journalist Yambem Meghajit Singh in Imphal, in the north-eastern state of Manipur. The killing came a

few days after two other journalists were kidnapped by a separatist group. Singh, who worked on the audio-visual production company *North East Vision's* weekly programme, was killed after being tortured by armed men. He was found with his hands tied behind his back and his body was covered with bruises.

Colleagues suspect that one of the region's separatist groups killed Singh. Singh, who was also Vice President of the Manipur Electronic Media Journalists' Union, had criticized separatist groups and local politicians on his programme and had also planned to investigate corruption in the state.

Country: INDIA
CASENR: 15
Name: **Ram Chander Chaterpatti**
Nationality: Indian
Profession: Editor
News organ: Poora Sach
Sector: Press
Date: 14 April 2002
Age: 52
Source: RSF, IFEX, WAN, IPI, NUJI, IFJ
Description: Editor of a local newspaper, *Poora Sach*, in the northern state of Haryana, Ram Chander Chaterpatti was shot four times by an unidentified assailant outside his home in Sirsa on October 24. He died a month later in a Delhi hospital. Chaterpatti was reportedly targeted by a religious sect, Dera Sacha Sauda, following his reports about the sect's illegal activities, including a sex scandal. He had received several threats from the group.

Country: INDONESIA
CASENR: 16
Name: **Beata Pawlak**

Nationality: Polish
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Gazeta Wyborcza
Sector: Press
Date: 12 October 2002
Age: 45
Source: Associated Press
Description: A reporter for Poland's largest daily *Gazeta Wyborcza* was among the victims of the October bombings on the Indonesian island of Bali, Beata Pawlak, 45, was identified as one of the 192 victims by an Australian forensic team sent to the resort island after the October 12 blast. Pawlak was reporting on poverty in Asia and was investigating the sources of terrorism, *Gazeta Wyborcza* said. She arrived in Bali two days before the attack.

Country: KUWAIT
CASENR: 17
Name: **Patrick Bourrat**
Nationality: French
Profession: Journalist
News organ: TF1
Sector: TV
Date: 22 December 2002
Age: 48
Source: IFJ, IFEX, Freedom Forum
Description: Patrick Bourrat, a veteran foreign correspondent for France's TF1 television channel, died from wounds he sustained after he was hit by a tank while trying to warn another media staff colleague who was in the path of the vehicle. Bourrat was one of scores of journalists and media staff covering the long-running Operation Desert Spring training exercise in Kuwait, which involves 12,000 United States troops. Much of the exercise involves live-fire training drills.

Country: MEXICO
CASENR: 18

Name: **Felix Fernandez Garcia**
Nationality: Mexican
Profession: Editor
News organ: Nueva Opción
Sector: Press
Date: 18 January 2002
Age: 37
Source: IFJ, CENSOS, IFEX, RSF, WAN, WiPC, IAPA, IPI, SNRPTASC
Description: Felix Fernández García, editor of the magazine *Nueva Opción*, was shot dead by unidentified individuals as he left a restaurant in the town of Miguel Alemán in the state of Tamaulipas. Having previously received death threats, Fernández had employed two bodyguards but neither was able to save him. The motive for the killing has yet to be clarified but it may be connected with the publication by *Nueva Opción* of articles that link the town's former mayor with a drugs cartel. Fernández García had also written a piece accusing a political candidate in the 2001 campaign of involvement in criminal activity.

Country: NEPAL
CASENR: 19
Name: **Nawaraj Sharma Basant**
Nationality: Nepalese
Profession: Editor
News organ: Karnali Sandesh
Sector: Press
Date: June 2002
Age:
Source: FNJ, IPI, IFJ, CPJ, RSF, CEHURDES, NUJN, CJFE
Description: According to reports, on 13 August the mutilated body of Nawaraj Sharma Basant, editor of the independent *Karnali Sandesh* magazine in western Nepal and president of the local branch of the Federation of Nepalese Journalists,

was found near the village of Suna in Karnali province. His murderers, identified as Maoist rebels, had cut off his limbs, removed his eyes and killed him with a bullet to the chest. Armed men had reportedly abducted Nawaraj Sharma Basant from his home in the district of Kalikot on 1 June.

He had been previously kidnapped in February by a Maoist group and held for nearly three months. After his release in May, he was questioned for five days by the security forces, who suspected him of being a Maoist spy.

Country: NEPAL
CASENR: 20
Name: **Krishna Sen**
Nationality: Nepalese
Profession: Editor
News organ: Janadisha
Sector: Press
Date: June 2002
Age:
Source: IFJ, IFEX, RSF, CPJ, IPI, WAN, CEHURDES, NPU, FNJ, NUJN

Description: Krishna Sen, Editor of *Janadisha*, was arrested on 20 May and international sources say he died, probably sometime in June, after being tortured at an undisclosed prison to make him confess to his ties to the Maoist movement and his contacts with the Maoist leaders.

His body was handed over to his family for cremation but the authorities did not supply any information on the reasons for Sen's death. According to several sources in Kathmandu he was in good health before his arrest. Sen, who police say was an official of the Nepalese Communist Party (Maoist) for the Kathmandu region, was detained in an unknown place for nearly one month.

In March a Nepalese court ordered Sen's release after more than two years in prison for having published an

interview with rebel leader Baburam Bhattarai.

Country: NEPAL
CASENR: 21
Name: **Ambika Timsina**
Nationality: Nepalese
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Janadesh, Mahima
Sector: Press
Date: 12 December 2002
Age: 26
Source: IFEX, RSF, WAN, CEHURDES

Description: The body of journalist Ambika Timsina was found on 12 December 2002 near the village of Pathari, in the southeastern province of Koshi. He had been shot and beaten. The previous day, eight masked men had kidnapped him from his home.

Friends and colleagues of Timsina said the killers may have been Maoists who suspected him of being an informer for the security forces.

Country: PAKISTAN
CASENR: 22
Name: **Daniel Pearl**
Nationality: American
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Wall Street Journal
Sector: Press
Date: January-February 2002
Age: 38
Source: IFJ, TNG-CWA, CPJ, RSF, IPI, IFEX, WAN, CJFE, WPFC, PPF, FH, NUJI, AIJ

Description: U.S. government officials confirmed on 21 February that Daniel Pearl, kidnapped South Asia correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal*, had been killed by his captors. The exact date of his murder is not known, but officials announced his death after receiving a graphic, three-and-a-half-minute digital videotape that contains many horrifying images, including a scene in which one of the killers slits Pearl's throat and another in

which someone holds his severed head. The faces of the assailants are not visible on the video, according to news reports.

Pearl, went missing on 23 January in the port city of Karachi and was last seen on his way to an interview at the Village Restaurant. Four days later, a group calling itself "The National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty" sent an e-mail to several U.S.- and Pakistan-based news organizations claiming responsibility for kidnapping Pearl. The e-mail also contained four photos of the journalist, including one in which he is held at gunpoint and another in which he is holding a copy of the January 24 issue of Pakistan's *Dawn* newspaper.

Another e-mail was sent on January 30, also including photographs of Pearl held captive. While the earlier e-mail had accused Pearl of being an American spy, this one branded him as an agent of the Mossad, Israel's spy agency, and said he would be killed within 24 hours unless the group's demands were met.

After scrutinizing the videotape received weeks later, authorities believe that Pearl may have been murdered even before the second e-mail was sent.

In the videotaped footage, Pearl is apparently forced to identify himself as Jewish and to deliver scripted lines reiterating some of the demands made in the e-mails.

Country: PAKISTAN
CASENR: 23
Name: **Shahid Soomro**
Nationality: Pakistani
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Kawish
Sector: Press
Date: 20 October 2002
Age: 26

Source: IFJ, IFEX, WAN, RSF, PPF, EJC, CJFE, Freedom Forum, IPI

Description: Shahid Soomro was shot outside his home while resisting a kidnapping attempt by five armed men. He died from his injuries en route to the hospital. It is believed that his killing was a revenge for his reporting of the recently concluded election campaign.

Soomro's reporting of the election campaign had angered the recently elected member of the provincial assembly from Kandhot, Mir Mehboob Bijarani, and Soomro had received death threats.

On the evening that he was killed, it is alleged that two brothers of Bijarani and three accomplices went to Soomro's home at approximately midnight. They called for him to come out of the house where they attempted to kidnap him. He was shot when he resisted their attempts to force him into their vehicle.

Country: PAKISTAN
CASENR: 24
Name: **Shojun Hata**
Nationality: Japanese
Profession: Producer/Journalist
News organ: NHK
Sector: TV
Date: 25 October 2002
Age: 55
Source: Associated Press

Description: Three members of a Japanese television crew and a Pakistani driver were killed in a road accident in a remote northern area of Pakistan.

The accident occurred on Korakoram Highway, 60 kilometers (37 miles) from the small town of Gilgit when their car veered out of control and plunged into a deep ravine.

The journalists were working on a documentary for Japanese television.

Road accidents in the mountain areas of northern Pakistan are not uncommon. The road where the accident took place is an ancient route that goes up to Pakistan's northern border with China.

Country: PAKISTAN
CASENR: 25
Name: **Kiyoshi Honda**
Nationality: Japanese
Profession: Cameraman
News organ: NHK
Sector: TV
Date: 25 October 2002
Age: 35
Source: Associated Press
Description: Three members of a Japanese television crew and a Pakistani driver were killed in a road accident in a remote northern area of Pakistan.
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Country: PALESTINE
CASENR: 26
Name: **Raffaele Ciriello**
Nationality: Italian
Profession: Freelance Photographer
News organ: Corriere della Sera
Sector: Press
Date: 13 March 2002
Age: 42
Source: RSF, IFEX, IFJ, FNSI, CJFE, WAN, CPJ, PJS, Freedom Forum, EJC
Description: Free-lance photographer Raffaele Ciriello was killed by Israeli gunfire in the West Bank city of Ramallah.
Ciriello, who was on assignment for the Italian daily *Corriere della Sera*, is the first foreign journalist killed while covering the current Palestinian

uprising, which began in September 2000.

The photographer died after being hit by several rounds of machine gun fire from the direction of an Israeli tank in Ramallah.

Italian television station *Rai Uno* journalists who were accompanying Ciriello at the time of the incident said they were trailing a group of Palestinian gunmen who were some 200 yards in front of the journalists.

The three journalists were standing inside a building off an alleyway when a tank emerged at one end of the street some 150 to 200 yards away. Ciriello left the building and pointed his camera at the tank. He then came under fire without warning. Ciriello was shot six times and died of his wounds soon afterward.

There was at least one Palestinian gunman in Ciriello's vicinity at the time of the shooting.

Additional: Ciriello had worked on many dangerous stories, taking pictures in Afghanistan, Bosnia and the Palestinian territories. He was married and had an infant daughter. Ciriello's Web site says he started covering war zones in 1992 and often worked with Maria Grazia Cutuli, the Italian journalist killed in Afghanistan in November 2001.

Country: PALESTINE
CASENR: 27
Name: **Amjad Bahjat Al Alami**
Nationality: Palestinian
Profession: Cameraman
News organ: Al Nawras
Sector: TV
Date: 18 March 2002
Age: 22
Source: IPI, Arab Press Freedom watch
Description: Amjad Al Alami, cameraman for local Palestinian TV station, *Al Nawras*, was killed by

Israeli gunfire in Hebron on March 18. Sources said he was wearing a bullet-proof flak jacket clearly marked with the letters "TV" when he was killed by a single shot to the head by an Israeli sniper.

Country: PALESTINE
CASENR: 28
Name: **Imad Abu Zahra**
Nationality: Palestinian
Profession: Freelance Photographer
News organ:
Sector:
Date: 12 July 2002
Age: 35
Source: RSF, IFEX, CPJ, IPI, WAN
Description: Palestinian freelance photographer Imad Abu Zahra died on 12 July from gunshot wounds he sustained the previous day in the West Bank town of Jenin. Dahla, a photographer for the official Palestinian news agency *Wafa* who was accompanying Abu Zahra, was also wounded. Residents had gone into the city center of Jenin on 11 July, after Israeli forces lifted a curfew that had been in effect since June 21. Wearing clothing identifying them as press, Dahla and Zahra went into the middle of a road to photograph an Israeli armored personnel carrier (APC) that had slammed into an electricity pole. Dahla said that he and Zahra were alone in the street at this point, facing two Israeli tanks (near the APC) that he estimated to be about 40 meters (44 yards) in front of them. According to Dahla, moments after the two began taking photographs, a hail of gunfire erupted from one of the tanks. Dahla said he was hit in the leg with shrapnel. Dahla said he then looked over at Zahra and saw that he had also been injured in his thigh and was bleeding profusely.

Dahla said that as they tried to take shelter in a nearby building, the tanks continued to fire upon them. The two journalists remained in the building entrance, unable to get to a hospital. He estimates that more than 25 minutes passed before Zahra was helped into a taxi and taken to Jenin Hospital, where he died the following morning.

Additional: Abu Zahra also worked with foreign journalists, helping to arrange interviews, transportation and translations.

Country: PALESTINE
CASENR: 29
Name: **Issam Hamza Tillawi**
Nationality: Palestinian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Voice of Palestine
Sector: Radio
Date: 22 September 2002
Age: 30
Source: IFJ, IFEX, PJS, WAN, IPI, RSF
Description: Palestinian journalist Issam Hamza Tillawi, working for *Voice of Palestine* radio, was shot dead while he was working in Ramallah. He died immediately from a single gunshot wound. The incident took place, says the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, during a peaceful public protest over the Israeli isolation of President Yasser Arafat, which gathered several thousands of people. Tellawe was wearing a press jacket, thus clearly identified as a civilian working journalist.

Country: PAPUA NEW
GUINEA
CASENR: 30
Name: **Ben Taumai**
Nationality: Papuan
Profession: Journalist/Stringer
News organ: PNGFM, National
Sector: Radio/Press
Date: 14 December 2002

Age:

Source: Associated Press

Description: A plane making an inaugural flight from a Papua New Guinea airstrip slammed into a cliff minutes after takeoff, killing all eight on board.

The accident followed the opening of a new airstrip in the rugged Finisterre Mountains about 500 kilometers (310 miles) northeast of the national capital Port Moresby. The plane was heading to the provincial capital, Madang, when it plowed into the cliff.

Among those dead in the crash on the north-western Rai Coast area on 14 December 2002 were Madang Deputy Governor Joe Tola, former Rai Coast MP Stahl Musa and radio journalist Ben Taumai.

Taumai, who was covering the deputy governor's entourage, started as a news stringer when he was an information officer with the Department of Madang in the mid 1980s.

He supplied broadcast and print news to the then *Niugini Nius* newspaper, published in Lae, and FM100.

Taumai eventually became a notable stringer in Papua New Guinea and at the time of his death was stringing for both PNGFM Pty Ltd and the *National* newspaper.

Country: PERU

CASENR: 31

Name: **Renzo Uccelli**

Nationality: Peruvian

Profession: Photographer

News organ:

Sector:

Date: 7 December 2002

Age:

Source: Associated Press

Description: Three journalists and a pilot died when a light aircraft crashed in Peru's North Eastern jungle on 7 December.

Bad weather and difficult terrain meant that rescue teams were not able to reach the area until 11 December.

The dead were Renzo Uccelli, a renowned photographer and mountain climber who collaborated on occasion with *The Associated Press*; Miguel Stein, a free-lance cameraman who worked with *CNN*; cameraman Mark Goicochea and Tedy Reategui, who piloted the plane.

According to local press, the four had been contracted by U.S. Maple Gas Corp. to film and photograph the area where the company is working.

President Alejandro Toledo expressed his "deepest sympathy" for the families of the men and said an exhibit of Uccelli's photographs would be held in the government palace.

Country: PERU

CASENR: 32

Name: **Miguel Stein**

Nationality: Peruvian

Profession: Freelance Cameraman

News organ:

Sector:

Date: 7 December 2002

Age:

Source: Associated Press

Description: Three journalists and a pilot died when a light aircraft crashed in Peru's North Eastern jungle on 7 December.

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According to local press, the four had been contracted by U.S. Maple Gas Corp. to film and photograph the area where the company is working.

Country: PERU
CASENR: 33
Name: **Mark Goicochea**
Nationality: Peruvian
Profession: Cameraman
News organ:
Sector:
Date: 7 December 2002
Age:
Source: Associated Press
Description: Three journalists and a pilot died when a light aircraft crashed in Peru's North Eastern jungle on 7 December.

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The dead were Renzo Uccelli, a renowned photographer and mountain climber who collaborated on occasion with *The Associated Press*; Miguel Stein, a free-lance cameraman who worked with *CNN*; cameraman Mark Goicochea and Tedy Reategui, who piloted the plane.

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Country: PHILIPPINES
CASENR: 34
Name: **Benjaline Hernandez**
Nationality: Filipino
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Atenews
Sector: Press
Date: 5 April 2002
Age: 22
Source: RSF, IFEX, IPI, WAN
Description: While investigating implementation of the peace process in the Arakan Valley, in Cotabato

province, the 22-year-old journalist was reportedly shot dead along with three local young people by soldiers of the Philippine army.

The official autopsy showed that Hernandez was killed at close range. She had been shot in the head, neck, chest and hand. The army said the four were caught in crossfire between troops and rebels, but Hernandez's friends said she was wounded and then executed by the soldiers.

Hernandez, who previously ran the student newspaper *Atenews* at Ateneo University in Davao, had recently joined Karapatan, a human rights organisation. She continued writing for university publications in the region and was vice-president for Mindanao of the Philippines College Editors' Guild.

Country: PHILIPPINES
CASENR: 35
Name: **Edgar Damalerio**
Nationality: Filipino
Profession: Journalist
News organ: DXKP
Sector: Radio
Date: 13 May 2002
Age: 38
Source: RSF, IFEX, CPJ, CJFE, WAN, Freedom Forum, IPI, CMFR
Description: Edgar Damalerio, managing editor of the weekly newspaper *Zamboanga Scribe* and a commentator on *DXKP* radio station in Pagadian City on the island of Mindanao was shot by an unidentified gunman in his jeep as he was driving home from a press conference in Pagadian City. He was killed by a single gunshot wound to his left torso. Two witnesses riding in Damalerio's jeep said the gunman, who was on a motorcycle driven by another unidentified male, was waiting alongside the road as Damalerio approached. The assailants fled the scene.

Damalerio was known for his critiques of corruption among local politicians and the police.

On 14 May, an unidentified male made threatening phone calls to the offices of the *Zamboanga Scribe* implying that the staff of the newspaper was in danger.

Additional: On 10 August Gury Ladica, a protected witness in the 13 May murder of journalist Edgar Damalerio in Pagadia was killed. The Pagadian chief of police and a police officer are the prime suspects in Damalerio's death. Ladica was one of three witnesses who had testified to the National Bureau of Investigation in Manila.

The other two witnesses, who were with Damalerio in his vehicle at the time of his death fear for their lives. One of them, Edgar Amoro, has turned down the offer of a police officer as bodyguard, but has accepted the protection of a civilian volunteer. Damalerio's family, in particular his widow, have gone into hiding in the Pagadian region for fear of reprisals. On 26 August there was an attempted kidnapping of Rosalie Ungue, the wife of one of the key witnesses in the murder of journalist Edgar Damalerio, just two weeks after the murder of another key witness.

Country: PHILIPPINES
CASENR: 36
Name: **Sonny Alcantara**
Nationality: Filipino
Profession: Journalist
News organ: /Kokus
Sector: TV/Press
Date: 22 August 2002
Age: 51
Source: IPI, IFEX, WAN, CJFE, CPJ, Freedom Forum
Description: Sonny Alcantara was killed when a lone gunman shot him in the forehead near his home as he was riding a motorcycle. Investigators said

that they believe at least one accomplice informed the gunman by cell phone of Alcantara's departure from his home at about 10 a.m. on August 22.

Police said that they believe it is likely that Alcantara, a newspaper publisher and cable TV commentator, was killed because of his work as a journalist.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 37
Name: **Natalia Skryl**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Nashe Vremia
Sector: Press
Date: 9 March 2002
Age: 29
Source: RSF, CPJ, IFEX, WAN, CJFE, IPI, Freedom Forum
Description: Natalya Skryl, a business reporter working for the *Nashe Vremya* newspaper in the city of Rostov-on-Don in southwestern Russia, died on 9 March from head injuries sustained during an attack the night before.

Just before her death, the journalist was investigating an ongoing struggle for the control of Tagmet, a local metallurgical plant. *Nashe Vremya* editor-in-chief Vera Yuzhanskaya believes that Skryl's death was related to her professional activities.

Late on the evening of March 8, Skryl was returning to her home in the town of Taganrog, just outside Rostov-on-Don, when she was attacked from behind and struck in the head some dozen times with a heavy, blunt object. The Taganrog prosecutor's office has opened an investigation into the case and is currently reviewing Skryl's notebooks, audio recordings and computer diskettes, as well as interviewing her colleagues.

The investigators have ruled out robbery as a motive, given that Skryl

was carrying jewelry and a large sum of cash that were not taken.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 38
Name: **Sergei Kalinovsky**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Editor-in-Chief
News organ: Moskovsky Komsomolets
Sector: Press
Date: 1 April 2002
Age: 26
Source: CPJ, IFEX, Freedom Forum, WAN, CJFE, IPI, RSF
Description: The body of 26-year-old Sergei Kalinovsky, editor-in-chief of the daily *Moskovsky Komsomolets*, was found by a lake outside the city of Smolensk in central Russia. Kalinovsky, who reported on local politics and crime for the Smolensk edition of the Moscow daily and the local *SCS* television station, disappeared on the evening of December 14, 2001. Local police have opened a criminal investigation and are considering several possible motives for the murder, but the journalist's colleagues believe Kalinovsky was killed for his reporting.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 39
Name: **Natalya Pivovarova**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Channel 7
Sector: TV
Date: 28 April 2002
Age:
Source: CPJ, IFEX, Freedom Forum, IPI
Description: Journalists travelling with Krasnoyarsk governor Aleksandr Lebed and other regional officials to the opening ceremony of a new downhill ski slope were killed when

their aircraft crashed. Lebed and six other passengers also died.

The helicopter was flying in poor weather conditions and crashed after hitting a power line. One of the pilots who was hospitalized said the crew had been using an outdated map that did not have the power line on it.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 40
Name: **Igor Gareyev**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Krasnoyarsk Regional Broadcasting Company
Sector: TV
Date: 28 April 2002
Age:
Source: CPJ, IFEX, Freedom Forum, IPI
Description: Journalists travelling with Krasnoyarsk governor Aleksandr Lebed and other regional officials to the opening ceremony of a new downhill ski slope were killed when their aircraft crashed. Lebed and six other passengers also died. The helicopter was flying in poor weather conditions and crashed after hitting a power line. One of the pilots who was hospitalized said the crew had been using an outdated map that did not have the power line on it.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 41
Name: **Konstantin Stepanov**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Segodnyashnyaya Gazeta
Sector: Press
Date: 28 April 2002
Age:
Source: CPJ, IFEX, Freedom Forum, IPI
Description: Journalists travelling with Krasnoyarsk governor Aleksandr Lebed and other regional officials to

the opening ceremony of a new downhill ski slope were killed when their aircraft crashed. Lebed and six other passengers also died.

The helicopter was flying in poor weather conditions and crashed after hitting a power line. One of the pilots who was hospitalized said the crew had been using an outdated map that did not have the power line on it.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 42
Name: **Valery Ivanov**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Editor-in-Chief
News organ: Tolyattinskoye
Obozreniye
Sector: Press
Date: 29 April 2002
Age: 33
Source: CJES, Freedom Forum, IPI, WAN, CPJ, RSF, CJFE, EJC
Description: A gunman killed Valery Ivanov, Editor-in-Chief of the *Tolyattinskoye Obozreniye* newspaper, with several pistol shots outside Ivanov's house. An investigation is underway. Ivanov's colleagues are in no doubt that this is a contract killing because of Ivanov's investigative journalism into corruption among city officials and the activities of drugs traffickers.

Country: RUSSIA (Ingushetia)
CASENR: 43
Name: **Roddy Scott**
Nationality: British
Profession: Freelance Cameraman
News organ: Frontline TV
Sector: TV
Date: 26 September 2002
Age: 31
Source: CPJ, RSF, IFJ, IFEX, Freedom Forum, IPI, WAN, IAGJ, EJC
Description: Roddy Scott is believed to have been killed while covering fighting between Chechen insurgents

and Russian forces in Ingushetia, a region that borders Chechnya. The fierce battles there are part of a widening war in Chechnya, one of the riskiest conflicts for journalists to cover.

The cameraman and reporter's full name was Gervase Roderick John Scott. On 26 September, Russian forces in Ingushetia found the body of a man carrying a video camera, cassettes and a British passport with that name among dozens of dead rebels. He was believed to have died a short time before he was found.

Additional: Frontline Television News Ltd., a British company that provides free-lance TV crews to international broadcasters, praised Scott for his devotion.

"Roddy was a tenacious, courageous reporter," said Vaughan Smith, director of Frontline Television, which had used footage he shot around the world for about six years.

"Roddy Scott went to Chechnya because he felt the international press, because of the risks involved, had not given the story enough attention," Smith said. "He made a risk assessment, as we do, and had decided that he was prepared to take the apparent risks."

Country: UGANDA
CASENR: 44
Name: **Jimmy Higenyi**
Nationality: Ugandan
Profession: Journalist Student
News organ: United Media Consultants and Trainers Institute
Sector:
Date: 12 January 2002
Age:
Source: IFEX, RSF, WAN, CPJ, Freedom Forum
Description: Jimmy Higenyi, a journalism student at the United Media Institute, was shot to death by Ugandan police on January 12th in downtown

Kampala. He was covering a political rally for a class reporting assignment. A police officer panicked as the crowd grew animated and fired several rounds of live ammunition, killing Jimmy instantly with one bullet through the chest. It was the journalist's first assignment.

Country: VENEZUELA
CASENR: 45
Name: **Jorge Tortoza**
Nationality: Venezuelan
Profession: Photographer
News organ: 2001
Sector: Press
Date: 11 April 2002
Age:
Source: IFJ, ANP, IFEX, CPJ, CJFE, IAPA, Freedom Forum, IPI, WAN, RSF
Description: Jorge Tortoza, a news photographer for the daily newspaper *2001*, was reportedly shot in the head by an army sniper firing from the roof of city hall in downtown Caracas, the capital, while covering violent clashes between supporters of President Chávez and opposition demonstrators during the third day of a nationwide strike.
Three other journalists were injured while reporting on the protests.

accident while attending a union-backed seminar near Lusaka.

***Total Journalists Killed* 46**

Country: ZAMBIA
CASENR: 46
Name: **Angels Banda**
Nationality: Zambian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Zambia Daily Mail
Sector: Press
Date: 5 July 2002
Age:
Source: IFJ, SAJA
Description: Angels Banda, journalist for the *Zambia Daily Mail*, President of the Zambian Union of Journalists and President of the Southern Africa Journalists Association, was killed in a car

Cases of Mediaworkers Killed

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 1
Name: **Walter Lopez**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Driver
News organ: RCN
Sector: TV
Date: 11 April 2002
Age: 39
Source: IFJ, CPJ, RSF, IFEX, IAPA, IPI, WAN

Description: A RCN Television news crew came under fire on 11 April in a mountainous region outside the southwestern city of Cali where the army was pursuing fighters from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). The rebels had just kidnapped 13 provincial lawmakers and four aides and were apparently seeking refuge when the army launched an operation to free the captives.

The journalists had decided to turn back when an army helicopter hovering above opened fire on their vehicle. The letters "RCN" were marked in large, bright colors on the roof and both sides of the vehicle.

A bullet pierced the roof and tore through the crew's driver, Walter López's arm and into his body, killing him instantly.

Fifteen minutes after López was shot, a bullet from the helicopter ripped through cameraman Hector Sandoval's left leg, he died the next day.

The army has opened an investigation into the killings, said an army spokesman in Bogotá, the capital, who asked to remain anonymous.

Walter Lopez had worked for RCN for nine years and had two children.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 2
Name: **Elizabeth Obando**

Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Distributor
News organ: El Nuevo Dia
Sector: Press
Date: 13 July 2002
Age:
Source: FLIP, RSF, IFEX, IPI
Description: Elizabeth Obando, who was responsible for the distribution of the regional newspaper *El Nuevo Día* in Roncesvalles municipality, Tolima department, died on 13 July as a result of injuries sustained at a roadblock. On 11 July, Obando was travelling on a bus in Playarrica when delinquents intercepted the vehicle, forced her to get out and minutes later shot her several times. Angela Yesenia Bríñez, the municipality's spokesperson, was also killed.

Obando was transferred to Federico Lleras Hospital in Ibagué, where she died two days later. The 21st division of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia, FARC) guerrillas is active in Playarrica and therefore it is believed that the group was responsible for the attack.

The incident is apparently related to a public confrontation between a leader of the FARC's 21st division, and Obando. A 21 September 2001 article published in *El Nuevo Día* condemned the FARC for carrying out "de facto agrarian reform" in Roncesvalles municipality. In addition, the article alleged that the guerrillas were blackmailing the population and recruiting local youth.

The guerrilla leader reproached Obando for the contents of the article in a confrontation in the Roncesvalles town square. Subsequently, in a 3 March letter, Obando informed *El Nuevo Día* that the FARC had warned her to stop distributing the newspaper or "suffer the consequences."

As a result of these threats, the *El Nuevo Día* management decided to

suspend the newspaper's distribution in Roncesvalles.

Country: PAKISTAN
CASENR: 3
Name: **Taro Takeuchi**
Nationality: Japanese
Profession: Soundman
News organ: NHK
Sector: TV
Date: 25 October 2002
Age: 28
Source: Associated Press
Description: Three members of a Japanese television crew and a Pakistani driver were killed in a road accident in a remote northern area of Pakistan.

The journalists were working on a documentary for Japanese television. Road accidents in the mountain areas of northern Pakistan are not uncommon. The road where the accident took place is an ancient route that goes up to Pakistan's northern border with China.

Country: PAKISTAN
CASENR: 4
Name:
Nationality: Pakistani
Profession: Driver
News organ:
Sector:
Date: 25 October 2002
Age:
Source: Associated Press
Description: Three members of a Japanese television crew and a Pakistani driver were killed in a road accident in a remote northern area of Pakistan.

The accident occurred on Korakoram Highway, 60 kilometers (37 miles) from the small town of Gilgit when their car veered out of control and plunged into a deep ravine.

The journalists were working on a documentary for Japanese television. Road accidents in the mountain areas of northern Pakistan are not uncommon. The road where the accident took place is an ancient route that goes up to Pakistan's northern border with China.

Country: PERU
CASENR: 5
Name: **Tedy Reategui**
Nationality: Peruvian
Profession: Pilot
News organ:
Sector:
Date: 7 December 2002
Age:
Source: Associated Press
Description: Three journalists and a pilot died when a light aircraft crashed in Peru's North Eastern jungle on 7 December.

The dead were Renzo Uccelli, a renowned photographer and mountain climber who collaborated on occasion with *The Associated Press*; Miguel Stein, a free-lance cameraman who worked with *CNN*; cameraman Mark Goicochea and Tedy Reategui, who piloted the plane. According to local press, the four had been contracted by U.S. Maple Gas Corp. to film and photograph the area where the company is working.

Total Mediaworkers Killed: 5

Cases Under Investigation

Country: ARMENIA
CASENR: 1
Name: **Tigran Nagdalian**
Nationality: Armenian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Armenian Public Television
Sector: TV
Date: 28 December 2002
Age: 36
Source: WAN, IFEX, CPJ
Description: Tigran Nagdalian, the 36-year-old head of the state-owned Armenian Public Television, was shot in the head as he was leaving his parents home in Armenia's capital, Yerevan, on 28 December. The journalist was rushed to a hospital, where he died during emergency surgery. The motive for the murder remains unclear. Nagdalian, also hosted a weekly news program on Armenian Public Television and worked for the Armenian service of the U.S. government-funded Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty from 1995 to 1997.

Country: ANGOLA
CASENR: 2
Name:
Nationality: Angolans
Profession: Journalists
News organ:
Sector:
Date: 2 June 2002
Age:
Source: Associated Press
Description: A Helicopter crash killed 25 people on 2 June, including a top Angolan General. Three journalists accompanying the military helicopter also died in the crash. The helicopter was heading to a demobilization camp where UNITA troops were handing over arms as part of the peace process.

Country: BANGLADESH
CASENR: 3
Name: **Syed Farroque Ahmed**
Nationality: Bangladeshi
Profession: Editor
News organ: Pubali Barta
Sector: Press
Date: 3 August 2002
Age:
Source: RSF, WAN, IFEX, BJFR
Description: Syed Farroque Ahmed, the editor of a local publication, *Pubali Barta*, who had been missing for more than two months, was found dead on 3 August in Srimangal, south-eastern Bangladesh. There is no clear information indicating he was killed because of his journalistic work.

Country: BRAZIL
CASENR: 4
Name:
Nationality: Brazilians
Profession: Journalists
News organ:
Sector:
Date: 27 January 2002
Age:
Source: Reuters
Description: A boat carrying more than 100 people hit a moored ferry on the night of 27 January. The vessel, which was on its way to a political rally, sank within minutes. Seven bodies were recovered, and fifteen other people were missing. The dead are said to include two journalists from a group who were accompanying politicians to the rally. The accident happened near the Amazonian town of Laranjal do Jari, about 2,000 miles (3,200 km) north of Sao Paulo. Local people helped with rescue operations as it took the authorities several hours to get to the remote spot.

Country: COLOMBIA

CASENR: 5
Name: **Esau Jaramillo Montano**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Caracol Radio
Sector: Radio
Date: 19 January 2002
Age:
Source: WAN, IAPA, IFEX, IPYS
Description: Esau Jaramillo Montaña, a sports broadcaster for *Caracol Radio* in the capital, Bogotá, was found stabbed to death in his apartment. There is no known motive for the slaying. Neighbours told authorities that two men, both drunk, visited the journalist in his apartment the night before his body was found. Jaramillo had been a sports broadcaster since 1964 and founded a magazine about basketball called *Bajo la cesta*

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 6
Name: **Victor Omar Acosta**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ:
Sector:
Date: 14 May 2002
Age: 45
Source: IPI, IPYS, IFEX, WiPC
Description: Victor Omar Acosta, a former correspondent for a number of Colombian newspapers and radio stations, was shot three times by unidentified gunmen in the city of Yumbo, Valle del Cauca department. Although Acosta had not worked as a journalist for more than two years, his family believes that the attack may have been linked to his previous reporting on local corruption.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 7
Name: **Mario Prada Diaz**

Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Editor
News organ: Horizonte Sabanero
Sector: Press
Date: 12 July 2002
Age: 44
Source: FLIP, IPYS, CPJ, IFEX, RSF, IPI, WAN, IAPA, CJFE, WiPC
Description: Mario Prada Diaz, editor of the monthly *Horizonte Sabanero*, was abducted from his house in the municipality of Sabana de Torres, Santander department, on 11 July. His body was found with several gunshot wounds to the head alongside a highway not far from his house on July 12. The motive for the killing remains unknown.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 8
Name: **Dennis Segundo Sanchez**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Estereo
Sector: Radio
Date: 17 July 2002
Age: 42
Source: IPI, WAN, IFEX, RSF, IPYS, FLIP
Description: Dennis Segundo Sanchez, a journalist for the local radio station *95.5 Estereo*, was murdered while at home with his wife in El Carmen de Bolívar, Bolívar department. A gunman shot the journalist four times in the head before fleeing, sources said. Segundo Sánchez hosted a radio programme dealing with health issues and had received no threats.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 9
Name: **Gimble Perdomo Zamora**
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Panorama Stereo

Sector: Radio
Date: 1 December 2002
Age:
Source: FLIP, IFEX, IPI, IPYS, RSF, IAPA, WAN
Description: Gimbler Perdomo Zamora, owner and manager of the radio station *Panorama Stereo*, was assassinated in Gigante, Huila department. Perdomo and his wife were walking home when they were stopped by two individuals on a motorcycle who fired seven shots at the couple, killing the journalist instantly and injuring his wife. Perdomo founded *Panorama Stereo*, Gigante's only radio station, in 1999. He had been the station's news director since July 26 and also served as a town councillor in Gigante three times.

Country: MALAWI
CASENR: 10
Name: Don Kulapani
Nationality: Malawan
Profession: Freelance Journalist
News organ: The Chronicle
Sector: Press
Date: 8 August 2002
Age:
Source: RSF, IFEX, WAN, CJFE
Description: Freelance journalist, Don Kulapani, who used to work for *The Chronicle* newspaper, was killed during a hold-up at a bar in the capital, Lilongwe. The killing coincided with recent attacks on journalists by the ruling United Democratic Front (UDF) party. Four armed men burst in the bar and opened fire. They shot the journalist and subsequently stabbed him many times. Kulapani died as a result of his injuries. The journalist's death follows the release of a statement by the ruling UDF denying media claims that it had organised a unit tasked with silencing investigative journalists who "embarrass" the government. In early

August, the National Media Institute of South Africa claimed to have discovered a UDF plot to attack journalists of the *Daily Times*, *Weekly Chronicle*, *Pride* and the *BBC* because they had accused the UDF of intending to change the constitution to allow President Bakili Muluzi to run for a third term in 2004.

Country: MEXICO
CASENR: 11
Name: **Jose Miranda Virgen**
Nationality: Mexican
Profession: Journalist
News organ: El Sur de Veracruz
Sector: Press
Date: 16 October 2002
Age:
Source: RSF, WAN, IFEX, IPI, SNRPTASC
Description: José Miranda Virgen, journalist and vice-president of the daily *El Sur de Veracruz*, was fatally injured when an explosion destroyed part of his apartment on 15 October. The journalist died on the following day. The authorities said the explosion was an accident caused by a gas leak but the local press questioned this allegation. *El Sur de Veracruz* general director, noted that Miranda Virgen had recently published a series of articles on alleged links between drug traffickers and state police officers.

Country: MOROCCO
CASENR: 12
Name: **Jose Luis Percebal**
Nationality: Spanish
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Cadena Cope
Sector: Radio
Date: 12 February 2002
Age: 47
Source: WAN, CPJ, IFEX, IPI
Description: José Luis Percebal was a correspondent for the independent Spanish radio *Cadena Cope*. He was found dead in his home on February 12

in Rabat. Percebal had been stabbed in the back, apparently the day before. His cell phone was missing. The police have not yet established a motive for the murder.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 13
Name: **Valery Batuyev**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Moskovskiye Novosti
Sector: Press
Date: 31 March 2002
Age: 33
Source: Associated Press, GDF, EJC, Radio Free Europe
Description: Valery Batuyev, military correspondent for *Moskovskiye Novosti*, was found dead with stab wounds and signs of strangulation, in his apartment. Batuyev, who had previously worked for *Argumenty i Fakty* and *Moskovsky Komsomolets*, specialized in reporting on trouble zones such as Chechnya and had recently returned from Georgia's Pankisi Gorge, where al-Qaida-linked fighters are allegedly present.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 14
Name: **Aleksandr Plotnikov**
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Owner
News organ: Gostini Dvor
Sector: Press
Date: 19 May 2002
Age:
Source: IPI, EJC, Radio Free Europe, RSF, CJFE, IFEX, WAN
Description: Aleksandr Plotnikov co-owner of the regional newspaper, *Gostini dvor*, was shot dead in Tumen, Siberia, in what appeared to be a financial dispute among the daily's proprietors. Investigators believe he was murdered by hired assassins. A short time before the murder, the newspaper's other co-owners

transferred all of *Gostini dvor's* shares into their own bank accounts and started proceedings to shut down the newspaper. Plotnikov had won a court case against them and was trying to regain his shares.

Country: RWANDA
CASENR: 15
Name: **Jean-Marie Hategekimana**
Nationality: Rwandan
Profession:
News organ: Imvaho
Sector: Press
Date: 11 March 2002
Age:
Source: RSF, IFEX, EJC
Description: Jean-Marie Hategekimana, from the government weekly *Imvaho*, was murdered on the night of 11 to 12 March in a bar in Kigali's Gatenga quarter, along with three other individuals. The journalist was talking with the three persons, including an official from the Ibuka group of genocide survivors' associations, when two gunmen burst into the bar and tried to rob them. They subsequently shot the journalist and his three companions. The four victims were pronounced dead on arrival in hospital. There is no indication so far as to whether Hategekimana, was especially targeted or shot because he was a journalist.

Country: UKRAINE/BELARUS
CASENR: 16
Name: **Mikhailo Kolomiets**
Nationality: Ukrainian
Profession:
News organ: Ukrainsky Novyny
Sector: Agency
Date: October 2002
Age: 44
Source: RSF, IFEX, IPI, WAN, CPJ

Description: Mikhailo Kolomiets, founder and director of the independent news agency *Ukrainsky Novyny* was found hanged in neighbouring Belarus on 30 October. He had been reported missing since October 21. Colleagues and relatives refuse to believe that he committed suicide and expressed concern that his death could be connected to his critical coverage of the Ukrainian government.

Total Cases Under Investigation 19

List of Sources

AIJ	Association of Iranian Journalists
AJI	Aliansi Jurnalists Independen
ANP	Asociacion Nacional de Periodistas del Peru
Arab Press Freedom Watch	
Associated Press	
BJRF	Bangladesh journalists' Rights Forum
CEHURDES	Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Studies
CENSOS	Centro Nacional de Comunicacion Social
CJES	Centre for Journalism in Extreme Situations
CJFE	Canadian Journalists for Free Expression
CMFR	Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility
CPJ	Committee to Protect Journalists
EJC	European Journalism Center
FENAJ	Federacao Nacional do Jornalistas
FLIP	Fundacion para la Libertad de Prensa
FNJ	Federation of Nepal Journalists
FNSI	Federazione Nazionale della Stampa Italiana
Freedom Forum	
FH	Freedom House
GDF	Glasnost Defence Foundation
IAGJ	Independent Association of Georgian Journalists
IAPA	Inter American Press Association
IFEX	International Freedom of Expression Exchange
IFJ	International Federation of Journalists
IJU	Indian Journalists' Union
IPI	International Press Institute
IPYS	Instituto Preenso y Sociedad
Media Watch	
NPU	Nepalese Press Union
NUJI	National Union of Journalists India
NUJN	National Union of Journalists Nepal
Periodistas	
PFC	Periodistas Frente a la Corrupcion
PJS	Palestinian Journalists Syndicate
PPF	Pakistan Press Foundation
Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty	
Reuters	
RSF	Reporters sans Frontières
RUJ	Russian Union of Journalists
SAJA	Southern Africa Journalists Association
SNRPTASC	Sindicato Nacional de Redactores de la Prensa y
Trabajadores de Actividades Similares y Conexes	
SPP	Sindicato de Periodistas del Paraguay
TNG-CWA	The Newspaper Guild - CWA
WAN	World Association of Newspapers
WiPC	Writers in Prison Committee
WPFC	World Press Freedom Committee

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.*