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Journalists and Media Staff Killed in 2001

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

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Introduction

The IFJ’s report into journalists and media workers killed during 2001 records exactly 100 confirmed killings and deaths under investigation – the highest for six years. Many of the victims died in war zones, others have been targeted by brutal assassins, others have been in the wrong place at the wrong time when a story is breaking.

The number of media casualties provides a tragic reminder of the price we pay for press freedom and democracy. It is time for media companies to work together on new initiatives to reduce the risks facing their staff. We need more training, better equipment and provision of insurance for all, including freelance journalists.

Large media groups – such as CNN, the BBC, Reuters and Associated Press – have shown leadership by defining a code of practice to improve safety for journalists. The IFJ is looking for an industry-wide response that gives all players – small media and freelance workers included – access to the benefits of risk-awareness training.

This year journalists have been living in the shadow of terrorism and war. Eight journalists have been killed in Afghanistan while another seven media staff were among the 4,000 victims who perished in New York on September 11.

Every region of the world has been touched by the worsening problems of safety. The report covers killings in 38 countries.

The IFJ has highlighted the cases of journalists assassinated by political gangsters or terrorists including Martin O’Hagan, an investigative reporter for the Dublin-based Sunday World, who was gunned down in September. He is the first journalist to be killed by terrorists after 30 years of violence in Northern Ireland. Another targeted victim was Mario Coelho, a campaigning Editor who exposed corruption among local politicians in Mage, Brazil. He was shot dead by a contract killer a day before he was due to testify in a criminal defamation suit.

Some journalists were killed in tragic air accidents, but the eight who died over a 14-day period in Afghanistan provide a range of example of how journalists are always at risk in a fast-moving and uncontrolled conflict. Three journalists also died in Palestine.

The IFJ report includes journalists and all who work with them. We do not discriminate between members of the news team when it comes to casualties. Journalists lead the way, but their work so often depends upon the support of translators, drivers, technical staff and others. They must be counted too.
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### Cases of Journalists Killed

**Country:** AFGHANISTAN  
**CASENR:** 1  
**Name:** Johanne Sutton  
**Nationality:** French  
**Profession:** Journalist  
**News organ:** Radio France Internationale  
**Sector:** Radio  
**Date:** 11 November 2001  
**Age:** 34  
**Source:** IFJ, RSF, CPJ, WAN, IPI, IFEX, Freedom Forum, EJC, FNSI, DJV, SNJ  
**Description:** Johanne Sutton, a reporter for Radio France Internationale; was one of three journalists killed when Taliban forces fired on their Northern Alliance military convoy. The reporters were among a group of six journalists who were riding with Northern Alliance soldiers in an armored personnel carrier (APC). Talibán forces opened fire on the convoy and hit the APC carrying the journalists with a rocket-propelled grenade. The jolt from the grenade's impact caused some people to fall off the tank, while others may have jumped off. Three journalists survived the attack.  
**Additional:** Johanne Sutton had worked for RFI since the early 1990s. She covered several conflicts, particularly in the Middle East.

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**Country:** AFGHANISTAN  
**CASENR:** 2  
**Name:** Pierre Billaud  
**Nationality:** French  
**Profession:** Journalist  
**News organ:** RTL  
**Sector:** Radio  
**Date:** 11 November 2001  
**Age:** 31  
**Source:** IFJ, RSF, CPJ, WAN, IPI, IFEX, Freedom Forum, EJC, FNSI, DJV, SNJ  
**Description:** Pierre Billaud, a reporter for Radio Television Luxembourg; was killed when Talibán forces fired on their Northern Alliance military convoy. Three reporters were among a group of six journalists who were riding with Northern Alliance soldiers in an armored personnel carrier (APC). The soldiers were advancing toward Talibán positions near the city of Taloqan, the capital of Takhar Province and the alliance's former headquarters. Talibán forces opened fire on the convoy and hit the APC carrying the journalists with a rocket-propelled grenade. The jolt from the grenade's impact caused some people to fall off the tank, while others may have jumped off. Three journalists survived the attack.  
**Additional:** Pierre Billaud, special envoy for the French radio station RTL, covered conflicts in Bosnia, Algeria and Kosovo.

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**Country:** AFGHANISTAN  
**CASENR:** 3  
**Name:** Volker Handloik  
**Nationality:** German  
**Profession:** Freelance Journalist  
**News organ:** Stern  
**Sector:** Press  
**Date:** 11 November 2001  
**Age:** 40  
**Source:** IFJ, RSF, CPJ, WAN, IPI, IFEX, Freedom Forum, EJC, FNSI, DJV, SNJ  
**Description:** Volker Handloik, a freelance reporter on assignment for the German news magazine Stern, was killed with Johanne Sutton of Radio France Internationale, and Pierre Billaud of RTL, when Talibán forces opened fire on the convoy and hit the APC carrying the journalists with a rocket-propelled grenade. The jolt from the grenade's impact caused some people to fall off the tank, while others may have jumped off. Three journalists survived the attack.  
**Additional:** Volker Handloik had worked for RTL since the early 1990s. He covered several conflicts in Europe and Asia.
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The reporters were among a group of six journalists who were riding with Northern Alliance soldiers in an armored personnel carrier (APC).

**Additional:** Volker Handloik, 40 years old, worked as a freelance reporter for the German weekly Stern, but also for the magazines Geo, Spiegel-reporter and Focus. The experienced journalist made several reports in Russia and South America.

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**Country:** AFGHANISTAN  
**CASENR:** 4  
**Name:** Harry Burton  
**Nationality:** Australian  
**Profession:** Cameraman  
**News organ:** Reuters  
**Sector:** News Agency  
**Date:** 19 November 2001  
**Age:** 33  
**Source:** IFJ, RSF, CPJ, WAN, IPI, IFEX, Freedom Forum, EJC  
**Description:** Four international journalists were ambushed and killed while travelling through eastern Nangarhar Province in Afghanistan. A car at the head of a convoy of about eight vehicles was stopped by a group of armed men. Gunmen dragged the four journalists out of the front two cars, marched them into the surrounding hills, and executed them using Kalashnikov rifles, according to a driver and translator who were allowed to flee and later spoke to reporters.

**Additional:** Harry Burton was well known for his coverage of the East Timor conflict in 1999, when militias and the Indonesian army unleashed a wave of violence against the Timorese.

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**Country:** AFGHANISTAN  
**CASENR:** 5  
**Name:** Azizullah Haidari  
**Nationality:** Afghan  
**Profession:** Photographer  
**News organ:** Reuters  
**Sector:** News Agency  
**Date:** 19 November 2001  
**Age:** 33  
**Source:** IFJ, RSF, CPJ, WAN, IPI, IFEX, Freedom Forum, EJC  
**Description:** Four international journalists were ambushed and killed while travelling through eastern Nangarhar Province in Afghanistan. A car at the head of a convoy of about eight vehicles was stopped by a group of armed men. Gunmen dragged the four journalists out of the front two cars, marched them into the surrounding hills, and executed them using Kalashnikov rifles, according to a driver and translator who were allowed to flee and later spoke to reporters.

**Additional:** Azizullah Haidari, an Afghan refugee in Pakistan, had worked for Reuters since 1992. He was married and the father of two children, a boy and girl. He had recently expressed his desire to return to settle down in his country.

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**Country:** AFGHANISTAN  
**CASENR:** 6  
**Name:** Maria Grazia Cutuli  
**Nationality:** Italian  
**Profession:** Journalist  
**News organ:** Corriere della Sera  
**Sector:** Press  
**Date:** 19 November 2001  
**Age:** 39  
**Source:** IFJ, RSF, CPJ, WAN, IPI, IFEX, Freedom Forum, FNSI, EJC  
**Description:** Four international journalists were ambushed and killed while travelling through eastern Nangarhar Province in Afghanistan. Maria Grazia Cutuli of Corriere della Sera, was in a car at the head of a convoy of about eight vehicles when
they were stopped by a group of armed men. Gunmen dragged the four journalists out of the front two cars, marched them into the surrounding hills, and executed them using Kalashnikov rifles, according to a driver and translator who were allowed to flee and later spoke to reporters.

Additional: Maria Grazia Cutuli, a native of Sicily, had worked for *Corriere della Serra* since 1997, for which she covered several conflicts.

Country: AFGHANISTAN
CASENR: 7
Name: **Julio Fuentes**
Nationality: Spanish
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *El Mundo*
Sector: Press
Date: 19 November 2001
Age: 46
Source: IFJ, RSF, CPJ, WAN, IPI, IFEX, Freedom Forum, EJC, FAPE
Description: Julio Fuentes of *El Mundo* was killed alongside three other international journalists when they were ambushed while travelling through eastern Nangarhar Province in Afghanistan.

Additional: *El Mundo* had sent Julio Fuentes to Bosnia, El Salvador and Chechnya. He was married to another *El Mundo* journalist.

Country: AFGHANISTAN
CASENR: 8
Name: **Ulf Stromberg**
Nationality: Swedish
Profession: Cameraman
News organ: TV4
Sector: Television
Date: 27 November 2001
Age: 42
Source: IFJ, Freedom Forum, RSF, CPJ, WAN, IPI, EJC, SJF
Description: Cameraman Ulf Stromberg of Sweden's TV4 was shot dead by armed robbers who broke into a house where Swedish journalists were staying in the northern Afghan city of Taloqan. Three gunmen with rifles and knives broke into the house where Stromberg, three other Swedish journalists and an Afghan translator were staying and demanded money. After the shooting they escaped with a satellite telephone and several thousand dollars.

Country: ALGERIA
CASENR: 9
Name: **Fadhila Nedjma**
Nationality: Algerian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Echourouk*
Sector: Press
Date: 14 June 2001
Age: 46
Source: CALP, IFEX, RSF, CPJ, WAN, IPI, Freedom Forum
Description: Fadhila Nedjma, journalist from the Arabic language weekly *Echourouk* was killed during a demonstration in Algiers. According to a senior official from the Algerian Ministry of the Interior, Nedjma was struck by a bus and died later in hospital of chest and leg injuries. The circumstances of the accident remain unclear. Demonstrators attacked a garage owned by the bus transportation company ETUSA and began to burn company vehicles. In an effort to save their buses, the company's drivers, who were at the scene, quickly drove the buses out of the garage. In his haste, one of the drivers reportedly hit a group of people, including the journalist.

Country: ALGERIA
CASENR: 10
Name: **Adel Zerrouk**
Nationality: Algerian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: *Errai*
Sector: Press
Date: 14 June 2001
Age: 32
Source: CALP, IFEX, RSF, CPJ, WAN, IPI, Freedom Forum
Description: Adel Zerrouk, Algiers correspondent for the Arabic language daily *Errai* was killed during a violent demonstration in Algiers. Zerrouk was reportedly trampled by a crowd of demonstrators.

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Country: BANGLADESH
CASENR: 11
Name: **Nahar Ali**
Nationality: Bengali
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Anirban ub Khulna
Sector: Press
Date: 23 April 2001
Age: 32
Source: IFJ, CPJ, OPC, WAN, IFEX, Freedom Forum, IPI
Description: Nahar Ali, a correspondent for the newspaper *Dainik Anirban* in Khulna, was kidnapped on 18 April in the village of Dumuria. He was found unconscious two days later near Dumuria, after being beaten and tortured by his kidnappers. Nahar Ali died of his injuries on 23 April, after suffering brain damage, severe bleeding and broken arms and legs. Police suspect the radical leftist group Biplobi Communist Party of being responsible for the killing.

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Country: BOLIVIA
CASENR: 12
Name: **Juan Carlos Encinas**
Nationality: Bolivian
Profession: Freelance Journalist
News organ: Canal 21
Sector: Television
Date: 29 July 2001
Age: 39
Source: IFJ, IAPA, RSF, CPJ, IPI, WAN, IFEX, Freedom Forum
Description: Juan Carlos Encinas, an investigative journalist for the programme *Enlace* on Canal 21, was mortally wounded on 29 July while covering a conflict between two rival organisations fighting for control of a mining co-operative, the Cooperativa Multiactiva Catavi Ltda, in El Alto. Encinas was at the co-operative when one of the organisations surrounded the area and fired several gunshots. Wounded in the groin, he could not be evacuated because the attackers would not allow any of the wounded to be released. Encinas died that afternoon. The information gathered at the scene by Encinas was to have been broadcast by Canal 21.

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Country: BRAZIL
CASENR: 13
Name: **Mario Coelho de Almeida Filho**
Nationality: Brazilian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: A Verdade
Sector: Press
Date: 16 August 2001
Age: 42
Source: IAPA, CPJ, IFEX, RSF, WiPC, WAN, IPI, EJC
Description: Mario Coelho de Almeida Filho was killed the day before he was to testify in a criminal defamation lawsuit. In what appears to be a premeditated murder, the 42-year-old Coelho was killed by a gunman outside his house in the municipality of Magé.

At around 6 p.m., as Coelho was parking his car in his garage, the gunman, who had been drinking beer in a nearby bakery, emerged and started shooting at him with a 45-caliber handgun. The first shot hit Coelho's car window. The journalist left his car and ran away, but the gunman chased him and caught up with him in an abandoned lot. He shot Coelho at least three times and then fled the scene in his own vehicle.
Coelho was the administrative editor and publisher of *A Verdade*, a six-page paper that was published three times a month and circulated in Magé. *A Verdade* often criticized local politicians for alleged corruption and other irregularities. On August 17th, Coelho was scheduled to testify in relation to a criminal defamation lawsuit brought against him by Narriman Zito, Magé mayor, and her husband José Camilo Zito dos Santos, mayor of the nearby municipality of Duque de Caxias. The couple filed their lawsuit after *A Verdade* printed the minutes of a Rio de Janeiro State Legislative Assembly session during which Brazilian Labor Party assemblywoman Núbia Cozzolino, a political rival of Narriman Zito, insinuated that Zito was having an affair with one of her security guards. *O Globo* quoted Coelho's father as saying that his son had received several phone threats five months ago and had written about them in *A Verdade*. Although Coelho apparently knew the identity of the caller(s), he did not reveal this information in the newspaper. The Magé police official in charge of the murder investigation believes that it was a contract killing.

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**Country:** CHINA  
**CASENR:** 14  
**Name:** Zhao Qunli  
**Nationality:** Chinese  
**Profession:** Cameraman  
**News organ:** Phoenix TV  
**Sector:** Television  
**Date:** 2 September 2001  
**Age:** 51  
**Source:** Freedom Forum  
**Description:** Hong Kong television journalist Zhao Qunli was killed when the mini-helicopter he was piloting crashed while he was filming a group of ancient mainland villages.

Police said the mini-helicopter ran into three high-voltage wires crossing a valley and crashed into a pool.

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**Country:** COLOMBIA  
**CASENR:** 15  
**Name:** Flavio Bedoya  
**Nationality:** Colombian  
**Profession:** Journalist  
**News organ:** Voz  
**Sector:** Press  
**Date:** 27 April 2001  
**Age:** 52  
**Source:** IFJ, WAN, IFEX, Prensa Libre, CPJ, IAPA, IPI, WiPC  
**Description:** Flavio Bedoya, journalist of the newspaper *Voz* (voice), was killed the city of Tumaco-department of Nariño. The journalist was killed by four men who shot him several times as he was getting of a bus. Bedoya had received death threats after the publication of an interview he held with a commander of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). He had also recently reporting on fighting between guerrillas and paramilitaries near Tumaco. Police suspect that paramilitaries were responsible for his murder.

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**Country:** COLOMBIA  
**CASENR:** 16  
**Name:** Edgar Tavera Gaona  
**Nationality:** Colombian  
**Profession:** Journalist  
**News organ:** Voz  
**Sector:** Radio  
**Date:** 18 May 2001  
**Age:** 38  
**Source:** IFJ, Prensa Libre, IPI, WAN, IFEX, FLIP  
**Description:** The body of radio journalist Edgar Tavera Gaona was found in San Lorenzo, in the municipality of Güepsa, Santander. According to the National Police's information, the journalist was killed.
by members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), as a result of his recent articles on the guerrilla group's actions in the region. Gaona worked as a journalist for a community radio station in the municipality of Güepepa.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 17
Name: Pablo Emilio Parra Castañeda
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Planadas Cultural Estereo
Sector: Radio / Press
Date: 27 June 2001
Age: 50
Source: WAN, IFEX, CPJ, Freedom Forum, FLIP, IPYS, CCRG
Description: Colombian radio reporter Pablo Emilio Parra Castañeda was killed in the central province of Tolima. Parra was the founder and head of the community radio station Planadas Cultural Estéreo in the town of Planadas. He was also a regular contributor to print and radio media in the city of Neiva, capital of Huila province, and Ibagué, the capital of Tolima.

One of Parra's radio projects was an educational series involving broadcasts of high school lessons for students who either lived in isolated rural areas or were unable to attend formal classes because of their jobs.

For the last four years, Parra had also served as president of the local branch of the Colombian Red Cross.

Parra's body was found on the side of a rural road between Planadas and the nearby village of Gaitania, in an area noted for illegal plantations of opium poppies used in the production of heroin. He had been shot twice in the head. Parra was reportedly dragged out of his home by FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia) militia men and assassinated. The region where the body was found is controlled by the 21st Front of the FARC.

Country: COLOMBIA
CASENR: 18
Name: José Ubiel Vásquez
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Director / Journalists
News organ: La Voz de la Selva
Sector: Radio
Date: 6 July 2001
Age:
Source: IFJ, IPI, WAN, IFEX, IAPA, FLIP, Freedom Forum, FLIP, IPYS, CCRG
Description: Director of the radio station La Voz de la Selva, a local affiliate of the national Caracol radio network, was killed by two men riding a motorcycle, who shot him twice outside his office in Florencia, Caquetá department. His death has been linked to those of Guillermo León Agudelo and Alfredo Abad López, also of La Voz de la Selva, who were killed in November and December 2000, respectively. The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, has declared the Turbay family, who own La Voz de la Selva, a “military target”.

Country: COSTA RICA
CASENR: 19
Name: Parmenio Medina Pérez
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Radio Monumental
Sector: Radio
Date: 7 July 2001
Age:
Source: CPJ, IFEX, RSF, IAPA, IFJ, IPI, EJC
Description: Parmenio Medina was the producer and host of the weekly radio program “The Kick” (“La Patada”). Unknown assailants shot the
journalist three times at close range with a 38-caliber weapon. Medina was shot once in the back and twice in the head, according to local press reports. The attack occurred just outside the journalist's home in the town of Santo Domingo de Heredia, about six miles northwest of San José. Medina was rushed to the Calderón Guardia Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Additional: A native of Colombia, Medina moved to Costa Rica in 1968. His 28-year-old “The Kick” was a satirical program that often denounced official corruption and earned the journalist numerous threats. Starting in 1999, Medina made a series of on-air accusations about alleged fiscal improprieties at Radio María de Guadalupe, a local Catholic station. As a result of Medina's charges, church authorities closed the station in May 2001. Government fraud investigators targeted the station's former director, Minor de Jesús Calvo Aguilar, after the station was closed.

Medina received death threats on 7 May stemming from his criticism of Calvo, according to the San José daily La Nación. Two days later, unknown assailants fired bullets at his house. Medina subsequently filed a complaint with government authorities. Medina was provided with police protection, but asked that it be lifted just days before his death. Twenty minutes after Medina's murder, one of his colleagues at “The Kick” received an anonymous call saying he would be the next victim.

Country: FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA / KOSOVO
CASENR: 20
Name: Kerem Lawton
Nationality: British
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Associated Press Television News

Kerem Lawton, a British national and producer for Associated Press Television News, died from shrapnel wounds sustained when a shell struck his car in the Kosovo village of Krivenik, near the Macedonian border.

At the time of his death, Lawton had just arrived in Krivenik to cover the deployment of additional NATO-led peacekeeping forces. Both Macedonian military officials and ethnic Albanian insurgents denied responsibility for Lawton's death and the other civilian casualties. It also remains unclear whether the casualties resulted from a deliberate attack.

Country: FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA
CASENR: 21
Name: Milan Pantic
Nationality: Serbian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Vecernje Novosti
Sector: Press
Date: 11 June 2001
Age: 47
Source: CPJ, IFJ, IFEX, WAN, Freedom Forum, IPI, ANEM, SEEMO, IJAS, ATUJ
Description: Milan Pantic, a reporter for the Belgrade daily Vecernje Novosti, was killed before 8 a.m. local time as he was entering his apartment building in the central Serbian town of Jagodina.

Pantic had gone to fetch a loaf of bread. As he entered the front door of his building, attackers grabbed him from behind, broke his neck, and then struck him several times in the head with a sharp object as he lay face down on the ground. An eyewitness saw two attackers—both wearing masks and
black shirts—running away from the scene.
The journalist reported extensively on criminal affairs, including corruption in local companies. His wife, Zivka Pantic, told Vecernje Novosti that Pantic had received numerous telephone threats in response to articles he had written.

Country: FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA / KOSOVO
CASENR: 22
Name: Bekim Kastrati
Nationality: Kosovar Albanian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Bota Sot
Sector: Press
Date: 19 October 2001
Age: 
Source: RSF, IFEX, WAN, IPI, EJC
Description: Bekim Kastrati, a reporter for the Albanian-language daily Bota Sot, was shot dead by unidentified attackers in a drive-by shooting near the town of Srbica, northwest of the Kosovar capital of Pristina. The attackers pulled alongside the vehicle carrying the journalist and opened fire with machine guns, killing a second man and injuring a third. A U.N. spokesman said a motive for the killing was not immediately known. Bota Sot is considered to be close to the Democratic League of Kosovo, an ethnic Albanian political party.

Country: FRANCE
CASENR: 23
Name: Brice Fleutiaux
Nationality: French
Profession: Freelance Photographer
News organ: 
Sector: 
Date: 24 April 2001
Age: 
Source: 
Description: French freelance photographer, Brice Fleutiaux, who was held hostage in Chechnya for eight months until last June and has published a book on his experiences in captivity, killed himself. The publisher said he had been suffering from severe depression.

Country: GEORGIA
CASENR: 24
Name: Georgi Sanaia
Nationality: Georgian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Rustavi-2
Sector: TV
Date: 26 July 2001
Age: 26
Source: IFJ, IAGJ, IFEX, IPI, OPC, WAN, RSF, CPJ, EJC
Description: Georgi Sanaia, was found dead in his Tbilisi apartment. He was shot once in the head at close range with a 9mm weapon. Sanaia anchored “Night Courier”, a nightly political talk show in which he interviewed Georgia’s leading politicians on the independent television station Rustavi-2. The police have launched an investigation into the murder.

Additional: In a special television address, President Eduard Shevardnadze directed the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Prosecutor General, and the Minister of State Security to oversee the investigation personally.
Sanaia’s Rustavi-2 colleagues firmly believe that the murder resulted from his professional work, although they were not aware of any specific threats against the journalist.
Erosi Kitsmarishvili, executive director of Rustavi-2, suspects that the murder could have been intended to intimidate the station, which is known for its investigative reporting on state corruption and misuse of power in Georgia. The station has frequently been the target of government harassment in recent years.
Country: GUATEMALA
CASENR: 25
Name: Jorge Mynor Alegria Armendariz
Nationality: Guatemalan
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Radio Amatique
Sector: Radio
Date: 5 September 2001
Age: 38
Source: IFJ, CPJ, IFEX, RSF, OPC, IPI, Freedom Forum, WAN, APG
Description: Jorge Alegría was shot at least five times outside his home in Puerto Barrios, a port city located on the Caribbean coast in Izabal Department. His personal effects were untouched, making robbery an unlikely motive.
Alegria hosted an afternoon call-in show called “Linea Directa” on the local station Radio Amatique. Callers often discussed corruption and official misconduct. Alegría also worked as a part-time correspondent for the national radio network Emisoras Unidas.
Guatemalan newspapers reported that the journalist had been threatened on three different occasions after broadcasting stories about corruption. About three months before his assassination, according to one local source, Alegría spoke on air about the threats he had received. One of Alegría's colleagues told Emisoras Unidas that local officials had tried to bribe the journalist to keep him quiet about their activities.
Additional: Following Alegría's death, his Radio Amatique colleague Enrique Aceituno resigned from his job as host of a local news program. Aceituno said he had received both death threats and attempted bribes to discourage him from criticizing local authorities.

Police detained two suspects in connection with Alegría's murder. One suspect had a 9 mm handgun whose bullets apparently matched those found at the crime scene. Preliminary investigations by the Puerto Barrios prosecutor's office revealed that the handgun had recently fired six shots. Because of Alegría's death and Aceituno's departure from the station, Radio Amatique no longer broadcasts local news.

Country: HAITI
CASENR: 26
Name: Brignol Lindor
Nationality: Haitian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Radio Eco 2000
Sector: Radio
Date: 3 December 2001
Age: 32
Source: IFJ, IFEX, WAN, RSF, Freedom Forum, IPI, NUJ Nicaragua, IAPA
Description: Brignol Lindor was hacked to death by a mob in a town that has been marked by several weeks of violence by pro- and anti-government political groups.
Lindor, news director of Radio Eco 2000, reportedly had received two death threats from supporters of President Jean Bertrand Aristide last week for inviting opposition supporters to appear on his talk show. The journalist was ambushed as he was on his way to the town of Petit-Goave, 40 miles west of the capital, Port-au-Prince. A mob stopped his car and broke the windows. Lindor managed to escape the rock-throwing crowd and sought refuge in a nearby home. The mob dragged him out and hacked him to death with machetes.
Lindor's radio station colleagues and other journalists claim that he was killed by Aristide supporters.
A number of news organizations throughout Haiti have protested the
There were reports of various local journalist marches and work slow downs to protest the murder.

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Rusli Radja, a journalist from the weekly magazine *Pena Lestari*, was found dead in eastern Aceh, the region north east of Indonesia where separatist movements are at war with the government. According to local witnesses, the body - which had been found with that of another corpse - showed signs of torture. The police have opened an inquiry.

Country: IRAQ  
CASENR: 32  
Name: Muhammad Jamil Bandi Rozhbayani  
Nationality: Iraqi Kurd  
Profession: Journalist  
News organ:  
Sector: Press  
Date: 27 March 2001  
Age: 89  
Source: CJI, WAN, HRA, Coalition for Justice in Iraq  
Description: The mutilated corpse of the journalist and writer Jamil Bandi Rozhbayani, an Iraqi Kurd, was discovered in his home in Bagdhad on the night of 26 to 27 March. Three men from the Iraqi Information Service Al Mokhabarat had conveyed a message from President Saddam Hussein and the ruling Baas Party to Mr Rozhbayani in his home a few days previously. This message was allegedly a response to Mr Rozhbayani's recent articles on the "ethnic purification" of the Kurdish regions of Khanaqin and Mandali. The unpublished memoirs of Mr Rozhbayani, together with several of his handwritten documents, disappeared from his home after his corpse was discovered.

Country: KUWAIT  
CASENR: 33  
Name: Hidaya Sultan al-Salem  
Nationality: Kuwaiti  
Profession: Editor  
News organ: al-Majales  
Sector: Press  
Date: 20 March 2001  
Age: 65  
Source: RSF, IFEX, OPC, Freedom Forum, CPJ, IPI, WAN, EJC  
Description: Hudaya Sultan al-Salem, owner and editor-in-chief of the weekly *al-Majales*, was murdered on the way to her office. The assailant shot at her three times and then escaped. According to some sources from the security services, the four men who allegedly shot at her have handed themselves over to the police. Al-Salem was the first woman journalist in Kuwait when she started to work in 1961. A police officer who confessed to killing the magazine editor because of an article she wrote will face the death penalty when his trial opens in April. The suspect, Khaled al-Azmi, had confessed and even re-enacted the killing for the prosecution. He stood by what he had told police investigators -- that he killed Hidaya Sultan al-Salem because he was enraged by an article she wrote in her *Al-Majales* magazine that he found insulting to his tribe. The trial at the criminal court has been set for April 15, and the prosecution will ask for the maximum penalty, which is death by hanging. The crime has shocked Kuwaitis, who boast one of the freest press in Arab countries.

Country: LATVIA  
CASENR: 34  
Name: Gundars Matiss  
Nationality: Latvian  
Profession: Journalist  
News organ: Kurzemes Vards  
Sector: Press  
Date: 28 November 2001  
Age: 35
Gundars Matiss, a correspondent with the Liepaja-based Kurzemes Vards newspaper, died after being in a coma for two weeks following an attack with a wooden club in the stairwell of his apartment building. Matiss specialized in reporting on organized crime and smuggling. Shortly before his beating he participated in discussions with police and other journalists about organized smuggling through Liepaja port.

His last published article concerned four high-ranking Liepaja officials who he believed were involved in the illegal alcohol business.

José Luis Ortega Mata, the editor of the weekly Semanario de Ojinaga, based in Ojinaga, Chihuahua State, was shot twice in the head at close range with a .22 caliber firearm. The journalist's minivan was found with its engine running and the lights on. His wallet and cameras were not taken, making robbery an unlikely motive.

Friends and relatives of the journalist have linked his murder to a front-page story in the February 15 issue of Semanario de Ojinaga. The article reported that the federal Attorney General's Office (PGR) was investigating drug trafficking activities in the town of Aldama, near the state capital, Chihuahua. Semanario de Ojinaga also claimed that local traffickers were moving drugs from safe houses in Aldama through Ojinaga to the United States.

It has also been reported that Semanario de Ojinaga was about to publish a story alleging that drug traffickers funded the electoral campaigns of local politicians, and that Ortega Mata had received threats in connection with the story. In the past, the weekly has run articles critical of local politicians and police. Journalists in border towns are particularly exposed to attacks by drug-traffickers and corrupt law enforcement personnel in league with them. Most murders of Mexican journalists remain unsolved. Such attacks seriously endanger press freedom and hamper attempts to combat corruption.
his son because of articles about them in *El Imparcial*. He added that his son had received threats but did not take them seriously.

According to local authorities, the Ministerial Police are also investigating the possibility that the attack may have been provoked by *El Imparcial*’s coverage of immigrant smuggling and official corruption.

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<td>Two Japanese and one Mongolian journalist were killed in the crash of a U.N.-chartered helicopter that was investigating heavy snowfall damage in Mongolia. The two Japanese journalists who were killed in the crash were identified as NHK reporter Takahiro Kato and NHK cameraman Minoru Masaki, both of whom were based in Beijing. NHK is the Japanese national public television system. A photographer from Mongolia’s Gamma agency, Tsevegmid Batzorig, was also killed.</td>
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<td>Hisham Mekki, director of Palestinian state broadcasting, was killed in Gaza City by three masked men who shot him in the head and chest. A Palestinian group, the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, claimed responsibility for the attack. The group said its “anti-corruption unit” had killed Mekki, a member of Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, because Arafat had failed to crack down on corrupt officials.</td>
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Description: Mohammad Bishawi was killed during an Israeli military attack on a building in the West Bank town of Nablus. Bishawi, a photographer for the local newspaper Al Hayat Al Jadida, the Arab-Israeli weekly Saut Haq, and the Web site Islamonline, reportedly died when the office of the Islamist Movement Research Centre was hit by two missiles.

Description: Othman Ibrahim Qatanani was killed during an Israeli military attack on a building in the West Bank town of Nablus. Qatanani, a journalist for the Nablus office of the daily Al Quds, the Koweit News Agency (KONA), and Islamonline, reportedly died when the office of the Islamist Movement Research Centre was hit by two missiles.

Description: Salvador Medina was killed during an Israeli military attack on a building in the West Bank town of Nablus. Medina, a broadcaster and chairman of the board of directors of the community radio station Ñemity in Capibary, Paraguay, 180 miles northwest of Asunción, was shot dead as he rode on a motorcycle driven by his brother. Medina's family said he had received a number of threats following exposés he had made in his radio broadcasts. Others said he might have been killed because of what another brother, a correspondent for the national daily newspaper ABC Color, had been reporting. After the assassination, the journalists' family was the target of systematic intimidation and death threats.

Additional: On 16 October 2001, Milcíades Mayling was sentenced to twenty-five years in prison, the maximum sentence under the local criminal code. Mayling is believed to have assassinated community journalist Salvador Medina. It is suspected that individuals trafficking lumber from the Capibary zone, who also have links to drug trafficking, may have ordered the assassination. It is also possible that important political strategists of the governing Colorado Party, who are part of the president's inner circle, may be connected with the crime.

Medina, a journalist with community radio station Ñemity FM, often condemned illegal activities in the San Pedro region. He carried out a number of important investigations on this topic with his brother Pablo Medina, a correspondent for the Asunción newspaper ABC Color.
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<th>Nationality: Peruvian</th>
<th>Profession: Journalist</th>
<th>News organ: Radio Americana</th>
<th>Sector: Radio</th>
<th>Date: 30 June 2001</th>
<th>Age: 32</th>
<th>Source: ANP, IFEX</th>
<th>Description: Filomeno Coloma Yungarina was killed in a helicopter crash while reporting on the devastation of an earthquake in the Moquegua region.</th>
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<td>Date: 3 January 2001</td>
<td>Age: 27</td>
<td>Source: CMFR, IFEX, RSF, CPJ, WAN, Freedom Forum, IPI</td>
<td>Description: Rolando Ureta was gunned down on the night of January 3rd, when two motorcycle-riding men waylaid him en route from Kalibo, the capital of Aklan Province, to the town of Lezo. Ureta was program director of the radio station DYKR, an affiliate of the Radio Mindanao Network. Police estimated that he was killed within an hour of leaving the radio station, where he had just hosted “Agong Nightwatch”, his evening radio program. Ureta was apparently murdered as a result of his radio commentaries, which included pieces about local government corruption and police involvement in the drug trade. Additional: According to a 7 June report in the Manila-based newspaper Philippine Star, Zamboanga City police have identified and formally charged with murder the alleged killer of radio announcer Candelario Cayona. Police said witnesses positively identified Abdulwarid Ada as the gunman. Ada, however, is still at large. The head of the task force assigned to track down Cayona's killers, Senior Superintendent Julmunier Jubail, added that Ada is also suspected of killing another broadcaster in the city a couple of years ago. He allegedly shot broadcaster Reynaldo Bancairin, also of DXLL, in his station booth while he was airing his program on 30 March 1998.</td>
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<td>Date: 30 May 2001</td>
<td>Age: 27</td>
<td>Source: CMFR, IFEX, RSF, CPJ, WAN, Freedom Forum, IPI</td>
<td>Description: Candelario Cayona, a journalist with radio station DXLL in Zamboanga, on Mindanao Island in the southern Philippines was murdered on the morning of 30 May while leaving home on his motorcycle to go to the radio station. Two unidentified people fired five bullets, one hitting him in the head. Cayona died instantly. The reporter's family said he had received death threats following some of his programmes. According to his colleagues, the broadcaster had received threats since broadcasting an interview with one of the leaders of the Islamic rebel group Abu Sayyaf. This interview, broadcast during the Jolo hostage crisis, provoked the anger of the authorities, especially the army. Additional: According to a 7 June report in the Manila-based newspaper Philippine Star, Zamboanga City police have identified and formally charged with murder the alleged killer of radio announcer Candelario Cayona. Police said witnesses positively identified Abdulwarid Ada as the gunman. Ada, however, is still at large. The head of the task force assigned to track down Cayona's killers, Senior Superintendent Julmunier Jubail, added that Ada is also suspected of killing another broadcaster in the city a couple of years ago. He allegedly shot broadcaster Reynaldo Bancairin, also of DXLL, in his station booth while he was airing his program on 30 March 1998.</td>
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Country: RUSSIA  
CASENR: 47  
Name: Eduard Markevich
Nationality: Russian  
Profession: Editor  
News organ: Novyy Reft  
Sector: Press  
Date: 18 September 2001  
Age: 29  
Source: CPJ, IFEX, WAN, IPI, GDF  

Description: Eduard Markevich, editor and publisher of *Novyy Reft*, a local newspaper in the town of Reftinskiy, Sverdlovsk, was found dead on the evening of 18 September. He had been shot in the back. The newspaper had often criticized local officials. Mr Markevich’s colleagues reported that he had received threatening telephone phone calls prior to the attack.

This was not the first attack on Markevich. In 1998, two unknown assailants broke into his apartment and severely beat him in front of his pregnant wife. No one was arrested.

Last year, Markevich was illegally detained for 10 days after the local prosecutor's office charged him with defamation over a *Novyy Reft* article questioning the propriety of a lucrative government contract. In May 2001, the federal prosecutor reprimanded the local prosecutor for violating Markevich's constitutional rights.

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Country: SOUTH AFRICA  
CASENR: 48  
Name: Ian Clover  
Nationality: South African  
Profession: Freelance Journalist  
News organ:  
Sector:  
Date: 28 May 2001  
Age: 40  
Source:  

Description: The body of well-known Johannesburg freelance journalist Ian Clover was found at his house in Quellerina in western Johannesburg. A 25-year-old man has handed himself over to police in connection with the death.

He alleged Clover attacked him and that a struggle ensued. The suspect told police that he had stabbed Clover with a knife, banged his head against the wall and strangled him with a tie.

Clover was well known in media circles and at the time of his death he was doing freelance work for the South African Press Association (Sapa) as well as various other publications, including *Men's Health* magazine and several newspapers.

He recently covered the Beatrix mine disaster in *Welkom* for Sapa and his news reports were widely used by both print and electronic media. Clover had a passion for crime reporting and was known to dozens of policemen and women countrywide.

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Country: SPAIN  
CASENR: 49  
Name: Inaki Pangua Akasuso  
Nationality: Spanish  
Profession: Journalist  
News organ: Euskal Irrati Telebista  
Sector: TV  
Date: 21 May 2001  
Age:  
Source: Freedom Forum  

Description: A helicopter crash killed two Basque television journalists and critically injured a newspaper photographer. The chopper slammed into a quarry near the Basque town of Markina while the crew from *Euskal Telebista*, a regional public broadcasting station, was filming a nature series.

The victims were identified as producer Inaki Pangua Akasuso, cameraman Ruben Cortijo Marin and the pilot, Roberto Arenas Gonzales. The fourth occupant, newspaper photographer Santiago Naniz Aramendia, remained in critical condition.
Country: SPAIN
CASENR: 50
Name: Ruben Cortijo Marin
Nationality: Spanish
Profession: Cameraman
News organ: Euskal Irrati Telebista
Sector: TV
Date: 21 May 2001
Age: 
Source: Freedom Forum
Description: A helicopter crash killed cameraman Ruben Cortijo Marin. The chopper slammed into a quarry near the Basque town of Markina while the crew from Euskal Telebista, a regional public broadcasting station, was filming a nature series.

Country: SPAIN
CASENR: 51
Name: Santiago Oleaga Elebarrieta
Nationality: Spanish
Profession: Financial Director
News organ: El Diario Vasco
Sector: Press
Date: 24 May 2001
Age: 54
Source: IFJ, IFEX, Freedom Forum, RSF, WAN, IPI
Description: Two unidentified gunmen shot Santiago Oleaga Elebarrieta, the financial director of the daily El Diario Vasco, to death in a public parking lot. It was the eighth killing attributed to the ETA this year and the latest in a series of a terror wave on independent media in the Basque country in an apparent campaign to silence the media.

The newspaper executive, was shot three times in the head in the car park of a hospital in the coastal city of San Sebastian in northern Spain. Oleaga was married, had two children, and was the financial director of a leading regional newspaper, El Diario Vasco.

The newspaper is owned by Grupo Correo, a major Spanish news conglomerate based in the Basque region that has been outspoken for years in condemning ETA.

Country: THAILAND
CASENR: 52
Name: Withayut Sangsophit
Nationality: Thai
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Home Media
Sector: Radio
Date: 10 April 2001
Age: 56
Source: IPI, IFEX, WAN, RSF, CPJ, OPC
Description: Withayut Sangsopit, a radio journalist and commentator was gunned down on 10 April in the southern city of Surat Thani. According to police, Withayut was approached by several gunmen and shot five times as he was about to enter his radio studio to begin his popular morning program “Catch Up With the World”. Police believe Withayut, 56, became a target for murder as a result of his reporting on irregularities involving a 50 million baht (US$1.1 million) real estate deal for a municipal garbage dump. The reports began in 1999 and eventually led the Interior Ministry to investigate the deal and order a portion of the money returned to the government.

Police have arrested two men in connection with the shooting. One of them, Kosol Ohthong, is a municipal councilor in Surat Thani and was implicated in the garbage dump scandal. He is accused of ordering the killing.

Additional: Police say that the journalist had received numerous death threats and was under police protection prior to the murder. However, Withayut's protection was lifted shortly before the killing, according to several Thai newspapers.

Country: THAILAND
CASENR: 53  
Name: Setha Sareerawat  
Nationality: Thai  
Profession: Journalist  
News organ: Naew Na, Channel 3  
Sector: Press, TV  
Date: 19 November 2001  
Age:  
Source: Freedom Forum  
Description: A journalist in Thailand sprayed rival reporters with bullets over allegations of bribe-taking, killing three before ending his own life with a bullet in the forehead, police said on November 19th.

Amongst the victims who were shot dead was Setha Sareerawat, a reporter for Naew Na newspaper and Channel 3 television.

Country: THAILAND

CASENR: 54  
Name: Somboon Saenwiset  
Nationality: Thai  
Profession: Journalist  
News organ: Daily News  
Sector: Press  
Date: 19 November 2001  
Age:  
Source: Freedom Forum  
Description: A journalist in Thailand sprayed rival reporters with bullets over allegations of bribe-taking, killing three before ending his own life with a bullet in the forehead, police said on November 19th.

The gunman was identified as Paibul Boontod, president of the Mukdahan provincial journalists' association. A pistol was found by the attacker's side. Somboon Saenwiset, who worked for the Daily News newspaper was one of the journalists killed in the attack.

Country: THAILAND

CASENR: 55  
Name: Suchart Chanchanawiwat  
Nationality: Thai  
Profession: Editor  
News organ: Chao Mukdahan  
Sector: Press  
Date: 19 November 2001  
Age:  
Source: Freedom Forum  
Description: A journalist in Thailand sprayed rival reporters with bullets over allegations of bribe-taking, killing three before ending his own life with a bullet in the forehead, police said on November 19th.

One of the dead men was Suchart Chanchanawiwat, an editor of Chao Mukdahan, a local biweekly newspaper that had published several articles accusing an unidentified group of local journalists of bribe-taking and extortion.

The report had caused a rift between two groups of journalists in the province. They were holding a meeting at the restaurant on the bank of the Mekong River in an effort to end the dispute.

Country: THAILAND

CASENR: 56  
Name: Paibul Boontod  
Nationality: Thai  
Profession: Journalist  
News organ: Thai Rath, Channel 7  
Sector: Press, TV  
Date: 19 November 2001  
Age: 58  
Source: Freedom Forum  
Description: Paibul Boontod sprayed rival reporters with bullets over allegations of bribe-taking, killing three before ending his own life with a bullet in the forehead, police said on November 19th.

Boontod was also the president of the Mukdahan provincial journalists' association.

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Boontod reported for Thai Rath newspaper and Channel 7 television.

Country: UGANDA
CASENR: 57
Name: Kenneth Matovu
Nationality: Ugandan
Profession: Editor
News organ: New Vision
Sector: Press
Date: 28 August 2001
Age: 
Source: UJU, IFJ
Description: The Ugandan Journalists Union reports the death of four Ugandan Sports journalists who died on August 28 in a car accident. The Deputy Sports Editor of the government - owned New Vision - Kenneth Matovu, The Deputy Sports Editor of the independent The Monitor newspaper, Francis Batte and two senior news reporters with the New Vision newspaper, Simon Peter Ekarot and Leo Kabunga, all died on the spot when the car they were driving in rammed into another pickup in a head-on collision in Lugazi, a few kilometres on Kampala Jinja - road. The journalists were on assignment at the time of the accident.

Country: UGANDA
CASENR: 59
Name: Simon Peter Ekarot
Nationality: Ugandan
Profession: Journalist
News organ: New Vision
Sector: Press
Date: 28 August 2001
Age: 
Source: UJU, IFJ
Description: The Ugandan Journalists Union reports the death of four Ugandan Sports journalists who died on August 28 in a car accident. The Deputy Sports Editor of the government - owned New Vision - Kenneth Matovu, The Deputy Sports Editor of the independent The Monitor newspaper, Francis Batte and two senior news reporters with the New Vision newspaper, Simon Peter Ekarot and Leo Kabunga, all died on the spot when the car they were driving in rammed into another pickup in a head-on collision in Lugazi, a few kilometres on Kampala Jinja - road. The journalists were on assignment at the time of the accident.

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CASENR: 60
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<td>Description</td>
<td>Ihor Aleksandrov, the director of a TOR regional television company in Slavyansk, eastern Ukraine, was assaulted with baseball bats as he entered his offices on the morning of July 3rd. He was rushed to the local city hospital, where he underwent surgery. The journalist never regained consciousness and died from his head injuries three days later. Aleksandrov's colleagues believe the murder was connected to his television program, “Bez Retushi” (“Without Censorship”), which featured investigative coverage of government corruption and organized crime. The program frequently criticized Slavyansk municipal authorities. Officials at both the regional and national levels have taken an interest in the local prosecutor's investigation. Additional: Aleksandrov became well known in 1998 when prosecutors brought a criminal case against him for insulting the honor and dignity of parliamentary delegate Aleksandr Leshchinsky.</td>
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<td>Martin O'Hagan, an investigative reporter for the Dublin-based Sunday World and father of three children, was shot outside his Lurgan home. He had been the victim of earlier threats from Protestant gunmen. Responsibility for his killing has been claimed by the Red Hand Defenders, related to the Loyalist Volunteer Force. The IFJ notes that O'Hagan, who was threatened by Loyalists in 1993 and had to leave Ireland for his own safety, was working on a detailed investigation of links between Loyalist terrorist groups and the security forces.</td>
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Country: UNITED KINGDOM / NORTHERN IRELAND
CASENR: 62

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CASENR: 63
Name: Jeff Cole
Nationality: American
Profession: Editor
News organ: Wall Street Journal
Sector: Press
Date: 24 January 2001
Age: 45
Source: Freedom Forum
Description: A private jet crashed, killing the head of an air cargo company and the Wall Street Journal’s aerospace editor Jeff Cole. Michael Chowdry, chief executive of Atlas Air Inc., was piloting a two-seat Czech jet-trainer, when it crashed. Chowdry was killed along with passenger, Jeff Cole. The journalist was in Denver to interview Chowdry.

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CASENR: 64
Name: Bill Teegins
Nationality: American
Profession: Journalist
News organ: KWTV
Sector: TV
Date: 27 January 2001
Age: 48
Source: Freedom Forum
Description: Two Oklahoma State basketball players, six staffers and broadcasters associated with the team were killed when their plane crashed in a snowstorm.
All 10 people aboard died, officials said. The plane, one of three chartered by the school, crashed about 40 miles east of Denver after taking off from Jefferson County Airport.
Broadcast engineer Kendall Durfey, and broadcaster Bill Teegins, were among the victims.
Teegins, was a broadcaster for KWTV in Oklahoma City for the past 13 years. He was the play-by-play announcer for OSU basketball.

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CASENR: 65
Name: William Biggart
Nationality: American
Profession: Photographer
News organ: Impact Visuals
Sector: Photo Agency
Date: 11 September 2001
Age: 54
Source: CPJ, IFEX, WAN, RSF, Freedom Forum, IPI
Description: William Biggart, a freelance news photographer, was killed in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York. His body was found in the rubble at “ground zero” on September 15th. The photographer, who had rushed to the scene after hearing about the attacks, was a member of the Impact Visuals photo agency.

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CASENR: 66
Name: Robert Stevens
Nationality: American
Profession: Photo Editor
News organ: American Media Inc.
Sector: Press
Date: 5 October 2001
Age: 
Source: IPI
Description: Robert Stevens, a photo editor for American Media Inc., which publishes The National Enquirer and other tabloid newspapers, died after inhaling anthrax allegedly contained in a letter. By October 19th, the number of Americans exposed to the disease was close to 40, including employees of
four other media organisations, ABC, CBS, NBC, and The New York Post.

Country: UZBEKISTAN
CASENR: 67
Name: Emin Usman
Nationality: Uzbek
Profession: Writer, Journalist
News organ: Sector:
Date: 28 February 2001
Age:
Source: WiPC, Radio Free Europe
Description: Emin Usman was arrested on February 11th, while driving near his home outside Tashkent, and held in the basement of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MVD) headquarters. He was only permitted to see his lawyer on one occasion. On February 28th, Usman's relatives were informed that he had committed suicide, and the body was brought to his home on March 1st. Security forces blocked the road, prevented people from entering his home, and did not allow the family to wash or look over the body. He was buried under tight security early that morning, the official cause of death registered as “brain tumour”. Usman's strong religious beliefs, combined with the unorthodox and clandestine nature of official proceedings, suggest that his death was not suicide but the result of torture. Members of his family claim to have seen bruises covering the body and a wound to the back of the head. Usman was a prominent writer and head of the Uygur cultural centre in Tashkent. He published more than twenty books in Russian, Uzbek, and Uygur, in addition to numerous articles and translations.

Country: UZBEKISTAN
CASENR: 68
Name: Marc Brunereau
Nationality: French
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Le Soir
Sector: Press
Date: 5 September 2001
Age:
Source: Description: French journalist Marc Brunereau, who covered the Afghan civil war for many years for the Belgium newspaper Le Soir, died in Tashkent on September 5th, as a long term result of multiple pieces of shrapnel that were lodged in his body after he and three aid workers from the French humanitarian aid agencies ACTED and MDM, were bombed by the Taliban in Taloqan on 3 September 1999. Marc was airlifted to Dushanbe where he underwent multiple operations over a period of three months to save his life. He then went to France where he had more months of operations and treatment, but many pieces of shrapnel were still lodged in his body, which over the years badly affected his health.

Total Journalists Killed 68
Cases of Mediaworkers Killed

Country: HAITI
CASENR: 1
Name: Fritz Antoine Jean
Nationality: Haitian
Profession: Radio Security Guard
News organ: Radio Vision Nouvelle
Sector: Radio
Date: 20 April 2001
Age: 
Source: RSF, IFEX, IFJ
Description: Attacks on Radio Vision Nouvelle, Radio Lumière and Radio Vision 2000, killed Fritz Antoine Jean, Radio Vision Nouvelle's guard, and injured two other watchmen. Nearly 300 people armed with revolvers, machetes and clubs attacked the long wave transmitters of Radio Lumière and Radio Vision Nouvelle in Ménélas, in the suburbs north of Port-au-Prince. The attackers with machetes killed Antoine Jean. The assailants put the installations out of service and took away some of the equipment. Radio Vision Nouvelle estimates the losses at US$200,000 (about 220,000 euros). The radio station, which only transmits on long wave, had to stop its broadcasts.

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CASENR: 2
Name: Kendall Durfey
Nationality: American
Profession: Broadcast Engineer
News organ: KWTV
Sector: TV
Date: 27 January 2001
Age: 
Source: Freedom Forum
Description: Two Oklahoma State basketball players, six staffers and broadcasters associated with the team were killed when their plane crashed in a snowstorm. All 10 people aboard died, officials said. The plane, one of three chartered by the school, crashed about 40 miles east of Denver after taking off from Jefferson County Airport. Broadcast engineer, Kendall Durfey, and broadcaster Bill Teegins, were among the victims.

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CASENR: 3
Name: William Steckman
Nationality: American
Profession: Transmitter Engineer
News organ: NBC
Sector: TV
Date: 11 September
Age: 57
Source: CWA, CPJ, Society of Broadcast Engineers
Description: Six broadcast engineers were killed during the terrorist attacks in the USA on September 11th in Tower 1 of the World Trade Center.

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CASENR: 4
Name: Donald Di Franco
Nationality: American
Profession: Transmitter Engineer
News organ: ABC
Sector: TV
Date: 11 September 2001
Age: 42
Source: CWA, CPJ, Society of Broadcast Engineers
Description: Six broadcast engineers were killed during the terrorist attacks in the USA on September 11th in Tower 1 of the World Trade Center.

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CASENR: 5
Name: Gerald Coppola
Nationality: American
Profession: Engineer
News organ: WNET
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<td>Thomas Percorelli was a passenger on American Airlines flight 11, the plane that crashed into Tower 1 of the World Trade Center.</td>
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## Cases Under Investigation

### Country: ANGOLA
**CASENR:** 1  
**Name:** Alegria Gustavo  
**Nationality:** Angolan  
**Profession:** Journalist  
**News organ:** Radio Nacional de Angola  
**Sector:** Radio  
**Date:** 8 July 2001  
**Age:**  
**Source:** CPJ, IFEX, OPC, MISA, RSF, CJFE, WAN, IPI  
**Description:** Alegria Gustavo, a journalist for the local branch of state-owned *Rádio Nacional de Angola* in the province of Huambo, was shot dead after leaving a party. The vice administrator of Huambo, Matias Kassoma, allegedly killed the radio journalist, although the motive for the murder remains unclear.

### Country: BANGLADESH
**CASENR:** 2  
**Name:** Ahsan Ali  
**Nationality:** Bengali  
**Profession:** Journalist  
**News organ:** Jugantor  
**Sector:** Press  
**Date:** 22 July 2001  
**Age:** 40  
**Source:** Media Watch, IFEX, CPJ, IFJ, WAN, Freedom Forum, IPI, EJC  
**Description:** The body of a journalist, whose face was disfigured by acid, was found in an irrigation canal two days after he was reported missing. Ahsan Ali, a local correspondent for the Dhaka-based Bengali-language newspaper *Jugantor*, was reported missing July 20th. He was last seen heading home from a local police station, where he had gone to check the day's crime reports, an officer said. An autopsy report revealed that his attackers used nitric acid to disfigure and blind him before stabbing him to death, police said. In recent months, Ali had written reports on highway robbery in his area, his newspaper said. The case was similar in some respects to the abduction, torture and killing of another Bengali journalist earlier this year. Nahar Ali, who worked for *Daily Anirban*, a Bengali-language newspaper in southwestern Bangladesh, was abducted April 17th. His body was found along a roadside three days later. Violence against journalists, especially those who report on corruption, political killings and religious intolerance, has been on the rise in Bangladesh.

### Country: CHINA
**CASENR:** 3  
**Name:** Feng Zhaoxia  
**Nationality:** Chinese  
**Profession:** Journalist  
**News organ:** Gejie Daobao  
**Sector:** Press  
**Date:** 15 January 2001  
**Age:** 48  
**Source:** RSF, IFEX, IPI, WAN, Freedom Forum  
**Description:** Feng Zhaoxia, an investigative reporter for *Gejie Daobao* newspaper, was found with his throat slit in Xi'an, China. He was last seen alive leaving his house after receiving a mysterious telephone call, friends said. Police officially concluded that Feng committed suicide, but relatives demanded that police re-open the investigation. Feng had written a series of articles on corruption and links between criminal gangs and government officials in Xi'an, capital of Shaanxi province. He had received several death threats and...
moved his residence because he feared for his life, colleagues said.

Carlos Alberto Trespalcios
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: INDER
Sector: 
Date: 30 April
Age: 33
Source: Prensa Libre, CPJ, IFEX, IPI, WAN
Description: Carlos Alberto Trespalacios was shot dead by unidentified attackers in the upscale El Poblado neighbourhood of Medellín. Police, who were first on the scene, claimed to have found an official police report in Trespalacio's pocket in which he complained of death threats. The report was filed at a local police station in Envigado, another district of Medellín. Police, however, declined to reveal the contents of the report.
Trespalacio took three bullets to the head around 8 p.m. A Medellín police spokesman was unable to say how many gunmen took part in the attack or what calibre pistol had been used.
At the time of his death, Trespalacios was working as chief information officer for Medellin's Sports and Recreation Institute and studying for a postgraduate degree in public relations. Trespalacios had also worked in public relations for the current Medellin mayor Luis Pérez Gutiérrez.
Before working for the local government, he was a sports reporter for radio networks in Medellin and also for the regional TV station Teleantioquia.

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Before working for the local government, he was a sports reporter for radio networks in Medellin and also for the regional TV station Teleantioquia.
Jorge Enrique Urbano Sanchez, director of the Emisora Mar Estéreo radio station, an affiliate of the Toledar network, was shot four times as he was talking with friends in a shopping store in the port of Buenaventura. Urbano hosted a news program characterized by its strong criticism of the lack of safety in Buenaventura and managed the Recrear Corporation, responsible for the upkeep of parks, relocation of street vendors and removal of drug dealers.

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Eduardo Estrada Gutierrez
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Radio
Date: 16 July 2001
Age: 53
Source: FLIP, IFEX, WAN, IPI, IPYS, IAPA
Description: Eduardo Estrada Gutierrez, a community broadcaster, was shot dead in a restaurant by an unknown assassin in the city of San Pablo, Bolivar department. Estrada Gutierrez was also the president of the Association for the Development of Communications and Culture (ADECOSAN), an organisation affiliated with the Magdalena Media Network of Community Radio Stations (AREDMAG).

Additional: The communicator was planning the launch of a community radio station in San Pablo and was one of those organising community activities under the Magdalena Medio Development and Peace Programme. The Magdalena Medio Network of Community Radio Stations demanded that community media and their supporters be respected “as spaces for expression and working towards peace in the midst of conflicting opinions.”

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Heriberto Cardenas
Nationality: Colombian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Radio Carcajal, El Tiempo, El Espectador
Date: 14 November 2001
Age: 52
Source: IPI, IFEX, CPJ
Description: Heriberto Cardenas was killed by unidentified gunmen in the port city of Buenaventura. Cardenas, who had worked as a correspondent for several local radio stations and for the national newspapers El Espectador and El Tiempo, was watching television with his 17-year-old nephew when attackers burst into their home and killed the two men. Cardenas had been unemployed for several months, contributing only occasionally to various media, and police said the motive for the crime was unknown.

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Luis Fernando Maldonado
Nationality: Ecuadorian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Telesistema
Date: 8 August 2001
Age: 53
Source: IPYS, IFEX, WAN
Description: Luis Fernando Maldonado was shot on the night of Wednesday August 8th allegedly by two young individuals who were attempting to steal his automobile. Thus far there is no concrete information on the case.
CASENR: 11  
Name: Vitaliy Khaytov  
Nationality: Russian  
Profession: Publisher  
News organ: Estoniya, Vesti Nedelya Plus  
Sector: Press  
Date: 10 March 2001  
Age: 57  
Source: IPI, IFEX, OPC  
Description: Vitaliy Khaytov, chief executive of the leading Russian-language daily Estoniya and the weekly Vesti Nedelya Plus, was shot dead in Tallinn just after 3:30 p.m. on March 10th. He was killed with two shots to his head while sitting in his car in a suburb of the capital. The motive for the murder is unknown, police said. Khaytov, a Russian citizen, worked as director-general of the Vesti publishing house since 1995 and was responsible for publishing Estoniya and Vesti Nedelya Plus. His 32-year-old son, Marian Khaytov, was shot dead in a similar attack in Tallinn last spring.

Country: FRANCE  
CASENR: 12  
Name: Nicolas Giudici  
Nationality: French  
Profession: Journalist  
News organ: Nice-Matin  
Sector: Press  
Date: 17 June 2001  
Age: 52  
Source: CPJ, IPI  
Description: The body of journalist Nicolas Giudici was found in a river in northern Corsica. Giudici had been shot twice, once in the head. His torched car was found 50 kilometres away in the town of Cervione. Guidici had frequently covered separatist movements on the French island of Corsica as a reporter for the regional newspaper Nice-Matin. He was also the author of Crépuscule des Corses (Twilight of the Corsicans), a critical assessment of Corsican society that was published in 1997. Local police have launched an investigation into Giudici's murder.

Country: INDIA  
CASENR: 13  
Name: Mool Chand Yadhav  
Nationality: Indian  
Profession: Journalist  
News organ: Punjab Kesari  
Sector: Press  
Date: 30 July 2001  
Age: 50  
Source: NUJI, IUJ  
Description: The murder of Mool Chand Yadhav as reported by the National Union of Journalists in India is believed to be directly related to the journalist’s investigations into organised crime. Yadhav was also the Vice President of the NUJ’s affiliate UPJA.

Country: INDONESIA  
CASENR: 14  
Name: I Wayan Sumariasa  
Nationality: Indonesian  
Profession: Journalist  
News organ: Poso Post  
Sector: Press  
Date: 3 June 2001  
Age: 25  
Source: SEAPA, AJI  
Description: The body of I Wayan Sumariasa, journalist for Poso Post, was found floating in Poso river, weighed down by rock-filled plastic bags. Police are still investigating the murder.

Country: NIGERIA  
CASENR: 15  
Name: Rockefeller Okeke  
Nationality: Nigerian  
Profession: Editor  
News organ: News Agency  
Sector:  
Date: 25 April 2001  
Age:
Source: WAN, IFEX
Description: Rockefeller Okeke, an editor with the state-run News Agency of Nigeria, was shot dead by unknown gunmen in Ukpo, Anambra State. The gunmen opened fire on Okeke as he was entering his house, killing him on the spot. The police have so far failed to establish a motive for the killing.

Country: PHILIPPINES
CASENR: 16
Name: Mohammad Yusop
Nationality: Philippino
Profession: Journalist
News organ: RXID
Sector: Radio
Date: 24 February 2001
Age: 42
Source: WAN, IFEX, RSF, Freedom Forum, IPI
Description: Mohammad Yusop, a broadcaster for RXID radio station in Pagadian City on Mindanao Island, was shot in the head and killed in Pagadian City. RXID is a member of the Islamic Radio Broadcasting network. Two unidentified individuals reportedly shot Yusop while he was returning home on his motorcycle. No one has claimed responsibility for the murder.

Country: PHILIPPINES
CASENR: 17
Name: Chito Acbang
Nationality: Philippino
Profession: Journalist
News organ: RMN
Sector: Radio
Date: Late May 2001
Age:
Source: WAN, IFEX, CPJ
Description: Chito Acbang, a former radio commentator for the RMN Station in Bongabong Town, Oriental Mindoro, was found slain in late May.

Country: PHILIPPINES
CASENR: 18
Name: Joy Mortel
Nationality: Philippino
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Mindoro Guardian
Sector: Press
Date: 31 May 2001
Age:
Source: CPJ, IFEX, WAN
Description: Joy Mortel, a reporter for the Mindoro Guardian, was killed in her home in Barangay Talabanhan, Occidental Mindoro, on May 31st.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 19
Name: Andrei Sheiko
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Ah!
Sector: Press
Date: 11 September 2001
Age: 28
Source: GDF
Description: The body of Andrei Sheiko was found in his apartment with a wound in his neck. The Basmannaja inter-district prosecutor's has filed a criminal lawsuit to investigate the murder. The investigators are treating the case as a contract killing.

Country: RUSSIA
CASENR: 20
Name: Ellina Voronova
Nationality: Russian
Profession: Journalist
News organ: Novosti Plus
Sector: TV
Date: 5 November 2001
Age: 32
Source: GDF
Description: A gang of criminals murdered Ellina Voronova, the news anchor for Novosti Plus TV. The journalist was mutilated and killed, her body was hidden in a ditch close to her home.

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<td>Date: 8 July 2001</td>
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<td>Description: Abdulkadir Adan Hussein, cameraman and reporter for Radio Benadir FM, was killed by armed men in front of a teashop in Mogadishu on the night of July 8th.</td>
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<td>Description: Kaset Puengpat, a reporter for Thai Rath, the country’s biggest newspaper, was riding a motorbike home from a party when he was shot three times in the chest from a passing pickup truck. Police suspect Kaset’s reporting might have provoked the killing, but will not give further details.</td>
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<td>Description: Oleh Breus, publisher of the regional weekly XXI Vek in the provincial city of Luhansk, was shot dead outside his home. As Breus drove up to his house with his wife and a friend, he was shot four or five times in the head and back at point-blank range. Neither passenger was harmed. Eyewitnesses reported seeing two men fleeing the scene, one of them holding a pistol. The motive for the murder remains unclear. Breus had suffered at least one previous assassination attempt, in December 2000, and his colleagues at XXI Vek had also reported receiving threats in recent months.</td>
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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.