

Dear Sir,

Today six months since the cold-blood murder of our colleague George Karaivaz executed on April 9th no progress is in sight. Although, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' letter addressed to the Council of Europe on October 7th (herewith included) asserts that the search for the murder perpetrators remains an absolute priority for the Greek Police and its services, no development has become known for this heinous crime that shocked the world of journalism and left a staining mark on the news industry in Greece and abroad.

On the occasion of UN International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists established in 2013 and celebrated on November 2nd every year, the International Federation of Journalists calls on world governments to take urgent measures to end impunity and protect Press freedom.

Journalist George Karaivaz was executed in cold blood under unclear circumstances. He was known for his reliability and effectiveness in police reporting. He is the last victim in Greece and there is a huge interest on investigation developments from both International and European Federation of Journalists.

Investigation of our colleague's murder is essential not only for justice to be delivered concerning the criminal aspect of the case but to consolidate safety among Greek journalists.

Press freedom is preserved only through unconstrained news information provided by those who feel they are safe. Freedom of expression and speech cannot be limited by feelings of fear and insecurity nevertheless to be guaranteed by the state.

Awaiting for your reply.

Sincerely yours,

For JUADN Executive Board

The President

The General Secretary