



**International
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Re: Yemen Solidarity Fund

The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) is launching a Solidarity Fund for journalists in Yemen who are in desperate need for help.

The IFJ hosted and co-organised with the Global Forum for Media Development and International Media Support a one-day international meeting on 26 October in Brussels to address the horrific situation facing journalists in Yemen.

The meeting brought together media freedom and development organisations as well as UNESCO, UNDP, UN Resident Coordinator's Office and the EU Delegation to the Yemen.

The gathering sought to raise awareness of the increasing media safety crisis and to collaborate on providing coordinated support to Yemeni journalists. Ten of them have been killed in 2015 and 16 remain held captive, mostly by Houthi rebels, according to the Yemeni Journalists' Syndicate (YJS), an IFJ affiliate.

The meeting agreed an action plan, including the launch of a **Yemeni Journalists' Solidarity Fund** to meet the immediate health and safety needs of Yemeni journalists.

The IFJ is now launching the special Solidarity Fund to provide financial aid and humanitarian assistance to Yemeni colleagues and their families, who are desperately in need of help.

We are therefore inviting journalists, private individuals and organisations to show their solidarity by contributing to this appeal as generously as they can.

Please send your donations to the IFJ International Safety Fund with on the following account:

The Safety Fund

a/c BE64 2100 7857 0052

Swift Code: GEBABEBB

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Please indicate in communication: **"Yemen Solidarity Fund "**

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