U.S. to Host World Press Freedom Day in 2011

Press Statement

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US State Dept., Washington, DC
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The United States is pleased to announce that it will host UNESCO's World Press Freedom Day event in 2011, from May 1 - May 3 in Washington, D.C. UNESCO is the only UN agency with the mandate to promote freedom of expression and its corollary, freedom of the press.

The theme for next year's commemoration will be 21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers. The United States places technology and innovation at the forefront of its diplomatic and development efforts. New media has empowered citizens around the world to report on their circumstances, express opinions on world events, and exchange information in environments sometimes hostile to such exercises of individuals' right to freedom of expression. At the same time, we are concerned about the determination of some governments to censor and silence individuals, and to restrict the free flow of information. We mark events such as World Press Freedom Day in the context of our enduring commitment to support and expand press freedom and the free flow of information in this digital age.

Highlighting the many events surrounding the celebration will be the awarding of the UNESCO Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize at the National Press Club on May 3rd. This prize, determined by an independent jury of international journalists, honors a person, organization or institution that has notably contributed to the defense and/or promotion of press freedom, especially where risks have been undertaken.
The Newseum will host the first two days of events, which will engage a broad array of media professionals, students, and citizen reporters on themes that address the status of new media and internet freedom, and challenges and opportunities faced by media in our rapidly changing world.

The State Department looks forward to working with UNESCO and the U.S. executive committee spearheaded by the Center for International Media Assistance at the National Endowment for Democracy, IREX, and the United Nations Foundation and the many civil society organizations they have brought together in support of the organization of events unfolding in Washington.

For further information regarding World Press Freedom Day Events for program content, please visit the World Press Freedom Facebook page http://www.connect.connect.facebook.com/WPFD2011

ORGANIZATIONS DEFENDING REPORTERS AGAINST PERSECUTION

Committee to Protect Journalists http://www.cpj.org/
Reporters Without Borders http://en.rsf.org/
International Press Institute http://www.freemedia.at/our-activities/death-watch/
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Press_Institute

Committee to Protect Journalists

- Donate Now
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- Protest Letters
- Reports & Publications
- CPJ Blog
- CPJ Internet Channel
- Killed in 2011
- Imprisoned
- Missing
- Killed Since 1992
861 Journalists Killed since 1992

--- Journalists Killed by Country ---

--- Journalists Killed by Year ---

Ivan Safronov
Kommersant
Russia

Atwar Bahjat
Al-Arabiya
Iraq

Marlene Garcia-Esperat
Midland News and DXKR
Statistical Analysis

- **Beats Covered by Victims**
- **Job**
- **Medium**
- **Gender**
- **Local / Foreign**
- **Freelance**
- **Type of Death**
- **Suspected Source of Fire in Murder Cases**
- **Impunity**
- **Murder Victims**

**Job**

- 23% Broadcast reporter
- 10% Camera Operator
- 9% Columnist / Commentator
- 16% Editor
- 8% Photographer
- 2% Internet reporter/writer
- 31% Print reporter/writer
- 5% Producer
- 4% Publisher/Owner
- 2% Technician

**Medium**

- 3% Internet
- 56% Print
- 20% Radio
- 27% Television

**Gender**

- 93% Male
- 7% Female
Local / Foreign
87% Local
13% Foreign

Murder Victims
23% Taken Captive
35% Threatened
13% Tortured

Type of Death
17% Crossfire/Combat
11% Dangerous Assignment
71% Murder

Impunity in Murder Cases
89% Complete impunity
7% Partial justice
4% Full justice

Suspected Source of Fire in Murder Cases
13% Criminal group
24% Government Officials
2% Local Residents
5% Military Officials
2% Mob Violence
7% Paramilitary Group
30% Political Group
19% Unknown

Beats Covered by Victims *
5% Business
21% Corruption
14% Crime
10% Culture
14% Human Rights
39% Politics
All figures are rounded to the nearest full percentage point. * May add up to more than 100 percent because more than one category applies in some cases.

### 20 Deadliest Countries

1. **Iraq**: 149  
2. **Philippines**: 71  
3. **Algeria**: 60  
4. **Russia**: 52  
5. **Colombia**: 43  
6. **Pakistan**: 35  
7. **Somalia**: 34  
8. **India**: 27  
9. **Mexico**: 25  
10. **Afghanistan**: 22  
11. **Turkey**: 20  
12. **Bosnia**: 19  
13. **Sri Lanka**: 18  
14. **Rwanda**: 17  
15. **Tajikistan**: 17  
16. **Brazil**: 17  
17. **Sierra Leone**: 16  
18. **Bangladesh**: 12  
19. **Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory**: 10  
20. **Angola**: 10

### Recently Killed

**Chris Hondros, Getty Images**  
April 20, 2011, in Misurata, Libya

**Tim Hetherington, Freelance**  
April 20, 2011, in Misurata, Libya

**Karim Fakhrawi, Al-Wasat**  
April 12, 2011, in Manama, Bahrain

**Zakariya Rashid Hassan al-Ashiri, Al-Dair**  
April 9, 2011, in Al-Dair, Bahrain

**Sabah al-Bazi, Al-Arabiya**  
March 29, 2011, in Tikrit, Iraq
Muammar Khadir Abdelwahad, Al-Ayn
March 29, 2011, in Tikrit, Iraq

Luis Emanuel Ruiz Carrillo, La Prensa
March 25, 2011, in Monterrey, Mexico

Mohammed al-Nabbous, Libya Al-Hurra TV
March 19, 2011, in Benghazi, Libya

Jamal al-Sharaabi, Al-Masdar
March 18, 2011, in Sana’a, Yemen

Ali Hassan al-Jaber, Al-Jazeera
March 13, 2011, in an area near Benghazi, Libya

More »
Lesotho
Liberia
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Mauritius
Mauritania
Mozambique
Namibia
Niger
Nigeria
Uganda

Central African Republic
Democratic Republic of Congo
Rwanda
São Tomé and Príncipe
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Somalia
Sudan
Swaziland
Tanzania
Chad
Togo
Zambia
Zimbabwe

Americas

Argentina
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Canada
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Ecuador
- United States
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- French Guiana
- Haïti
- Honduras
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Panama

- Paraguay
- Peru
- Puerto Rico
- Dominican Republic
- Salvador
- Surinam
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Uruguay
- Venezuela

- Asia

- Afghanistan
- Asia
- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Burma
- Brunei
- Cambodia
- China
- North Korea
- South Korea
- Fiji
- Hongkong

- Solomon Islands
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Kiribati
- Laos
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Mongolia
- Nauru
- Nepal
- New Zealand
- Pakistan

- Papua New Guinea
- Philippines
- Samoa
- Singapore
- Sri Lanka
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Tibet
- East Timor
- Tonga
- Tonga
- Vietnam

- Europe & ex-USSR

- Albania
- Germany
- Armenia
- Central Asia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Cyprus
- Croatia
- Denmark
- Spain
- Estonia
- Europe & ex-USSR
- Finland
- France
- Georgia
- Gibraltar
- Greece
- Hungary
- Northern Ireland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Kosovo
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Macedonia
- Malta
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- Norway
- New Caledonia
- Uzbekistan
- Netherlands
- Poland

- French Polynesia
- Portugal
- Czech Republic
- Romania
- United Kingdom
- Russia
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- European union
- Wallis and Futuna
- Iceland
Seizures of newspapers, smear campaigns against journalists in Yemen, arrests in Bahrain

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Organized crime

Americas

“Muscling in on the media” – a Reporters Without Borders look at organized crime
Safety of journalists

Safety resources for journalists travelling abroad

Interview

**Iran**

IraNeda: the independent voice

**Rwanda**

**Persecution**

Prosecutors request 10-year jail sentence for exiled newspaper editor

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**Honduras**

**Ambushed at home**

Another attempted attack on opposition radio station journalist

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Africa

- **Rwanda**
  - Prosecutors request 10-year jail sentence for exiled newspaper (...)
- **Côte d’Ivoire**
  - Three questions for Fraternité Matin’s new managing editor
- **Guinea Bissau**
  - Stay of execution for newspaper
- **Uganda**
  - Government could target Facebook and Twitter on eve of new protests
- **Côte d’Ivoire**
  - Call to avoid media vengeance by civil war victors

America

- **Honduras**
  - Another attempted attack on opposition radio station journalist
- **Haiti**
  - President-elect urged to help defuse tension, threats to media (...)
- **United States**
Court decision ordering new sentencing for Mumia Abu-Jamal seen as small (…)

- **Salvador**
  - TV cameraman gunned down in bus near San Salvador

- **Peru**
  - Appeal to presidential candidates after journalist gets three years for (…)

**Asia**

- **Australia**
  - Clarence House block Australian satire of wedding

- **Sri Lanka**
  - Authorities continue drive to stamp out pro-opposition media

- **Thailand**
  - Police close a dozen community radio stations, carry out arrests

- **Vietnam**
  - Even after sentence reduction, cyber-dissident still has to serve five (…)

- **Pakistan**
  - Another reporter attacked by gunmen

**Europe & ex-USSR**

- **Azerbaijan**
  - Netizen Bakhtiyar Hajiev refused bail

- **Turkey**
  - Online censorship now bordering on the ridiculous in Turkey

- **Belarus**
  - Two leading independent newspapers threatened with closure

- **Europe & ex-USSR**
  - Disappointing report and belated investigation on net neutrality

- **Spain**
  - Concern about death threats against journalist investigating corruption in (…)

**Internet**

- **Azerbaijan**
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- **Turkey**
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• **Rwanda**
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• **United Arab Emirates**
  Use of most secure BlackBerry system restricted, bloggers arrested

• **France**
  European union
  Disappointing report and belated investigation on net neutrality

**Middle East & North Africa**

• **United Arab Emirates**
  Use of most secure BlackBerry system restricted, bloggers arrested

• **Iran**
  Regime still targeting human rights lawyers and journalists

• **Middle East & North Africa**
  Seizures of newspapers, smear campaigns against journalists in Yemen (…)

• **Iran**
  Authorities ban coverage of crackdown on Arab minority protests in (…)

• **Iraq**
  International community asked to press Kurdistan authorities to end abuses (…)

**PRESS FREEDOM BAROMETER 2011**

18 **Journalists killed**

2 **media assistants killed**

151 **journalists imprisoned**

9 **media assistants imprisoned**

128 **netizens imprisoned**

**Previous year key figures**

**PRESS FREEDOM INDEX**

**INTERNET ENEMIES**

Choose a year

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Predators

- By map
- By group photo

Eritrea:
Issaias Afeworki

Gambia:
Yahya Jammeh

Equatorial Guinea:
Teodoro ObiangNguema

Nigeria:
Ogbonna Onovo

Rwanda:
Paul Kagame

Somalia:
Islamist militias

Swaziland:
Mswati III

Zimbabwe:
Robert Mugabe

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Newsletter

World Day Against Cyber Censorship
Check out the new list of the Enemies of the Internet, released every year on World Day Against Cyercensorship.

EVENTS
- Netizen Prize 2011
- The other events

THINGS WE LIKE
- Emphasis: crowdfound visual journalism

INFORMATION TOOLS
- Newsletter
- E-CARD 2011
- Monthly posters
- All information Tools

Campaigns
- Prédateurs
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Contact us | Introduction | Reporters Without Borders USA

http://www.freemedia.at/our-activities/death-watch/
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Press_Institute

- 1950 - 1959
- 1960 - 1969
- 1970 - 1979
- 1980 - 1989
- 1990 - 1999
- 2000 - 2009

- The Global Network for a free media
  > Our activities
  > Death watch
IPI Death Watch

IPI includes in its "Death Watch" journalists and media staff who were deliberately targeted because of their profession - either because of their investigative reporting or simply because they were journalists. IPI also includes journalists who were caught in the crossfire while covering dangerous assignments.

- 26 Journalists killed so far in 2011
- 102 Journalists killed in 2010
- 110 Journalists killed in 2009
- 66 Journalists killed in 2008
- 94 Journalists killed in 2007
- 100 Journalists killed in 2006
- 65 Journalists killed in 2005
- 78 Journalists killed in 2004
- 64 Journalists killed in 2003
- 54 Journalists killed in 2002
- 55 Journalists killed in 2001
- 56 Journalists killed in 2000
86 Journalists killed in 1999
50 Journalists killed in 1998
28 Journalists killed in 1997

Analysis of Death Watch Figures 2000-2009

IPI Death Watch 2000-2009

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About the Day

2011 themes

New Frontiers of News Media
A Legal and Regulatory Perspective
New Barriers
New Trends of Journalism

Previous celebrations

2010
2009
2008
2007
2006
2005
2004
2003

World Press Freedom Prize

IN FOCUS

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The challenges of the new media at heart of World Press Freedom Day celebrations

“21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers” is the theme of this year’s World Press Freedom Day, celebrated on 3 May, with major events in Washington DC and New York (USA), alongside local and regional events all over the world.

Ian journalist Ahmad Zeidabadi to receive 2011 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize

Iranian journalist Ahmad Zeidabadi is the laureate of this year’s World Press Freedom Prize. He was selected by an independent international jury of 12 media professionals. Ahmad Zeidabadi is currently serving a six-year jail sentence following Iran’s disputed presidential election in 2009.

Director-General Irina Bokova speaks about World Press Freedom Day 2011

Special YouTube Channel for the WPFD 2011

Programme by events

21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers
(Washington, 1-3 May 2011)

20th anniversary of the Windhoek Declaration
(United Nations, New York, 4 May 2011)

Other events around the world

HIGHLIGHTS

21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers (Concept Paper)

Windhoek declaration

World Press Freedom Day 2011 Registration

World Press Freedom Day 2011 Organizers

Special YouTube Channel for the WPFD 2011

World Press Freedom Prize

Jury

Rules

Guillermo Cano

Publications

Freedom of information: a comparative legal survey
The challenges of the new media at heart of World Press Freedom Day celebrations

Young people in Namibia to sensitize public on importance of independent and pluralistic media

Iranian journalist Ahmad Zeidabadi to receive 2011 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize

WPFD RESOURCES

Background materials
World Press Freedom Day 2011 related documents

Press review
General overview of selected international media coverage of the World Press Freedom Day related topics

Websites
Selection of the websites related to the World Press Freedom Day 2011 and its themes

Frequently asked questions

What is the World Press Freedom Day?
Who should I contact if I have questions regarding the Day?
What UNESCO does in the area of the press freedom?

WPFD in the social networks
WPFD 2011 on Facebook
WPFD 2011 on Twitter
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL  Protects Journalists along with other people persecuted by governments. Several years ago Amnesty International mailed an impressive packet to its members alerting us to the jailing, torturing, and murdering of journalists, which included a petition to Ban Ki-Moon urging him to make defense of journalists against persecution a major UN activity. “Petition to Secretary-General of the United Nations for human rights for journalists.”
SELECTED NEWSPAPER REPORTS  (Dick)

Meier, Andrew. “A death in Moscow: The journalist Anna Politkovskaya defended Russia’s victims— Until she became one.” NY Times Book Review. 7-1-07

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE 2010-11 [I might have missed several items on the subject, but my impression is that the ADG should report more often the travails journalists experience in providing the news and the organizations that try to protect them.]

Salaheddin, Sinan. “2nd journalist slain; 9 other Iraqis killed.” Arkansas Democrat Gazette. 9-9-10. Deaths highlight “the dangers media workers continue to face in the country seven years after the U.S.-led invasion.” “Group counts 52 journalists killed in eight months.” ADG. 9-13-10. “Fifty-two journalists lost their lives in the first eight months of this year because of their jobs,” according to the International Press Institute. The Institute keeps a Death Watch for journalists.

Barry, Ellen. “Russian reporter attacked in Moscow.” ADG. 9-7-10 The newspaper’s editor said he believed the attack was related to covering youth political movements, protest actions, and other political subjects.

Francis, Krishan. “Sri Lanka accused in editor’s slaying.” ADG. 1-9-11

SINCE 2008 OMNI HAS REMEMBERED WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY.

Saturday, May 3, 2008, 2pm at UCM
PRESS RELEASE

The OMNI Center for Peace, Justice, and Ecology and the Northwest Arkansas Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalism will commemorate journalists killed while gathering news in the service of an informed public.

Saturday, May 3, 2 to 3PM, at United Campus Ministry.

The speaker will be Michael Woods, who will present slides and speak about his experiences covering the war in Iraq.

Michelle Parks, President of the NWA Chapter of SPJ, will introduce Mr. Woods.

END OF WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY 2011 NEWSLETTER