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SERVICE NEWSLETTER #2: What Service were you in? July 30, 2015

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What's at stake: When asked how we have served, the expected reply is the Army, Navy, or Air Force. Just as fish don't remark the water, our society is so saturated in militarism we think it like oxygen and do not protest the toxicity. We have countless ways to serve the public good without violence in the unnecessary, illegal, unethical wars of the last 70 years.

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WHAT WAS YOUR SERVICE?


World Humanitarian Day - 19 August - the United Nations
www.un.org/en/events/humanitarianday/
United Nations
“Humanitarian workers and their families are hit hardest by these crimes. But they are also felt by millions of others. [...] Let us honour the fallen by protecting ...
Background - Videos - Resources - Photo Gallery
World Humanitarian Day
worldhumanitarianday.org/
World Humanitarian Day
It is intended to raise public awareness of humanitarian assistance worldwide and the people who risk ... Join us 19 August 2015 for World Humanitarian Day
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World Humanitarian Day | United Nations at Expo Milano 2015
The UN celebrates three International Days at Expo Milano 2015, the next being the World Humanitarian Day on 19 August. Country pavilions and other ... 

World Humanitarian Summit

The first-ever World Humanitarian Summit is a call to action by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to ... Secretary-General's remarks to Member States briefing on the World Humanitarian Summit - 20 April 2015 ..... World Humanitarian Day.

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World Humanitarian Day: 19 August 2015 | Greening the Blue

UN honours sacrifices, celebrates spirit of aid workers - the ...

UN honours sacrifices, celebrates spirit of aid workers - the ...

Attacks against United Nations Personnel Claim at Least 26 ...

In 2011, at least 35 United Nations personnel were killed in the line of duty, according to the Staff Union — 25 civilians, 9 peacekeepers and a ... 

With Increased Number of United Nations Personnel ...

peacekeepers, two of them police officers — were killed in the line of duty ... A United Nations polio worker was killed in an IED explosion in ... 

UNHCR pays tribute to staff killed in the line of duty, marking ...

' savioirs': UN troops - 3254 killed. Aid workers - 1220 ...

Sep 4, 2014 - THERE death of four United Nations peacekeepers in northern Mali this week ... (CPJ), 1,074 journalists have been killed in the line of duty.

61 United Nations Workers Died In The Line of Duty In 2014 ...

61 United Nations Workers Died In The Line of Duty In 2014 ...

Jan 14, 2015 - 61 people died in 2014 working for the United Nations. This number includes
33 peacekeepers, 16 civilians, 3 consultants and 9 contractors.

**Danger levels spike for aid workers: increasing numbers**

[reliefweb.int/.../world-humanitarian-day-2014-danger-levels-s...]

ReliefWeb
Aug 19, 2014 - World Humanitarian Day marks the anniversary of the UN Headquarters bombing in ... "One aid worker killed in the line of duty is one too many.

**Number Of UN Staff Killed In Line Of Duty Doubled In 2011**

[www.rferl.org/.../un_staff.../24441586....]

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty
Jan 4, 2012 - United Nations staff members were the primary target in several terror attacks during 2011, with more than twice as many personnel killed than ...

**Unsung Hero Killed in the Line of Duty | #ChildrenofSyria**

[childrenofsyria.info/2015/05/13/unsung-hero-killed-in-the-line-of-duty/]

May 13, 2015 - Bushra also says that Isra'a's father was killed in the conflict a year ago. ... and 14 UN workers have been killed – most in the line of duty.

**UN Honours Sacrifices, Celebrates Spirit of Humanitarian**

[ourworld.unu.edu/.../un-honours-sacrifices-celebrates-spirit-of-humanita...]

The United Nations is marking World Humanitarian Day today by paying tribute to aid workers who ... “One aid worker killed in the line of duty is one too many.

**GOVERNMENT WORKERS**

**SOCIAL WORKERS**

**Fallen Heroes: Social Workers Killed in the Line of Duty**

[www.socialworkers.org/.../heroes...]

National Association of Social Workers

Human services workers report mounting levels of anger and hostility in this country. The causes—psychological, economic, social and spiritual—are debated ...

**FALLEN HEROES**

[www.aphsa.org/.../FallenHe...]

American Public Human Services Association

... the custodian of information of public human service workers who die in the line of duty. ... Norman W. Fournier, a social worker for 25 years, served as a mental health... After a removal of an adolescent, the client's father shot him to death.

**Social Work Safety - National Association of Social Workers**

[www.naswdc.org/.../safety1006/]

National Association of Social Workers

The safety of social workers across the country is brought to the attention of the public when a social worker is killed in the line of duty. This is an issue of great ...

**Social Worker Brenda Lee Yeager's Murder**

[www.socialworkblog.org/.../nasw-wv-statement-social-worker-brenda-le...]

Aug 4, 2008 - Social worker Brenda Lee Yeager, 51 of Lincoln County, was tragically killed in
the line of duty on Wednesday. Her body was found on Friday ...

Confined Space: Social Worker Killed In The Line Of Duty ...
spewingforth.blogspot.com/.../social-worker-killed-in-line-of-duty.html
Sep 14, 2004 - Social Worker Killed In The Line Of Duty -- What's Being Done? UPDATE: For more information on the October 17, 2006 killing of Kentucky ...

Confined Space: Social Worker Killed in Kentucky: Tax Cuts ...
spewingforth.blogspot.com/.../social-worker-killed-in-kentucky-tax.html
Oct 17, 2006 - Social Worker Killed in Kentucky: Tax Cuts And "Small Government" To .... Worker, February 17, 2005; Social Worker Killed In The Line Of Duty ...

Bill H.2383 - MAlegislature.gov
https://malegislature.gov/Bills/189/.../H2383
Massachusetts General Court
An Act to provide pensions to surviving spouses of Department of Children and Families social workers killed in the line of duty. Bill Title: An Act to provide ...

Relatives of state workers killed on roads to receive tuition
www.king5.com/story/news/.../workers-killed/26212359/
KING-TV
Apr 22, 2015 - Families of law enforcement, firefighters killed on duty already get free... members of law enforcement or firefighters killed in the line of duty.

Fried Social Worker® Blog » Violence Against Social Workers
friedsocialworker.net/blog/31/violence-against-social-workers/
May 24, 2006 - More than 50% of the social workers surveyed had been physically ...Fallen Heroes: Social Workers Killed in the Line of Duty Tragically, this ...

Creating a Climate of Safety - National Association of Social ...
www.naswma.org/?page=51
Dec 16, 2014 - Given the realities of the social work practice environment the importance of emphasizing safety for social workers is clear. The NASW MA ...

POSTAL EMPLOYEES KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY, Google Search, July 30, 2015

Killed in the Line of Duty | National Association of Letter ...
www.nalc.org/.../killed-in-the-line-...
National Association of Letter Carriers
To be honored on the plaque, carriers must have died in the line of duty from ... Postal Service on active duty in the armed forces, when he or she was killed, ... The plaque was unveiled in conjunction with Workers Memorial Day in April 2012.

List of postal killings - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
Wikipedia
December 17, 1926, Adelaide: fired postal worker James Hannivan shot and .... shoots ex-wife and friend, whom he saw waiting in line, then killed himself. ... Baker City, Oregon: Grant Gallaher, a letter carrier for 13 years, while on duty in ...
U.S. Government Law Enforcement Line of Duty Deaths
https://www.odmp.org/search/.../US
Officer Down Memorial Page, Inc.
Visit memorials of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in U.S.
Government. ... United States Postal Inspection Service - Postal Police, US.

Postal Workers 'In the Line of Duty' - APWU
apwumembers.apwu.org/.../06...inthe line of duty/06-5_inthe line of duty.ht...
Postal workers are sworn to uphold the Constitution and protect the mail. ... states the introduction to "In the Line of Duty: Dangers, Disasters and Good Deeds. ... too, exacted a toll, with five people killed, including postal clerks Joseph Curseen ...

Feds issue rule for honoring fallen employees with flag
articles.baltimoresun.com/.../bs-md-civilian-employees-flag-20140912_1...
Sep 14, 2014 - Twenty federal and postal workers have died on the job since the Obama ... that memorializes 27 employees who died in the line of duty.

In the Line of Duty - National Postal Museum - Smithsonian ...
postalmuseum.si.edu/duty/terrorinthemeil.html
Smithsonian Institution
'In the Line of Duty' surveys the dangers faced by the nation's postal workers and ...murdered innocent people, including two USPS employees and three postal ...

In the Line of Duty - National Postal Museum - Smithsonian ...
postalmuseum.si.edu/duty/
Smithsonian Institution
'In the Line of Duty' surveys the dangers faced by the nation's postal workers and honors their individual acts of heroism.

Agencies Can Now Honor Fallen Feds with American Flags ...
www.govexec.com/pay-benefits/.../93557/
Government Executive
Sep 9, 2014 - Next of kin of civilians killed in the line of duty on or after Dec. ... The group represents 31 national federal and postal employee organizations.

NALC statement on the shooting death of letter carrier Tyson ...
p postalnews.com/postalnewsblog/.../nalc-statement-on-the-shooting-death-...Nov 24, 2013 - The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is offering a $100,000 reward for ... not be any postal workers dying in the line of duty...due to their working ...
Families wait for final rule granting flags for feds killed in line ...
federalnewsradio.com › Workforce › OPM
WFED
Jun 16, 2014 - ... family members of civilian federal employees killed in the line of duty to be ... The Federal-Postal Coalition, a conglomeration of more than 30 ...

1. Postal Employee Killed

Explore Postal Employee Killed Discover More on When.com!
Media spotlight on fight for FDNY diversity

A new book, *Firefight: The Century-Long Battle to Integrate New York’s Bravest*, covers CCR’s successful challenge of the FDNY’s racially discriminatory hiring practices in *U.S. and Vulcan Society v. City of New York* as well as the decades of activism to integrate the FDNY that our landmark case was a part of. The book’s author, Ginger Adams Otis, was joined by Vulcan Society leaders – current President Regina Wilson and FDNY Diversity Advocate Mike Marshall – on the Leonard Lopate Show last week, one of a series of interviews and events in conjunction with the book’s release. When CCR filed the first Equal Employment Opportunity Commission charge against the FDNY in 2002, the department was 2.9 percent Black, in a city where 27 percent of the residents are Black. After the case was settled in 2014, with a new, fairer exam and oversight of the firefighter appointment process, the FDNY appointed the most diverse class in its history, with 17 percent Black firefighters and 24 percent Latino firefighters. As other remedies from the case start taking effect, New York City may finally have a fire department that looks like the city it serves.

See OMNI: POLICE USA, VIOLENCE, MILITARIZATION NEWSLETTER #5, 2015.

http://jamesrichardbennett.blogspot.com/2015/05/police-violence-militarization-racism.html

FIREFIGHTERS (see Newsletter #1)

http://jamesrichardbennett.blogspot.com/2015/06/service-newsletter-1.html

FIREFIGHTERS: MONUMENTS, Google Search, July 30, 2015

- Images for Firefighters MonumentsReport images

More images for Firefighters Monuments
Many firefighter monuments have been erected throughout the United States to honor those who have died in the line of duty. Each year, firefighters are killed in the line of duty, and firefighter monuments commemorate their sacrifices.

**Wildland Firefighter Memorial Sites**

Many memorials and at least one Monument to fallen wildland firefighters have been erected on forests and in urban areas. These monuments honor the bravery of wildland firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

**Memorial Park - National Fallen Firefighters Foundation**

At the heart of the park, the National Fallen Firefighters Monument is a striking stone monument encircled by plaques listing the names of all members of the fire service who have fallen in the line of duty.

**Aberdeen Monument to Firefighters | Ben Victor**

The Aberdeen Monument to Firefighters is a bronze statue that personifies bravery as he steps towards danger in the line of duty.

**Lawrence Monument to Firefighters | Ben Victor**

The Lawrence Monument to Firefighters is another bronze statue that personifies bravery as he steps towards danger in the line of duty.

**Wildland Firefighters National Monument - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia**

The Wildland Firefighters National Monument is an American monument and memorial dedicated to wildland and wildfire firefighters. The monument, which is located in Maryland, commemorates the sacrifices made by these brave professionals.

**National Fallen Firefighters Memorial - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia**

The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial has been designated by the United States government as a national monument, and it is located in Maryland. The memorial honors the sacrifices made by firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

**No room for fallen Texas firefighters on monument**

Recent processions and eulogies have memorialized the 10 firefighters killed last month in a West, Texas, fertilizer depot explosion, but making room for their names on the national monument has proven impossible.
Leonid Telyatnikov - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leonid_Telyatnikov
Wikipedia
Known for, Bravery during Chernobyl disaster. ... of the fire department at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant and led the team of firefighters to the fire at reactor ...

Deaths due to the Chernobyl disaster - Wikipedia, the free ...
https://en.wikipedia.org/.../Deaths_due_to_the_Chernobyl_dis...
Wikipedia
UN and other international agencies such as the Chernobyl Forum and the World ... seven firefighters, two security guards and the rest staff at the power plant or ...
Alexander Akimov - Anatoly Dyatlov - Vladimir Pravik

Pictures: "Liquidators" Endured Chernobyl, 25 Years Ago
news.nationalgeographic.com/.../chernobyl-...
National Geographic Society
Apr 27, 2011 - Robots couldn't handle the intense radiation at Chernobyl, so the ... cleanup job fell to the "liquidators" — a corps of soldiers, firefighters, miners ...

The Firefighters of Chernobyl | Tim Knifton
Oct 13, 2012 - Shortly after the accident, firefighters arrived to try to extinguish the fires. First on the scene was a Chernobyl Power Station firefighter brigade ...
You visited this page on 7/29/15.

Chernobyl « Chernobyl Foundation
chernobylfoundation.org/chernobyl/
Most people think of the Chernobyl disaster as an event of the past. ... Due to radiation exposure, two firefighters died the same night; 28 would die in the next ...

How I survived Chernobyl | World news | The Guardian
www.theguardian.com › World › Russia
The Guardian
Aug 24, 2004 - The plant workers and firefighters at Chernobyl received 650 times their permitted yearly dose and more than 5,000 times the average annual ...

Chernobyl - Death from Radiation Sickness - AwesomeStories
https://www.awesomestories.com/.../Chernobyl-Death-from-Radiation-Si...
As deadly radiation spews from failed reactor number four, firemen fighting the resulting fires are getting sick. They cannot seem to get rid of the.

Liquidators | The Chernobyl Gallery
chernobylgallery.com/chernobyl-disaster/liquidators/
“Somebody had to do it...” – Alexander Fedotov (liquidator). The clean-up operation following the Chernobyl accident was arguably the greatest in the history of ...

Heroes of Chernobyl - YouTube
www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8e_fhzel4U
A video tribute to the Heroes of Chernobyl, the plant staff, the liquidators and the firemen as well as Valery ...

Workers Of Chernobyl - YouTube

www.youtube.com/watch?v=juE4II9-hZ8

Short video describing work of plant workers and firefighters after the 4th reactor exploded on April 26th 1986.

Searches related to Chernobyl firefighters
chernobyl firefighters drunk
when can chernobyl be inhabited again
what is chernobyl like today
chernobyl firefighters eyes
chernobyl firefighters pictures
chernobyl firefighters clothes
chernobyl firefighters photos
chernobyl firefighters hospital

EMERGENCY MEDICAL (see Newsletter #1)

LIBRARIANS, professionals rarely killed at work, but heroes in many other ways, for example:

The American Library Association opposed Section 215 of the Patriot Act to protect library records in defense of constitutional privacy. One subdivision of the ALA is its Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT). The SRRT opposed the entire “Patriot” Act and supported whistleblowing and individual whistleblowers by name, including Edward Snowden. The SRRT also opposed the Iraq War, torture, and government disinformation. What was your Service—the ALA or the SRRT? “My point is that mainstream organizational leadership will rarely take bold positions without being pushed by grassroots activists” (Kagan); in this case, a brave subcommittee. --Dick

Sources:
Zoe Carpenter, “Librarians vs. the NSA.” The Nation (May 25, 2015)

REPORTERS

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY, Google Search, July 30, 2015 (a search for Foreign Correspondents Killed
found a few more reports)

1140 Journalists Killed since 1992 - Committee to Protect ...  
https://cpj.org/killed/  
Committee to Protect Journalists  
Beats Covered by Victims; Job; Medium; Gender; Local / Foreign; Freelance; Type of Death; Suspected Source of Fire; Impunity; Murder Victims ...

Veronica Guerin - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia  
Wikipedia  
For the film of the same name based on her life and death, see Veronica Guerin (film).... Regardless, she vowed to continue her investigations. .... and those of 38 other international journalists who died in the line of duty in 1996 were added to ...

List of journalists killed in Russia - Wikipedia, the free ...  
https://en.wikipedia.org/.../List_of_journalists_killed_in_Russi...  
Wikipedia  
A wide-ranging investigation by the International Federation of Journalists into the .....Seventeen of these journalists had been killed "in the line of duty" since ...

FBI Releases 2014 Preliminary Statistics for Law Enforcement  
https://www.fbi.gov/.../fbi-releases-2014-...  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
May 11, 2015 - Federal Bureau of Investigation ... An additional 44 officers were accidentally killed in the line of duty in 2014. ... available in the Uniform Crime Reporting Program's publication Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, ...

Police shootings: Distraught people, deadly results | The ...  
www.washingtonpost.com/.../investigative/.../distraug...  
The Washington Post  
Jun 30, 2015 - The Post is tracking more than a dozen details about each killing — including the race ... In some cases, The Post conducted additional reporting. ... Post is tracking every fatal shooting by a police officer acting in the line of duty in 2015. ... Victoria police declined to comment, citing the ongoing investigation.

Fatal police shootings in 2015 approaching 400 nationwide ...  
www.washingtonpost.com/.../d322256a-058e-11e5-a...  
The Washington Post  
May 30, 2015 - Although race was a dividing line, those who died by police gunfire often had much in common. ... The low rate mirrors the findings of a Post investigation in April that found ... Reporting is voluntary, and since 2011, less than 3 percent of the.... in which a police officer, while on duty, shot and killed a civilian.

Federal investigators to look into line of duty death of FAO ...  
www.wlwt.com/news/federal...death-investigation/32365610  
WLWT  
Apr 14, 2015 - A federal agency has now joined the investigation into the apartment fire that killed Cincinnati firefighter Daryl Gordon.

Journalists Killed In The Line of Duty: A Real Look Inside ...  
https://reporting1blog.wordpress.com/.../journalists-killed-in-the-line-of-...
Dec 2, 2009 - There are many dangerous jobs in the world, among them the job of an investigative journalist. "Journalists Killed In The Line of Duty", a feature...

Journalists: Killed in the Line of Duty - Life After War - New ...
nymag.com/nymetro/arts/tv/reviews/n_9541/ New York Magazine
According to Journalists: Killed in the Line of Duty (Tuesday, November 25; 9 to ...hasn't released the findings of its investigation into this matter doesn't mean a ...

INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISTS CONTINUED

Mexico, Libya, Iraq, Russia, Global

MEXICAN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS MURDERED

Dale, AETN, POV last night Jan. 7, 2013, 9pm presented REPORTERO on "Is Journalism Worth Dying for?" on murdered Mexican journalists. A scarifying film your students might like to see.

Btw, does your dept. sub. to IRE Journal? I could bring some if not, or if you want extras.

Staring at Death: Libya Blast Kills Tim Hetherington and Chris Hondros, By Dominique Soguel, Agence France-Presse. 21 April 11

Tim Hetherington, an Oscar-nominated British film director and war photographer, and award-winning US photographer Chris Hondros were killed and two other Western journalists wounded Wednesday in the besieged Libyan city of Misrata.

Vanity Fair, for which Hetherington was working, confirmed the death of the 41-year-old who covered numerous conflicts and won the 2007 World Press Photo Award for his coverage of US soldiers in Afghanistan.

Hondros, also 41, suffered grave head injuries in the same mortar attack, said medics in the western port city of Misrata, and died hours later from his wounds, Getty Images confirmed to AFP.

Getty "is deeply saddened to confirm the death of Staff Photographer Chris Hondros who has died of injuries while covering events in Libya on April 20th," the agency said in a statement.

Two other colleagues, Guy Martin, a freelance photographer working for Panos, and photographer Michael Brown, working for Corbis, were also wounded in the attack, the agencies confirmed.

Hetherington and Hondros were the second and third journalist killed in Libya in its two-month-old conflict. READ MORE
IRAQ -2007  Google Search

Group: 47 Reporters Killed In 2005. Over Three-Quarters Killed To ... More than three-quarters of the 47 journalists killed in 2005 were murdered to silence their criticism or punish them for their work, according to the ...
www.cbsnews.com/stories/2006/01/03/world/main1175446.shtml - 75k - Cached - Similar pages

Washington Post reporter killed in Iraq -- chicagotribune.com

A veteran Washington Post special correspondent was shot to death Sunday in southwest Baghdad while on assignment, the first reporter for the newspaper to ...

Washington Post reporter killed in Iraq -- chicagotribune.com

At least 118 journalists have been killed in Iraq while on duty, nearly 100 of them are Iraqis, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists. ...
www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-reporter_killed伊拉qoct15,0,5858341.story - 77k - Cached - Similar pages
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Think Progress » First Washington Post reporter killed in Iraq.

First Washington Post reporter killed in Iraq. “A veteran Washington Post special correspondent was shot to death Sunday in southwest Baghdad while on ... thinkprogress.org/2007/10/14/first-washington-post-reporter-killed-in-iraq/ - 35k - Cached - Similar pages

Reporter For Post Is Fatally Shot In Baghdad - washingtonpost.com

He was the latest in a long line of reporters, most of them Iraqis, to be killed while covering the Iraq war. He was the first for The Washington Post. ...
www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/10/14/AR2007101400612.html - Similar pages

Veteran Washington Post Reporter Killed In Iraq - Media on The ...

Veteran Washington Post Reporter Killed In Iraq - The Huffington Post.
www.huffingtonpost.com/2007/10/14/veteran-washington-post-r_n_68386.html - 100k - Cached - Similar pages


Afghan Radio Owner and Reporter Killed. Zakia Zaki, the owner and manager of Peace Radio and a headmaster of a girls’ school in Parwan province, ...

Two Reporters Killed in Two Days in Iraq - AOL News

Reporters sans frontières - Journalists killed

79, Journalists killed. Journalists killed in: .... Reporters Without Borders - 47, rue Vivienne, 75002 Paris - France ...

Washington Post reporter killed in Iraq

BY JOSHUA PARTLOW AND AMIT R. PALEY | The Washington Post

9:41 PM CDT, October 14, 2007 BAGHDAD - A veteran Washington Post special correspondent was shot to death Sunday in southwest Baghdad while on assignment, the first reporter for the newspaper to be killed during the Iraq war.

Salih Saif Aldin, 32, was reporting on the violence that has plagued Baghdad's Sadiyah neighborhood Sunday afternoon when he was shot in the forehead. According to residents of the neighborhood and the Iraqi military officers at the scene, he was taking photographs on a street where several houses had been burned when he was killed. His wounds appeared to indicate he was shot at close range.

"Courageous beyond imagination, Salih was determined to unveil the truth," said Sudarsan Raghavan, the Post's Baghdad bureau chief. "He was instrumental to The Post's coverage of Iraq. He will be sorely missed by his friends and colleagues."

At least 118 journalists have been killed in Iraq while on duty, nearly 100 of them are Iraqis, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists. Foreign news organizations rely heavily on their Iraqi staff members to navigate the hazards of reporting here.

He left The Post's Baghdad bureau Sunday afternoon in a taxi to interview residents in
Sadiyah about clashes between militiamen and insurgents. A Washington Post colleague received a telephone call just after 4 p.m. from a man who said he was a police officer and who was using Saif Aldin’s cell phone. The man said he was standing next to Saif Aldin’s body, which later was observed lying on the street, covered with newspapers.

Saif Aldin, a divorced father of a 6-year-old daughter, distinguished himself as one of the most fearless reporters in The Post's Baghdad bureau. He began work for the paper in early 2004 as a stringer in his hometown of Tikrit, north of Baghdad.

In July 2005, he received a note threatening his life if he did not quit journalism and leave the city. He refused. "This is my city, and I'm a journalist," he told colleagues.

Shortly after, he was attacked by two men, who beat him with their fists, a metal pipe and the butt of a pistol, leaving him with bruises all over his body and opening a gash in his head that required eight stitches. After he was released from the hospital, The Post implored him to leave Tikrit. When he refused, Omar Fekeiki, the newspaper's former office manager and special correspondent, said he was told he would be fired if he didn't leave.

Saif Aldin later moved to Baghdad, where he repeatedly braved the city's most dangerous neighborhoods, often traveling alone.

In addition to his work for The Post, he was studying for his political science degree at Baghdad University and had studied Hebrew at the Baghdad University College of Languages. Shortly after graduating, he was hired as a correspondent in Tikrit for Al-Iraq Al-Yawm, or Iraq Today. He was hired at The Post on the recommendation of the editor-in-chief of Al-Iraq Al-Yawm.

Saif Aldin cut an imposing figure: balding and barrel-chested, with a jagged scar on his muscular neck from a fight in his youth. He remained undaunted by the potential dangers of reporting in Baghdad. He met commanders of the Mahdi Army, the Shiite militia, and sat down with leading Sunni insurgents, becoming for The Post a crucial conduit for exploring the motivations behind the complex violence in Iraq. For security reasons, Saif Aldin sometimes wrote under a tribal name, Salih Dehema.

Despite his forays into Baghdad's underworlds, Saif Aldin was always a kind and generous person, with a broad smile and a warm and frequent laugh.

"Salih's loss reminds us once again of the central role Iraqi journalists have played in coverage of the war and the immense sacrifices they have made to help us understand it," said David Hoffman, The Post's assistant managing editor for foreign news. "We grieve at his death and that of all those Iraqi and other journalists who have died in the conflict, displaying
courage in the pursuit of truth."

Staff writer Steve Fainaru and special correspondents Saad al-Izzi and Zaid Sabah contributed to this report.

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RUSSIA

A look at reporters killed in Russia - iht.europe.Russia ...Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya, a fierce critic of the war in Chechnya who was gunned down in her Moscow apartment block Saturday, was the latest ...

From CPJ, Global Survey 2006

From Iraq to Philippines, murder is top cause of journalist deaths in ‘05

Death toll is 47 worldwide; Iraq becomes deadliest recent conflict

New York, January 3, 2006—Kidnappers in Iraq, political assassins and hit men in the Philippines made murder the leading cause of work-related deaths among journalists worldwide in 2005, a new analysis by the Committee to Protect Journalists shows. Forty-seven journalists were killed in 2005, three-quarters of whom were murdered to silence their criticism or punish them for their work, CPJ's annual survey found. That compares with 57 deaths in 2004, just under two-thirds of which were murders.

Iraq, the most dangerous place for journalists in 2005, also became the deadliest conflict for the media in CPJ's 24-year history. A total of 60 journalists...
Killed on duty in Iraq from the beginning of the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003 through the end of 2005. The toll surpasses the 58 journalists killed in the Algerian conflict from 1993 to 1996.

CPJ’s analysis also documented a long-term trend—those who murder journalists usually go unpunished. Slayings were carried out with impunity about 90 percent of the time in 2005, a figure consistent with data collected by CPJ over more than a decade. Less than 15 percent of journalist murders since 1992 have resulted in the arrest and prosecution of those who ordered the killings.

See a complete list of journalists killed, along with details about each case.

The 2005 toll reflected a decline from the previous year, it was still well above the annual average of 34 deaths that CPJ has documented over the past 10 years. In fact, 104 journalists were killed in 2004 and 2005, making it the deadliest two-year period since the war in Algeria raged a decade ago.

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Iraq might lead one to think that reporters are losing their lives on the battlefield. But the fact is that three out of four journalists killed around the world are singled out for murder, and their killers are rarely brought to justice. It's a terrible indictment of governments and criminals that let warlords and criminals dictate the news their citizens can see and hear."

One hundred four journalists were killed in 2005, or nearly half of the year’s total, CPJ found. Yet even in that conflict zone, murder accounted for 70 percent of the deaths documented by CPJ. The prevalence of targeted killings reflected the evolving threat in Iraq, where murder accounted for the leading cause of death the previous two years. Fatal abductions emerged as a particularly disturbing trend as at least eight journalists were kidnapped and slain in 2005, compared with one fatal abduction the previous year.

Iraqi journalists bore the brunt of these attacks as it became increasingly hazardous for foreign reporters and photojournalists to work in the field. American freelancer Steven Vincent was the only foreign journalist to be killed in Iraq in 2005; five foreigners died there a year earlier.

Iraqi journalists were killed as a result of fire from U.S. forces, compared with six such deaths in 2004. U.S. forces’ fire had killed 13 journalists between March 2003 and the end of 2005. Read an analysis of casualties in Iraq.

The Philippines, where outspoken radio journalists have been murdered in alarming numbers, was the second deadliest place in 2005. CPJ documented four murders in the Philippines, a decline from the eight recorded in 2004. The drop was due in part to more concerted national law enforcement, CPJ’s analysis found.

Six countries recorded two deaths each in 2005. Prominent Lebanese columnists Samir Qassir and Gebran Tueni—both of whom had been known for their biting criticism of the Syrian government and its influence over Lebanon—were killed in separate car bombings in Beirut. A fourth Lebanese journalist was maimed in another car bombing. The other countries with two killings were Russia, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Somalia.

The Americas showed a marked improvement with four confirmed deaths in 2005, down from eight a year earlier. But many journalists attributed the drop to increased self-censorship, a phenomenon that CPJ found prevalent in Colombia and Mexico.

Two journalists went missing in 2005—Alfredo Jiménez Mota in Mexico and Elyuddin Telaumbanua in Indonesia. See details about

CPJ considers a journalist to be killed on duty if the person died as a result of a hostile action, including retaliation for his or her work while covering a conflict; or while reporting in dangerous circumstances such as a violent street demonstration.
CPJ continues to investigate the cases of 11 other journalists killed in 2005 to determine whether the deaths were work-related. CPJ staff has compiled detailed information on journalists killed around the world since 1992. Read statistical information and case capsules.

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On June 1, 2015, Shiite Houthi rebels in Yemen set free freelance journalist Casey Coombs, who was taken to a hospital in Oman and is expected to return to Seattle. Coombs, kidnapped May 17, worked for The Intercept online news website and other publications. Ahmed Al-Haj, “Yemeni Rebels Free U.S. Hostage.” Arkansas Democrat-Gazette (June 2, 2015). –Dick

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