

UNESCO Condemns Killing of Journalists Assassinated Journalists in 2015

Summary

Total condemnations: 115 cases

Local journalists killed: 109

Foreign journalists killed: 6

Female journalists killed: 9

Male journalists killed: 106

Journalists killed in Africa: 16

Journalists killed in Arab Region: 37

Journalists killed in Asia and the Pacific: 22

Journalists killed in Central and Eastern Europe: 4

Journalists killed in LAC: 25

Journalists killed in Western Europe and North America: 11

Naji Jerf

(Syrian)

Founder and editor-in-chief of Hentah

Killed on 27 December 2015 in Turkey

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Ahmad Mohamed al-Mousa

(Syrian)

Reporter for the citizen journalist collective Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently (RBSS)

Killed on 16 December 2015 in Syria

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Hindiya Haji Mohamed

(Somalian)

Reporter for Radio Mogadishu and Somali National TV

Killed on 3 December 2015 in Somalia

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Zakaria Ibrahim

(Syrian)

Cameraman for Al-Jazeera television

Killed on 1st December 2015 in Syria

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Dorance Herrera

(Colombian)

Wrote for several local print media, including *Región al Día*, *Bajo Cauca Hoy*, and *El Informativo*

Killed on 23 November 2015 in Colombia

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Hafeez Ur Rehman

(Pakistani)

Reporter for independent network Neo TV

Killed on 23 November 2015 in Pakistan

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Ítalo Eduardo Diniz Barros

(Brazilian)

Blogger with local news and Mayor's press officer

Killed on 13 November 2015 in Brazil

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Orislandio Timóteo Araújo (also known Roberto Lano)

(Brazilian)

Wrote the *Roberto Lano blog*

Killed on 21 November 2015 in Brazil

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Israel Gonçalves Silva

(Brazilian)

Host of a daily radio programme, "*Open Microphone*," on *Rádio Itaenga FM*

Killed on 11 November 2015 in Brazil

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Batoul Mokhles al-Warrar

(Syrian)

Reporter for Noor al-Sham TV channel and Radio Damascus

Killed on 3 November 2015 in Syria

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Zaman Mehsud

(Pakistani)

Journalist for the Urdu language Daily Ummat and the SANA news agency, as well as running the Gomel News blog

Killed on 3 November 2015 in Pakistan

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Mustaf Abdi Noor

(Somalian)

Camera operator for national and international broadcasters

Killed on 1 November 2015 in Somalia

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Faisal Arefin Dipan

(Bengali)

Publisher

Killed on 31 October 2015 in Bangladesh

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José Bernardo

(Filipino)

Reporter for local radio broadcasters DWBL and DWIZ and public information officer of the Northern Police District Tri-Media Organization

Killed on 31 October 2015 in Philippines

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Fares Hammadi

(Syrian)

Head of Production at Eye on the Homeland

Killed on 30 October 2015 in Turkey

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Ibrahim Abdel Qader

(Syrian)

Co-founder and Executive Director of Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently

Killed on 30 October 2015 in Turkey

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Jomaa Al-Ahmad Abu Nour

(Syrian)
Correspondent for the Shahba Press Agency
Killed on 27 October 2015 in Syria

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Mithilesh Pandey

(Indian)
Journalist for the online newspaper Dainik Jagran
Killed on 24 October 2015 in India

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Wasem Aledel

(Syrian)
A member and co-founder of the Maarat Media Center
Killed on 23 October 2015 in Syria

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Christophe Nkezabahizi

(Burundi)
Television cameraman
Killed on 13 October 2015 in Burundi

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Hemant Kumar Yadav

(Indian)
Reporter for the Hindi-language news channel TV24
Killed on 3 October 2015 in India

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Yahya Abd Hamad

(Iraqi)
Director of Radio Rasheed
Killed on 12 September 2015 in Iraq

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Flor Alba Núñez Vargas

(Colombian)
Journalist for La Preferida Estero radio station
Killed on 10 September 2015 in Colombia

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Ruqia Hassan

(Syrian)
Journalist and media activist
Killed in September 2015 in Syria

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Aftab Alam

(Pakistani)
Media worker for a number of news outlets including Geo News TV and Samaa TV
Killed on 9 September 2015 in Pakistan

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Arshad Ali Jaffari

(Pakistani)
A satellite broadcast engineer for Geo News TV
Killed on 9 September 2015 in Pakistan

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Abdullahi Ali Hussein

(Somalian)
Editor for the news website, Waagasucub
Killed on 8 September 2015 in Somalia

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Paulo Machava

(Mozambican)
Editor-in-chief and senior investigative reporter for the Diario de Noticias news website
Killed on 28 August 2015 in Mozambique

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Lukasz Masiak

(Polish)

Journalist for the news website NaszaMlawa.pl.

Killed on 14 June 2015 in Poland

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Cosme Diez Maestrado

(Filipino)

Hosted a programme on DXOC radio

Killed on 27 August 2015 in Philippines

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Teodoro Escanilla

(Filipino)

Reporter for DZMS Radio

Killed on 19 August 2015 in Philippines

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Peter Moi Julius

(South Sudanese)

Journalist for the independent New Nation

Killed on 19 August 2015 in South Sudan

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Gregorio Ybanez

(Filipino)

Publisher of the Kabuhayan News Services weekly newspaper and president of a provincial media association, the Davao Del Norte Press and Radio-TV Club

Killed on 18 August 2015 in Philippines

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Yahya al-Khatib

(Iraqi)

Journalist for Al-Mosuliyah and Nineveh Al-Ghad

Killed on 16 August 2015 in Iraq

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Ghazi Al-Obeidi

(Iraqi)
Journalist and writer
Killed on 5 August 2015 in Iraq

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Rasim Aliyev

(Azeri)
A freelance contributor to several independent news websites
Killed on 9 August 2005 in Azerbaijan

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Niloy Chakrabarti

(Bengali)
Blogger and journalist
Killed on 7 August 2015 in Bangladesh

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Gleydson Carvalho

(Brazilian)
Journalist on *Radio Liberdade FM*
Killed on 6 August 2015 in Brazil

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Ruben Espinosa

(Mexican)
Journalist for the news agencies AVC Noticias and Cuartoscuro, as well as for the investigative magazine Proceso
Killed on 1st August 2015 in Mexico

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Mohamed Abdikarim Moallim Adam

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(Somalian)
Reporter for Universal TV
Killed on 26 July 2015 in Somalia

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Raghavendra Dube

(Indian)
Owner and editor of the local weekly Khushboo Ujala
Killed on 17 July 2015 in India

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Jalaa Al-Abadi

(Iraqi)
Mosaliah TV cameraman
Killed on 15 July 2015 in Iraq

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Suahaah Ahmed Radhi

(Iraqi)
Editor for a Nineveh-based newspaper
Killed in early July 2015 in Iraq

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Akshay Singh

(Indian)
A local TV journalist for the private Hindi news channel Aaj Tak
Killed on 4 July 2015 in India

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Joel Aquiles Torres

(Honduran)
Owner of local TV station Canal 67
Killed on 3 July 2015 in Honduras

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Filadelfo Sánchez Sarmiento

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(Mexican)
Journalist
Killed on 2 July 2015 in Mexico

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Juan Mendoza Delgado

(Mexican)
Journalist
Killed on 30 June 2015 in Mexico

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Gerardo Nieto Alvarez

(Mexican)
Journalist
Killed on 26 June 2015 in Mexico

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Mohammed al-Asfar

(Syrian)
Cameraman for Al-Jazeera television
Killed on 26 June 2015 in Syria

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Jacobo Montoya Ramírez

(Honduran)
Broadcast journalist
Killed on 25 June 2015 in Honduras

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Juan Carlos Cruz Andara

(Honduran)
Reporter with the TV broadcaster Teleport
Killed on 23 June 2015 in Honduras

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Sandeep Kothari

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(Indian)

Journalist for several daily newspapers in the state of Madhya Pradesh
Killed on 21 June 2015 in India

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Jagendra Singh

(Indian)

Freelance journalist
Killed on 8 June 2015 in India

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Ammar al-Shami

(Syrian)

Qasioun News reporter
Killed on 31 May 2015 in Syria

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Djalma Santos da Conceição

(Brazilian)

Journalist for *RCA FM*, a community radio in *Conceição da Feira*
Killed on 22 May 2015 in Brazil

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Abdullah Kabil

(Yemeni)

Reporter for *Shabab television station*
Killed on 20 May 2015 in Yemen

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Youssef Alaizry

(Yemeni)

Reporter for *Shuhail television*
Killed on 20 May 2015 in Yemen

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Pow James Raeth

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(South Sudanese)
Journalist for Radio Tamazuj
Killed on 20 May 2015 in South Sudan

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Evany José Metzker

(Brazilian)
An investigative journalist with his own blog, [Coruja do Vale](#).
Killed on 18 May 2015 in Brazil

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Ananta Bijoy Das

(Bengali)
Bangladeshi blogger for the Mukto-Mona (Free Thought) website
Killed on 12 May 2015 in Bangladesh

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Majed Al Rabi'i (also known as Majid Al Rabi'i)

(Iraqi)
TV journalist for Al-Masar TV
Killed on 6 May 2015 in Iraq

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Raed al-Juburi

(Iraqi)
Presenter on Al-Rasheed television and columnist for Azzaman newspaper
Killed on 5 May 2015 in Iraq

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Armando Saldaña Morales

(Mexican)
Host of a news programme at La Ke Buena 100.9 FM radio station
Killed on 4 May 2015 in Mexico

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Firas al-Baher (also known as Firas Al-Bahri)

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(Iraqi)

A producer and technician for the TV channel Nineveh al-Ghad
Killed in May 2015 in Iraq

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John Kituyi

(Kenyan)

Editor and publisher of the Mirror Weekly
Killed on 30 April 2015 in Kenya

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Daud Ali Omar

(Somalian)

Producer for the local, privately owned station Radio Baidoa
Killed on 29 April 2015 in Somalia

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Thaer Al-Ali

(Iraqi)

Editor-in-chief of the independent Mosul daily Rai al-Nas
Killed on 26 April 2015 in Iraq

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Muftah al-Qatrani

(Libyan)

Journalist for Libya Al-Wataniya TV
Killed in Libya on 22 April 2015

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khaled Al Sobhi

(Libyan)

Journalist for Barqa TV
Killed in Libya on 27 April 2015

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Younes Al Mabruk Al Nawfali

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(Libyan)
Journalist for Barqa TV
Killed in Libya on 27 April 2015

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Abdallah Al Karkaai

(Libyan)
Journalist for Barqa TV
Killed in Libya on 27 April 2015

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Yousef Kader Boh

(Libyan)
Journalist for Barqa TV
Killed in Libya on 27 April 2015

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Mohamed Jalal

(Egyptian)
Photographer
Killed in Libya on 27 April 2015

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Hazzam Mohamed Zeid

(Yemeni)
Staff member working for *Yemen Today*
Killed on 20 April 2015 in Yemen

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Amin Yehia

(Yemeni)
Staff member working for *Yemen Today*
Killed on 20 April 2015 in Yemen

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Monir Aklan

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(Yemeni)
Staff member working for *Yemen Today*
Killed on 20 April 2015 in Yemen

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Mohammed Rajah Shamsan

(Yemeni)
Yemen Today presenter
Killed on 20 April 2015 in Yemen

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Humam Najjar (also known as Abu Yazan al-Halabi)

(Syrian)
Reporter for TV channel Aleppo Today
Killed on 16 April 2015 in Syria

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Soleil Balanga

(Congolese)
Journalist and owner of the local radio station Monkoto Soso Aleli
Killed on 16 April 2015 in Democratic Republic of Congo

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Oles Buzina

(Ukrainian)
Journalist, writer and the editor of the newspaper Segodnya.
Killed on 16 April 2015 in Ukraine

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Abel Manuel Bautista Raymundo

(Mexican)
Owner and director of Radio Espacio 96.1 FM
Killed on 14 April 2015 in Mexico

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Jamal Khalifeh

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(Syrian)
Freelancer
Killed on 1 April 2015 in Syria

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Washiqur Rahman Babu

(Bengali)
Blogger
Killed on 30 March 2015 in Bangladesh

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Abdul Karim Mohammed al-Khaiwani

(Yemeni)
Journalist and human rights activist
Killed on 18 March 2015 in Yemen

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Guido Armando Giovanni Villatoro Ramos

(Guatemalan)
Television cameraman
Killed on 13 March 2015 in Guatemala

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Danilo López

(Guatemalan)
Local correspondent for Prensa Libre
Killed on 10 March 2015 in Guatemala

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Federico Salazar

(Guatemalan)
Reporter for Radio Nuevo Mundo
Killed on 10 March 2015 in Guatemala

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Noureddine Hashim

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(Syrian)

A correspondent for the online news outlet Al Etihad Press
Killed on 8 March 2015 in Syria

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Gerardo Ceferino Servian Coronel

(Paraguayan)

Journalist for several different radio stations in Pedro Juan Caballero
Killed on 4 March 2015 in Brazil

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Edgar Quintero

(Colombian)

Journalist for Radio Luna
Killed on 2 March 2015 in Colombia

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Sergii Nikolaiev

(Ukrainian)

Senior photographer for the Ukrainian daily paper Segodnya
Killed on 28 February 2015 in Ukraine

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Avijit Roy

(Bengali)

Writer and web journalist. Founder of the news site mukto-mona.com (free thinking)
Killed on 26 February 2015 in Bangladesh

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Luis Carlos Peralta Cuéllar

(Colombian)

Owner and director of the Linda Stereo radio station
Killed on 14 February 2015 in Colombia

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Maurito Lim

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(Filipino)
Journalist at dyRD Radio
Killed on 14 February 2015 in Philippines

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Juan Carlos Fernández

(Honduran)
Journalist and presenter at Canal27
Killed on 5 February 2015 in Honduras

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Kenji Goto

(Japanese)
Worked in Afghanistan and Syria, for several Japanese news outlets, including public broadcaster NHK, television network TV Asahi and several newspapers.
Killed on 31 January 2015 in Syria

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Musa Mohammed Dahiyah

(South Sudanese)
Journalist for South Sudan Radio Wau
Killed on 25 January 2015 in South Sudan

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Butrus Martin Khamis

(South Sudanese)
Journalist for South Sudan Television (SSTV)
Killed on 25 January 2015 in South Sudan

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Dalia Marko

(South Sudanese)
Journalist for Raja Radio Station
Killed on 25 January 2015 in South Sudan

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Randa George Adam

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(South Sudanese)
Journalist for Raja Radio Station
Killed on 25 January 2015 in South Sudan

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Adam Juma Adam

(South Sudanese)
Journalist for Raja Radio Station
Killed on 25 January 2015 in South Sudan

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Moisés Sánchez Cerezo

(Mexican)
Owner and editor of a weekly magazine La Unión
Killed on 24 January 2015 in Mexico

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Ali Al-Ansari

(Iraqi)
A reporter for the Iraqi Al-Ghadeer television channel
Killed on 23 January 2015 in Iraq

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Aqil Mohammad Waqar

(Afghan)
Reporter and a programme presenter for the local broadcaster Spinghar Radio
Killed on 16 January 2015 in Afghanistan

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Nerlita Ledesma

(Filipino)
Worked for Philippines newspaper Abante
Killed on 8 January 2015 in Philippines

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Bernard Maris

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(French)
Columnist for Charlie Hebdo
Killed on 7 January 2015 in France

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Bernard Verlhac

(French)
Cartoonist (Tignous) for Charlie Hebdo
Killed on 7 January 2015 in France

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Elsa Cayat

(French)
Columniste for Charlie Hebdo
Killed on 7 January 2015 in France

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Georges Wolinski

(French)
Cartoonist for Charlie Hebdo
Killed on 7 January 2015 in France

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Jean Cabut

(French)
Cartoonist (Cabu) for Charlie Hebdo
Killed on 7 January 2015 in France

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Mustapha Ourrad

(French)
Copy-editor for Charlie Hebdo
Killed on 7 January 2015 in France

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Philippe Honoré

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(French)
Cartoonist for Charlie Hebdo
Killed on 7 January 2015 in France

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Stéphane Charbonnier

(French)
Cartoonist (Charb) for Charlie Hebdo
Killed on 7 January 2015 in France

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Khaled al-Washli

(Yemeni)
A reporter for television broadcaster Al-Masirah
Killed on 4 January 2015 in Yemen

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Fayez Abu Halawa

(Syrian)
Stringer Orient News and Dirar al-Jahad, freelance journalist and cofounder Abtaa Media
Office
Killed on 2 January 2015 in Syria

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