



## UNESCO DIRECTOR-GENERAL CONDEMNS THE KILLING OF MEDIA EXECUTIVE IN ALGIERS

Paris, 21 March - UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor Tuesday condemned the assassination in Algiers of the head of a company that specializes in the production of video information programmes.

"The assassination of a communication professional is a serious blow to the spirit of openness and tolerance, which is the basis for democracy" Mr Mayor declared. "It is UNESCO's responsibility to stand up against violence, terrorism and hatred, whose victim is once again a media professional in Algeria."

According to press reports, Ali Boukerbache, head of the company Media-TV and a former journalist with a daily newspaper, was shot dead near his car Tuesday morning in a suburb east of the capital Algiers.

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