

UNESCO DIRECTOR-GENERAL DEPLORES MASSACRE IN BURUNDI AND MURDER OF ALGERIAN JOURNALIST

Paris, 9 August - UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor today condemned the recent massacre of refugees in Burundi and the murder of an Algerian journalist.

“Again, I raise my voice vigorously against these heinous acts for which there is no possible excuse,” Mr Mayor said. “We cannot accept brutality against human beings whose only crime is to think and act differently. We must all recognise that society cannot advance along the road towards peace and development without dialogue and respect for others.”

At least 62 refugees were killed in two separate attacks in northwest Burundi, according to press reports. At least 47 were killed either Sunday or Monday with machetes in the Kaburantwa camp in Cibitoke Province. Militants murdered brutally another 15 in Rugazi in Bubanza Province.

Algeria's weekly newspaper Hebdo-Libere reported Tuesday that one of its journalists, Aicha Benamar, 36, was murdered on 2 August after being kidnapped the previous day, according to the press. Her body was identified Monday.
