

**Information on the follow-up of proceedings and investigations  
on the murder of Brazilian journalists and media professionals  
condemned by the Director-General of UNESCO, for the period 2005-2016.**

**1/ LUCIANO LEITÃO PEDROSA**

On February, 2012, the police of Pernambuco announced the arrest of three suspects of the crime: its two masterminds and a third person hired by them to commit the crime. A fourth person involved in the crime, identified during the investigations, was murdered in July, 2011.

**2/ VALÉRIO NASCIMENTO**

Police investigations have not been closed and have not reached a conclusion on the real motives of the murder. No arrests have been made so far.

**3/ VANDERLEI CANUTO LEANDRO**

Police investigations have not been closed and have not reached a conclusion on the real motives of the murder. Proceedings have identified a former mayor of Tabatinga, in the state of Amazonas, as a suspect of the crime.

**4/ PAULO ROBERTO CARDOSO RODRIGUES**

In September, 2015, the main suspect of the crime was murdered in the city of Jandira, in the state of São Paulo. The suspect was identified by the officer in charge of the investigation as the mastermind of the murder of Mr Paulo Roberto Cardoso Rodrigues. Police inquiries have not reached a conclusion yet and are being conducted under secrecy.

**5/ MARIO RANDOLFO MARQUES LOPES**

Police investigations have not been closed, and suggest a possible relation between the crime and corruption accusations made by the journalist against authorities and other influent people in the region of Barra do Piraí, in the state of Rio de Janeiro.

## **6/ DÉCIO SÁ**

The police inquiry on the murder of Décio Sá resulted in the indictment of 12 people accused of taking part, direct or indirectly, in the crime. Two of those people have been brought to justice and were convicted: Jhonathan de Souza Silva, confessed killer, was sentenced to 25 years of imprisonment, and Marcos Bruno Silva de Oliveira, who was driving the motorcycle used to help Jhonathan escape, was sentenced to 18 years of imprisonment. The remaining 10 people will be brought to justice once the appeals they have filed against the decision by Judge Osmar Gomes to have their case judged by a jury are decided.

## **7/ VALÉRIO LUIZ DE OLIVEIRA**

The police inquiry indicated five suspects involved in the crime, including the former vice-president of the football team Atlético-GO, whose management of the team was frequently criticised in Mr Valério Luiz de Oliveira's comments. In April, 2015, a decision was taken by the Appeals Court of the State of Goiás to bring the five accused before a jury. They await the trial in liberty. The trial is expected to take place once the appeals they have filed before the Superior Court of Justice are decided.

## **8/ EDUARDO CARVALHO**

The police inquiry has not reached a conclusion yet. Investigation continues to gather evidence on the motives of the crime.

## **9/ RENATO MACHADO GONÇALVES**

At first, the police investigation into the case considered his journalistic activity and his local politics' exposés as the main motivation for the murder. 12. After analyzing the evidence, three suspects were indicted by the criminal justice: Eloy Barcelos de Almeida Lopes, who had a romantic relationship with the victim's wife and is considered the mastermind of the crime; João Roberto da Silva, an intermediary between Lopes and executor of the crime; and Gilmar Barreira Ramos Junior, the shooter. These three men await the hearing and trial. Thus, the police investigation has determined that the murder was a crime of passion, unrelated to the journalistic activity carried out by Mr Renato Machado.

#### **10/ MAFALDO BEZERRA GOES**

The investigation indicates that members of organized crime were involved in the murder of Mafaldo, due to his exposés on radio. The police investigation has not yet been completed. The investigation continues to gather evidence on the motives for the murder and to look for the masterminds of the crime.

#### **11/ RODRIGO NETO DE FARIA**

The criminal case resulted in the arrest and conviction of two individuals. Alessandro Neves Augusto was sentenced in June, 2015 to 12 years of imprisonment for the murder of the journalist. Also, Lúcio Lily Leal, a police investigator, was sentenced to 12 years of imprisonment for aggravated homicide, due to his participating in the murder.

#### **12/ WALGNEY ASSIS CARVALHO**

In August, 2015, after the police investigation, a defendant was sentenced to 14 years and three months of imprisonment for the murder.

#### **13/ JOSÉ ROBERTO ORNELAS**

In November, 2015, the police arrested six people accused of leading a militia in the Nova Iguaçu area in the state of Rio de Janeiro. According to the Police, four of them were directly involved in the murder of Mr José Roberto Ornelas.

#### **14/ SANTIAGO ILÍDIO ANDRADE**

In February, 2014, two people were arrested accused of firing the squib that reached Mr Santiago Ilídio Andrade. In March 2015, after the investigation, the case was referred to a criminal court where the accused will be tried.

#### **15/ EDILSON DIAS LOPES**

The police investigation into the crime has not yet been completed. The investigation continues to gather evidence on the motives of the murder and to look for the masterminds of the crime.

#### **16/ PEDRO PALMA**

In June, 2014, a suspect of the murder of the journalist was arrested. A confidential inquiry into the crime is under course.

#### **17/ JOSÉ LACERDA DA SILVA**

The inquiry into the crime has not been closed. The investigators are still searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators.

#### **18/ GEOLINO LOPES XAVIER**

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#### **19/ MARCOS DE BARROS LEOPOLDO GUERRA**

The Civil Police of Ubatuba is investigating the circumstances of the murder of the journalist. The investigators are still searching for the motives of the murder, its masterminds and immediate perpetrators.

#### **20/ GERARDO CEFERINO SERVÍAN CORONEL**

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#### **21/ EVANY JOSÉ METZKER**

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#### **22/ DJALMA SANTOS DA CONCEIÇÃO**

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### **23/ ISRAEL GONÇALVES SILVA**

Two weeks after the crime, the police arrested two individuals, who confessed they had been involved in the murder of the broadcaster. A third suspect, who has already been identified by the police, is on the run.

### **24/ ÍTALO EDUARDO DINIZ BARROS**

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### **25/ ORISLANDIO TIMÓTEO ARAÚJO**

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