

UNESCO DIRECTOR-GENERAL CONDEMNS MURDER OF JOURNALIST IN ALGERIA

Paris, 21 August - UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor today condemned the murder of a newspaper journalist in Algeria.

Ameur Ouagueni, 36, head of the international news section at the daily *Le Matin*, died Monday morning in a hospital in Algiers, according to the press. He was shot and seriously wounded Sunday in El Biar on the heights of the Algerian capital.

“Faced with the tragedy that confronts the community of journalists in Algeria, we cannot let ourselves become weary and disheartened,” Mr Mayor said. “As long as Algeria has not found the path of dialogue and tolerance, we will defend and encourage all those in that country whose only weapon is their pen. Ameur Ouagueni was one of these. I send my deepest condolences to the family and colleagues of this individual who courageously practiced a profession essential to the functioning of democracy.”
