



## UNESCO DIRECTOR-GENERAL DECRIES MURDER OF ALGERIAN TELEVISION JOURNALIST

Paris, 29 May - UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor today condemned the murder of a television journalist in Algeria.

Mourad Hmaizi, a 30-year-old television journalist, was gunned down near Algiers' southern Baraki suburb Saturday night, the official Algerian news agency said Sunday.

"I am terribly saddened by the murder of Mourad Hmaizi, the latest journalist to be killed in a series of murders that began two years ago with the homicide of Tajar Djaout, the first journalist to be shot dead in Algeria," Mr Mayor said. "The murder of Mr Hmaizi and about 40 other journalists in Algeria is a violation of freedom of the press, the life blood of democracy. We must do all within our means to protect the free flow of information, an essential condition of peace within and between nations."

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