

## UNESCO DIRECTOR-GENERAL CONDEMNS MURDER OF ALGERIAN MEDIA EMPLOYEES

Tokyo, 11 September - UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor today condemned the murder Friday of two Algerian television network employees in north-eastern Algeria.

Said Brahimi, a 35-year-old journalist, and his wife, Radja, a 25-year old technician, were shot dead in their car at Cherarba village, 75km east of the capital Algiers, according to news reports. The killings prompted ten major Algerian newspapers to suspend publication today to protest against the murder of media employees--five from 2 to 8 September--and to appeal for better security measures, said the reports.

"I condemn these brutish murders and offer my deepest condolences to the colleagues and loved ones of Said and Radja Brahimi," Mr Mayor said in Tokyo, Japan, where he is on an official visit. "This latest outrage reminds us that the Algerian media community works amidst the constant threat of violence and the loss of so many colleagues. UNESCO fully supports those courageous men and women in Algeria who struggle for a free press."

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