



UNESCO DIRECTOR-GENERAL DEPLORES MURDER OF ALGERIAN TELEVISION JOURNALIST

Paris, 2 February - UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor today deplored the assassination of Nacer Ouari, an Algerian television journalist.

Mr Ouari was killed Wednesday in front of his home in Algiers, the official Algerian news agency APS said. At least 31 journalists have been killed in Algeria since June 1993.

"Today we are in mourning again because we must add the name of Nacer Ouari to the soaring list of journalists, intellectuals and other innocent victims who have been brutally killed in Algeria in the last year-and-a-half," Mr Mayor said. "How many more will die before this bloodbath ends? Once again, I plead with all those who insist on using violence, to lay down their arms. Only through dialogue can reason and justice prevail. Only through democracy and freedom can Algeria progress along the road to peace and human development."
