



UNESCO DIRECTOR-GENERAL CONDEMNS MURDER OF ALGERIAN JOURNALIST

Paris, 22 May - UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor today denounced the murder of a female journalist in Algeria.

Malika Sabour, a journalist at Algeria's largest circulation Arab-language weekly magazine, was killed early Sunday in her home near Algiers, according to the press. More than 30 journalists have been killed in Algeria since May 1993.

"We mourn the death of Malika Sabour, a journalist who was brutally assassinated," Mr Mayor said. "Too many journalists, women, writers, artists, intellectuals, teachers and students have been killed in Algeria. This ruthless campaign of terror and intolerance violates the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It should be replaced by a true democracy, one that respects fundamental freedoms and appreciates diversity and difference. I plead with the world community to search for a solution to stop this wave of violence."
