



UNESCO DIRECTOR-GENERAL DEPLORES DEATH OF CAMERAMAN IN BAKU AND ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF ALGERIAN JOURNALIST

Paris, 20 March - UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor today deplored the death of a cameraman shot Friday in Azerbaijan and the attempted assassination of an Algerian television journalist.

"In recent days, the press has again suffered a heavy toll from violence in Algeria and Azerbaijan," Mr. Mayor said. "UNESCO condemns this violence against professionals who take great risks to inform and to defend the right to be informed, which allows other freedoms to exist," the Director-General added.

According to press reports, Adil Bunyatov, a cameraman with the British news agency Reuters, was gunned down Friday while filming a confrontation between the army and mutinous policemen in Baku, Azerbaijan. Rachida Hammadi, an Algerian television journalist, was gravely wounded Monday in an assassination attempt against her.
