



UNESCO DIRECTOR-GENERAL EXPRESSES SORROW AND OUTRAGE AT THE DEATH OF UKRAINIAN NEWSPAPER EDITOR

Paris, 19 April - UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor today expressed sorrow and outrage at the death of a newspaper editor in Sevastopol, Ukraine, four days after the explosion of a mine planted in a garbage can near his home.

Vladimir Ivanov, editor of the "Glory of Sevastopol" newspaper, had published stories exposing corruption and links to organized crime among local officials, according to news reports. He died today despite three major surgical operations and blood donations from hundreds of Sevastopol residents.

"I offer my deepest condolences to the family and colleagues of Vladimir Ivanov, a courageous journalist in a profession so vital to the functioning of democracy and so increasingly fraught with danger," Mr Mayor said. "UNESCO will continue to condemn any act of violence against journalists in the strongest possible terms," he added.
