



**29.10.2015 – 48 journalists, 15 netizens and civil journalists were killed, 147 journalists were imprisoned, and 167 netizens were imprisoned in 2015, according to [Reporters without Borders](#)**

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Over the past decade, over 700 journalists have been killed for bringing news and information to the public: on average one death every week. Despite these horrifically high numbers, only 1/10 cases committed against media workers has led to a conviction. That means in 9/10 cases the killers go unpunished.

Therefore, on 2nd November each year, the UN marks the [International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists](#), in commemoration of the assassination of two French journalists in Mali on 2 November 2013. UN resolution 68/163 urges governments to do everything in their power to prevent violence against journalists, to ensure accountability and to bring to justice the perpetrators of crimes against them.



*“No journalist anywhere should have to risk their life to report the news. Together, let us stand up for journalists – and stand up for justice .” - Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon*

The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) and UNESCO are using this year’s International Day to organize a meeting for all journalists in Brussels to unite against impunity, and for the safety of journalists around the world. *“It is not just an anniversary, it’s a real fight for us to call upon all governments to stop impunity*

”, explains Anthony Bellanger, IFJ’s General Secretary. The meeting will take place at [the Residence Palace in Brussels on 2nd November at 4-4:30pm.](#)

Other events taking place in Europe on 2nd November include:

- **Amsterdam:** Stop violence against journalists, a multi-stakeholder panel, *De Nieuwe Liefde*

- **London:** Stop the killing of journalists! Prevention and justice to end impunity, *Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Room, Westminster Hall, Houses of Parliament*

- **Paris:** Global launch of the World Trends in Freedom of Expression and Media Development: Special Digital Focus 2015, *UNESCO Headquarters*

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#### UNRIC's Related Links

- [UNESCO \(Official Website\)](#)
- [UN International Day to End Impunity \(Official Website\)](#)
- [International Federation of Journalists \(Official Website\)](#)
- [Reporters Without Borders \(Official Website\)](#)
- [Official UNESCO Events, 2nd November \(online pdf\)](#)

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