



World Press Freedom Day 2011

Summary and Impact *(As of May 10, 2011)*

The World Press Freedom Day 2011 commemorations in Washington, DC and around the world garnered significant press coverage and social media activity. Media coverage and online engagement provided a unique opportunity to engage a broad, global audience in support of press freedom and World Press Freedom Day, highlighting the mission of UNESCO and the U.S.-UN relationship. The global conversation sent a clear message: people around the world care about press freedom and want to help make a positive change; the U.S. and the UN are squarely behind them.

More than **500 news articles** covered World Press Freedom Day 2011, including **24 top-tier placements** and 49 that specifically mentioned the events in Washington, DC and/or New York. The main drivers of media coverage included: events at the Newseum and the National Press Club in Washington, DC; remarks by and media conversations with UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova; statements from U.S. Government officials and agencies, including President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, U.S. Ambassador to the UN Susan Rice, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (see [Appendix](#)); UNESCO events in New York and around the world; multilingual coverage of World Press Freedom Day by the International Journalists' Network (IJNET.org), a project of ICFJ, which grew out of ICFJ's participation on the WPFDC Communications Committee and was supported by IREX; and on-site reporting of events in Washington, DC by Georgetown graduate journalism students.

The collaborative partnership of all the organizations on the Organizing Committee of the World Press Freedom Day events in Washington, DC -- particularly the civil society groups on the Executive Steering Committee (the Center for International Media Assistance at the National Endowment for Democracy, IREX, and the United Nations Foundation) -- ensured strong messaging reached a global network of influencers who helped shape the conversation.

New-media tactics such as introducing the **#WPFDC twitter hashtag** and incorporating a **Social Media Call to Action** in communications to conference attendees and those engaged with World Press Freedom Day online helped boost the social media relevance of World Press Freedom Day. All told, **WPFDC social media reached nearly 9 million people**. Through partnerships with Livestream and Mashable, video content was streamed from the conference over those channels. The State Department's IIP CO.NX streamed other sessions. Thousands of viewers from around the world took advantage of these opportunities to watch the proceedings live. Members of the organizing committee also helped capture sessions on video, which IREX collated, edited, and formatted, and are now presented on the Vimeo channel: <http://vimeo.com/wpfd2011>.



Social Media Analysis

The World Press Freedom Day conference in Washington, DC was designed to facilitate a conversation amongst journalists, activists, and leaders from around the world. Social media was used to extend that conversation beyond the confines of the Newseum and the Press Club to enable global participation, even by those who could not take part in the conference. Taking into account the number of Twitter followers and Facebook fans, retweets, mentions by other users including large social media players such as U.S. State Department and NPR journalist Andy Carvin, and views of YouTube videos, **World Press Freedom Day 2011 reached nearly 9 million people on social media.**

Twitter

The #WPFDD hashtag was implemented to demarcate tweets intended to be part of the World Press Freedom Day discussion. The tag was successfully implemented by seeding the conversation with #WPFDD tagged tweets from the @WPFDD2011 account and the accounts of those involved in planning the conference, plus multiple communications to attendees both before and during the conference to inform them of the tag. Additionally, screens on-site during the conference displayed a curated twitter conversation on World Press Freedom Day, giving attendees visibility into the discussion and creating buzz around taking part. Perhaps the most telling visual of the power of the twitter screens was seeing multiple participants have their pictures taken next to them.

In addition to the primary #WPFDD hashtag, we promoted a **Social Media Call to Action** to empower anyone to state their support for press freedom, and take part in the conversation, even if they were not familiar with World Press Freedom Day. The call to action was sent to attendees by email, posted on the wpdfd2011.org website, tweeted by multiple organizers and the @WPFDD2011 handle, posted on Facebook, printed in the official conference program, and distributed in hard copy in several conference sessions. The call led to **nearly 3,000 tweets** using the suggested #pressfreedom hashtag, as well as notable activity on Facebook.

Twitter Snap Shot

Event Hashtag

#WPFDD

11,420 total tweet mentions
Peak day: 4,873 tweets on 5/3

Call to Action Tag

#pressfreedom

2,847 total tweet mentions
Peak day: 790 tweets on 5/3

Additional Tags and Terms

#WPFDD2011

521 total tweet mentions
Peak day: 411 tweets on 5/3

“press freedom”

28,621 total tweet mentions
Peak day: 8,863 tweets on 5/3

“World Press Freedom Day”

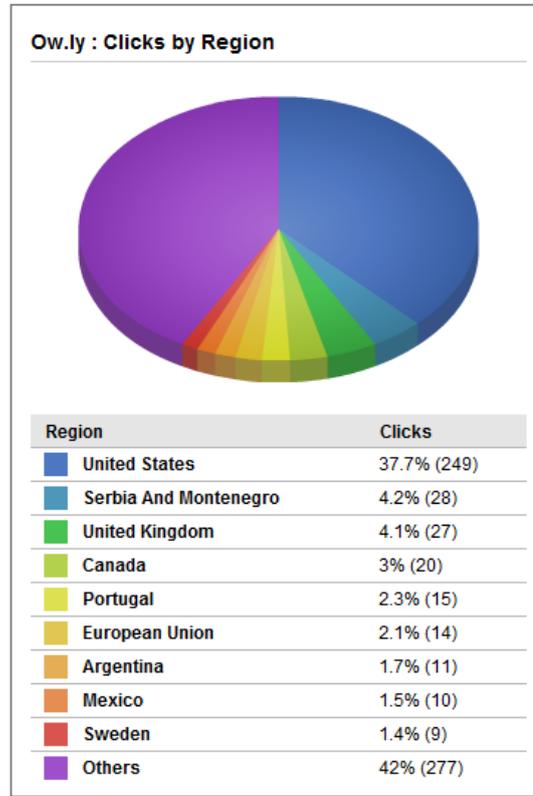
14,870 total tweet mentions
Peak day: 5,354 tweets on 5/3

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Nearly 29,000 tweets used the phrase “press freedom” in the two-week period from April 26 May 10. During the same time fram, nearly 15,000 tweets included the phrase “World Press Freedom Day” which is inclusive of “press freedom” in search results. The fact that the “press freedom” number is so much larger than hashtag figures or the number of tweets using “World Press Freedom Day” suggests success in prompting a broader online discussion in support press freedom even amongst those who are not familiar with World Press Freedom Day.

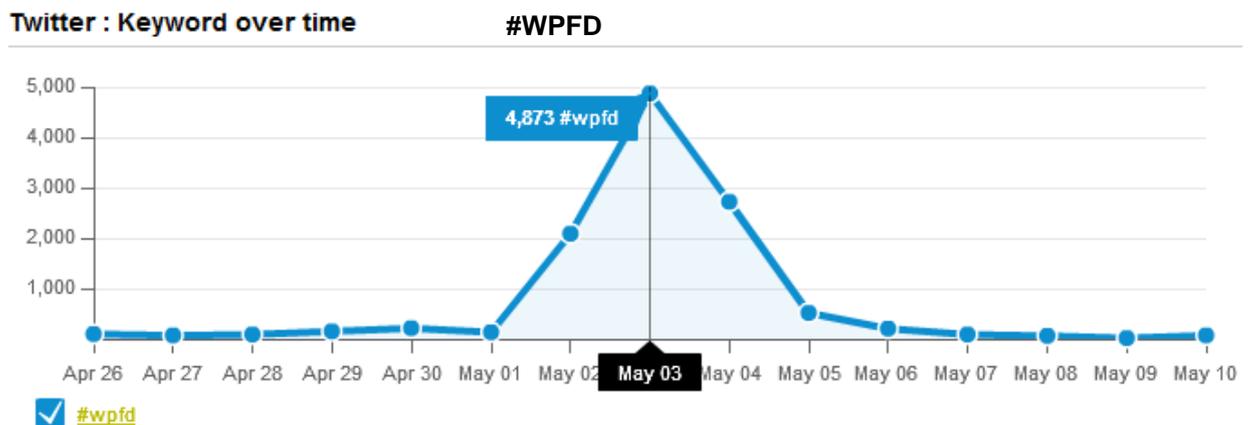
Unlike many other trending terms on twitter, the #WPFDD hashtag and the phrase “press freedom” frequently appeared in tweets in many languages than English. Further demonstrating the global nature of the conversation, more than 62% of on links posted by @WPFDD2011 came from outside of the United States (see chart at right).



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Not surprisingly, twitter activity using all hashtags and key phrases spiked on May 3 and the days immediately before and after, as illustrated in the figures below.

World Press Freedom Day 2011 - Twitter Stats

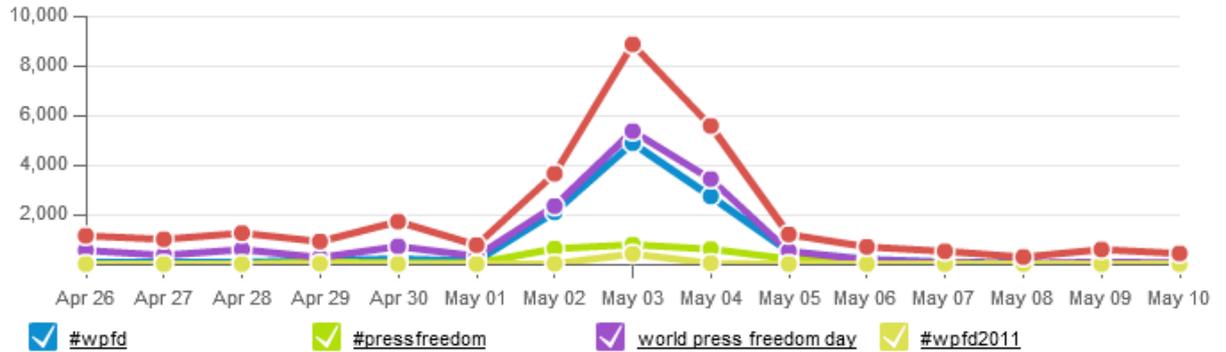


Range: Apr 26 – May 10, 2011

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World Press Freedom Day - Twitter : Compare Keywords



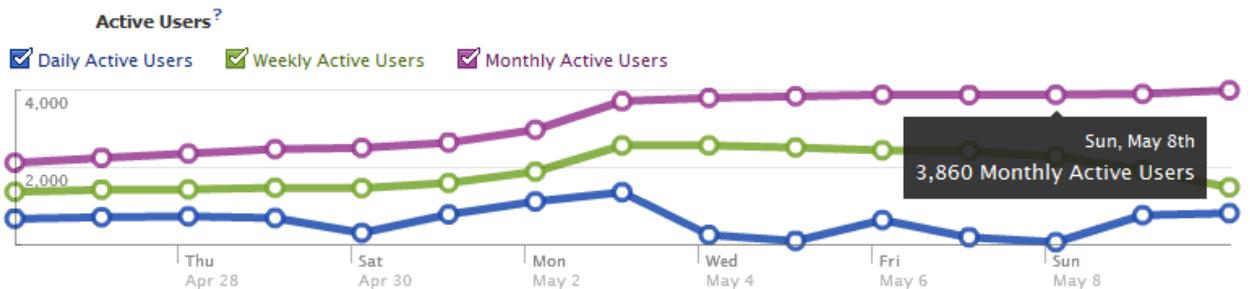
Range: Apr 26 – May 10, 2011

Facebook

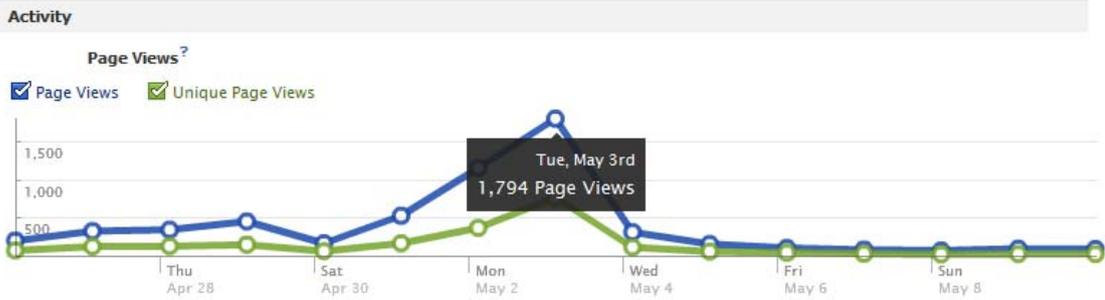
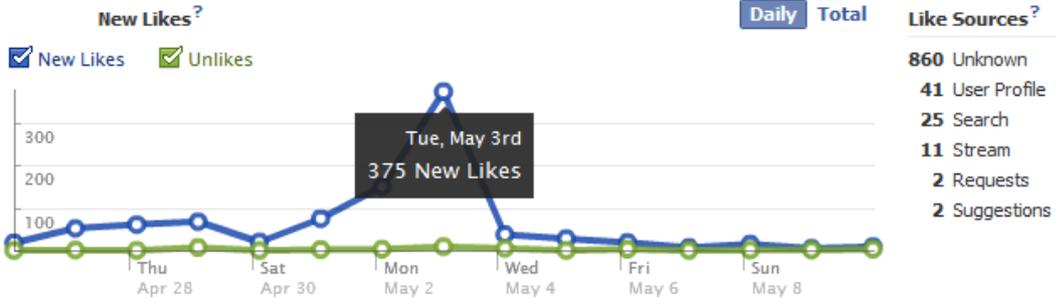
Engagement with the World Press Freedom Day 2011 Facebook page grew steadily in the weeks surrounding May 3, with new nearly 1,000 new likes – or nearly 60% growth – between April 26 and May 10. Active users of the page peaked at 3,860. The day that saw the greatest number of new likes and the most page views was May 3, World Press Freedom Day.

Facebook Engagement Stats, Apr 26 – May 10, 2011

New Likes? **941** ↑295%
 Lifetime Likes? **2,549**



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- Total Tab Views?**
- 4,858 Wall
 - 480 Information
 - 221 Hosted iFrame
 - 107 Static HTML: iframe tabs
 - 49 User Guidelines
 - 35 | notes
 - 22 | taggednotes

- External Referrers?**
- 251 wpfd2011.org
 - 152 unesco.org
 - 141 state.gov
 - 72 google.com
 - 43 173.255.206.149
 - 28 ifex.org
 - 26 google.co.in
 - 23 pressnetweb.com
 - 22 press.org
 - More



Press Coverage Analysis

As of May 9, 2011, World Press Freedom Day had been mentioned in **more than 500 news articles**, and has garnered coverage in outlets including: *The Washington Post*, *TIME*, Politico, BBC, The Christian Science Monitor, UN Dispatch, and The Guardian.

Primary drivers of media coverage included: events at the Newseum and the National Press Club in Washington, DC; remarks by and media conversations with UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova; statements from U.S. Government officials including President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, U.S. Ambassador to the UN Susan Rice, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (see [Appendix](#)); UNESCO events in New York and around the world; multilingual coverage of World Press Freedom Day by the International Journalists' Network (IJNET.org), a project of ICFJ, which grew out of ICFJ's participation on the WPFDC Communications Committee and was supported by IREX; and on-site reporting of events in Washington, DC by Georgetown graduate journalism students.

Select Press Highlights

For purposes of this report, we have attempted to separate coverage into relevant categories to make the large number of clips more accessible. Due to the limitations of tracking tools, this clips report is mostly limited to English-language articles. In the social media sphere, however, we saw dozens of posts in foreign languages, many of which included links, indicating a significant scope of coverage in languages other than English.

Below please find select media coverage highlights through May 9, in the following categories:

[Top Tier Coverage \(24 articles\)](#): This section includes a handful of the highest profile clips.

[World Press Freedom Day – U.S. Event Coverage \(49 articles\)](#): This section is organized chronologically and includes both domestic and international mentions of the World Press Freedom Day events in Washington, DC or New York.

[Domestic U.S. Coverage \(102 articles\)](#): This section chronologically lists select *domestic* clips mentioning World Press Freedom Day from April 5-May 9, 2011.

[International Coverage outside of U.S. \(355 articles\)](#): This section chronologically lists select *international* clips mentioning World Press Freedom Day from April 5-May 9, 2011.

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[Georgetown On-Site Reporting \(24 posts\)](#): This section includes links to all of Georgetown University's on-site reporting during World Press Freedom Day events in Washington, DC.

[IJNET Coverage \(23 English-language posts, plus multi-language translations\)](#)

The International Journalists' Network (IJNET.org), a project of ICFJ, participated on the WPFDC Communications Committee and was supported by IREX to cover World Press Freedom Day in multiple languages. The result is 23 English language articles, which are listed here. Each of those was translated into at least two and up to six additional languages. IJNET reaches journalists around the world.

[Please note: The articles do not always break easily into these categories. Much of the domestic and international coverage is clearly attributable to the Washington DC conference, but because it does not specifically mention the conference it is not categorized as event coverage. All of the IJNET articles, for example, fit this description.]

Also see: [Appendix – U.S. Government Communications](#) for nine statements, remarks and online communiqués from U.S. Government officials and agencies, including President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, U.S. Ambassador to the UN Susan Rice, and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

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Top Tier Coverage

“Journalists, too, are victims of Bahrain's crackdown,” Roy Gutman, Miami Herald, May 8, 2011.
<http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/05/08/2207058/journalists-too-are-victims-of.html>

Last week, the board of the paper met and decided it would shut down. On the eve of World Press Freedom Day last week, it announced it will quit publishing Monday, putting more than 200 employees out of work.

“Turkey's Muzzled Muckrakers,” Andrew Finkel, New York Times, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/06/opinion/06iht-edfinkel06.html>

So this week, as we mark World Press Freedom Day, let us hope that those journalists languishing in Turkish prisons will be freed until the courts prove them guilty — and that their colleagues on the outside throw off their shackles to engage in proper journalism.

“Is Non-Profit Journalism A Safeguard for Press Freedom?” Clothilde Le Coz, PBS, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.pbs.org/mediashift/2011/05/is-non-profit-journalism-a-safeguard-for-press-freedom125.html>

Since May 3, 1991, World Press Freedom Day has been celebrated worldwide annually to raise awareness of the importance of freedom of the press and remind governments of their duty to respect it. Marking the 20th anniversary last Tuesday, an international conference was organized in Washington, DC, by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the U.S. State Department to debate the "new frontiers" of the media.

“Tara Oakes meets Dru Menaker from IREX to talk about World Press Freedom Day,”

Euradio Nantes, May 5, 2011.

http://www.euradionantes.eu/index.php?page=detailPodcast&id_podcast=7448&id_programme=107
[Audio file]

“World Press Freedom: Words Made Powerful,” Walden Davis, Huffington Post, May 4, 2011.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/walden-davis/press-freedom_b_857260.html

In the midst of the Arab Spring, World Press Freedom Day, May 3, seems even more important than in years past.

“Jailed Iranian journalist receives UNESCO Freedom of the Press Award,” Robert Webb, National Press Club, May 4, 2011.

<http://press.org/news-multimedia/news/jailed-iranian-journalist-receives-unesco-freedom-press-award>

Iranian journalist Ahmad Zeidabadi became the 2011 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Laureate at a ceremony May 3 in the packed National Press Club ballroom in the first such award of the prize in the United States.

“Ahmad Zeidabadi receives UNESCO World Press Freedom Prize,” VOA-Iran, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dDKsPR5OHAg>

[Video]

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“World Press Freedom Day - PPP committed to free media: Zardari,” International Herald Tribune, May 4, 2011.

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/161364/world-press-freedom-day-ppp-committed-to-free-media-zardari/>
“I wish to reiterate the commitment of the government and the PPP to upholding press freedom and protecting media men from assaults and threats while performing professional duties,” he said, in his message for Press Freedom Day on May 3.

BBC Persia, May 3

http://www.bbc.co.uk/persian/iran/2011/05/110503_u01_zeidabadi-unesco.shtml
[Farsi article in Arabic script]

“How much freedom should reporters have?” BBC (blog), May 3, 2011.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/africahaveyoursay/2011/05/how-much-freedom-should-report.shtml>
Today is World Press Freedom Day, yet journalists continue to be arrested and attacked in the course of duty. The International Federation of Journalists says last year more than 90 reporters were killed as they worked, 15 of those in sub-Saharan Africa. Irina Bokova, director general of Unesco, is calling on governments to uphold their commitments to protect and promote freedom of expression and freedom of the press.

“World Press Freedom Day: United Nations Reflects on Free Expression,” Amie Ninh, TIME, May 3, 2011.

<http://newsfeed.time.com/2011/05/03/world-press-freedom-day-united-nations-reflects-on-free-expression/>
A conference organized by UNESCO and the U.S. State Department for the occasion is being held in Washington at the Newseum, a museum devoted to the history of the press and to freedom of expression.

“World Press Freedom Day: Remembering those lost and missing,” Melissa Bell, Washington Post, May 3, 2011.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/blogpost/post/world-press-freedom-day-remembering-those-lost-and-missing/2011/05/03/AFLYWvgF_blog.html

May 3 marks World Press Freedom Day. As clampdowns and censorship take place around the world, it is a good time to remember what journalism means and the people dedicated to doing the job.

“World Press Freedom Day: Don't believe the numbers, the good guys are winning,” Christian Science Monitor, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/Opinion/2011/0503/World-Press-Freedom-Day-Don-t-believe-the-numbers-the-good-guys-are-winning>
While we pause to honor the heroism of journalists and citizen journalists this World Press Freedom Day, let us also remember that their sacrifices have not gone in vain.

“GA upgrades EU’s status at the UN, new OIOS positions to be filled, UN commemorates World Press Freedom Day and more from UN Direct,” UN Dispatch, May 3, 2011.

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<http://www.undispatch.com/ga-upgrades-eus-status-at-the-un-new-oios-positions-to-be-filled-un-commemorates-world-press-freedom-day-and-more-from-un-direct>

World Press Freedom Day: The SG, High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay, and DG of UNESCO Irina Bokova stressed that state authorities must do everything to counter impunity.

“Global press freedom declined in 2010,” Politico, May 3, 2011.

http://www.politico.com/blogs/onmedia/0511/Global_press_freedom_declined_in_2010.html?showall

The Newseum unveiled its updated World Press Freedom map this morning, with new color coding reflecting the latest findings of the annual Freedom House report. The watchdog organization, which released its press freedom index as part of World Press Freedom Day, spelled out a troubling finding beneath a banner reading THE WORLD HAS CHANGED.

“Unesco calls for press freedom in a changed media landscape,” Telecom Paper, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.telecompaper.com/news/unesco-calls-for-press-freedom-in-a-changed-media-landscape>

On the occasion of World Press Freedom Day, 3 May, Unesco director general Irina Bokova has appealed to all governments to uphold their commitments to protecting and promoting freedom of expression and freedom of the press, described as the foundations of all democratic societies.

“Today is World Press Freedom Day 2011,” Bob Boorstin, Google blog, May 3, 2011.

<http://googlepublicpolicy.blogspot.com/2011/05/today-is-world-press-freedom-day-2011.html>

World Press Freedom Day is a date to recognize those who strive to advance the cause of freedom of expression and keep the flow of information open and unfettered. That includes efforts by groups that aim to investigate and expose Internet filtering and surveillance practices, as well as those who work to protect journalists and measure press freedom around the world.

“Editorial: A journalist killed every 10 days,” USA Today, May 3, 2011.

http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/editorials/2011-05-03-A-journalist-killed-every-10-days_n.htm

On Tuesday, the United Nations marked their sacrifice with World Press Freedom Day, which celebrates the importance of a free press in a world where information is often controlled by those in power.

“Media group calls 4 Mideast chiefs press predators,” CBS News, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/05/03/ap/europe/main20059515.shtml>

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<http://www.cnbc.com/id/42882508>

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“Mideast news brief: Syrian security forces arrest more than 1,000 Syrians,” Tom Kutsch and Maria Kornalian, Foreign Policy, May 3, 2011.

http://mideast.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/05/03/mideast_news_brief_syrian_security_forces_arrest_more_than_1000_syrians

A message reading 'Ink must flow, not blood' has been painted on the facade of the Syrian Embassy in Paris by activists of the international non-governmental organization 'Reporters sans frontières' (Reporters without borders) based in France and a portrait of Syrian president Bashar al-Assad splashed with blue ink, on May 3, 2011 during a demonstration to protest against attacks on journalists in Syria as part of World Press Freedom Day

“World Press Freedom Day,” UN Dispatch, May 2, 2011.

<http://www.undispatch.com/world-press-freedom-day>

There are two days of panel discussions on media freedom, new media, and taking risks to speak truth to power. UNESCO Director General Irina Bokova is on hand, as are several high profile figures in international media.

“Global Press Freedom at Lowest Level in More Than Decade,” William Ide, Voice of America, May 2, 2011.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/Global-Press-Freedom-at-Lowest-Level-in-More-Than-Decade-121097179.html>

Freedom House Senior Editor Karin Karlekar says this is roughly an even breakdown, but a closer look reveals a different picture. "If you look at the population statistics, they are much bleaker, only 15 percent of the world's inhabitants or one in six live in countries with a free press, while 42 percent have a partly free press and 43 percent, the majority, are in a not-free press," she said.

Karlekar made her remarks at a conference at the Newseum - a journalism history museum in Washington D.C. - to mark World Press Freedom Day.

“WATCH: World Press Freedom Day Conference [LIVE],” Mashable, May 2, 2011.

<http://mashable.com/2011/05/02/watch-world-press-freedom-day-video-live/>

Nearly two decades ago, the UN General Assembly proclaimed May 3 as World Press Freedom Day as a reminder that free, independent press is essential to democracy and is a fundamental human right.

In honor of that occasion, the United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has organized a conference at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. this Monday through Tuesday, with a focus on how Internet and digital platforms are contributing to freedom of expression, democratic governance and sustainable development across the globe.

“A Conversation with UNESCO Director Irina Bokova for World Press Freedom Day,” Mark Leon Goldberg, UN Dispatch (blog), April 28, 2011.

<http://www.undispatch.com/a-conversation-with-unesco-director-irina-bokova-for-world-press-freedom-day>

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Next week World Press Freedom Day will be commemorated in a series of events in DC and around the World. In a press conference call earlier this morning, UNESCO director Irina Bokova discusses the roll of press freedom in building open societies, how the new media landscape is challenging tradition views of press freedom and previews events for World Press Freedom day.

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DC/New York Event Coverage

“States urged not to use licensing as tool to curb media,” The News International, Muhammad Umer, May 09, 2011.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/TodaysPrintDetail.aspx?ID=45931&Cat=2&dt=5/9/2011>

The declaration, adopted after three days of brainstorming sessions at the National Press Club and Newseum in Washington, also called upon the states to recognise and ensure that “the same principles of freedom of expression apply equally to the Internet and other new information technologies, as they apply to traditional forms of media”.

“Living – and dying – with terror,” The News International, Ghazi Salahuddin, May 8, 2011.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/TodaysPrintDetail.aspx?ID=45795&Cat=9&dt=5/8/2011>

I attended two full days of deliberations held at the Newseum and the National Press Club. Mainly sponsored by UNESCO, the conference was attended by about 200 delegates from all over the world.

“Story Time,” Op Ed News, May 7, 2011.

<http://www.opednews.com/articles/Story-time-by-Craig-Coogan-110505-676.html>

From May 1 to May 3, Washington D.C. was host for the first time to World Press Freedom Day created 20 years ago by the United Nations to raise awareness of the importance of freedom of the press and remind governments of their duty to respect and uphold the right to freedom of expression.

“GENE POLICINSKI: In most nations, leaders still restrict journalists,” Cherry Hill Courier Post Online, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.courierpostonline.com/article/20110507/OPINION02/105070308/GENE-POLICINSKI-most-nations-leaders-still-restrict-journalists>

The figures are worth noting as the United States hosts this year's World Press Freedom Day on May 3 with the theme "21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers." It's an appropriate focus given the dramatic presence of new media methods and technology in political and social turmoil in the Middle East and elsewhere.

“World Press Freedom Day 2011: 21st Century Media - New Frontiers, New Barriers ,” Engage Media, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.engagemedia.org/Members/emnews/news/world-press-freedom-day-2011-21st-century-media-new-frontiers-new-barriers>

This month, more than 800 participants from around the world are converging in Washington, D.C., to explore the idea that just as new media is being used to promote freedom, regimes are creating ways to suppress online voices. The occasion is UNESCO's World Press Freedom Day, held annually on 3 May, and the theme this year is "21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers". Many IFEX members are in attendance.

“Is Non-Profit Journalism A Safeguard for Press Freedom?” Clothilde Le Coz, PBS, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.pbs.org/mediashift/2011/05/is-non-profit-journalism-a-safeguard-for-press-freedom125.html>

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“We all ought to pause to appreciate a free press,” Newark Advocate, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.newarkadvocate.com/article/20110504/OPINION02/105040317/We-all-ought-pause-appreciate-free-press>

In a ceremony set for May 16, the Journalists Memorial at the Newseum in Washington, D.C., will add the names of 59 journalists who died in 2010 in the course of reporting the news. Eighteen names of newly identified journalists who died in previous years also will be added, bringing the overall total to 2,084.

“Turkish press remains “partly free” - Freedom House,” News.az, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.news.az/articles/turkey/35656>

Released on May 2 as part of the UNESCO World Press Freedom Day celebration in Washington, D.C., the report shows that global media freedom has hit a new low point, contributing to an environment in which only one in every six people live in countries with a free press.

“WAN-IFRA marks World Press Freedom Day,” Scoop, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/WO1105/S00059/wan-ifra-marks-world-press-freedom-day.htm>

In Washington, D.C., the annual World Press Freedom Day conference organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) focused on the impact of digital media on press freedom world-wide, and how the independent media's essential role in democracy can be safeguarded.

“U.S. Embassy in Ethiopia Commemorates World Press Freedom Day, Launches Facebook Page,” Nazret (blog), May 4, 2011.

<http://nazret.com/blog/index.php/2011/05/04/u-s-embassy-in-ethiopia-commemorates-world-press-freedom-day-launches-facebook-page>

In observance of World Press Freedom Day, the U.S. Embassy hosted a digital video conference (DVC) with American journalist Lisa Bryant on this year's theme of “21st Century Media – New Media, New Barriers.” Ethiopian media practitioners and journalism students participated in the digital conversation held at the U.S. Embassy.

“UNESCO Chief Responds to 'Hacking' Into Online Application Platform,” Devex, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.devex.com/en/articles/unesco-chief-responds-to-hacking-into-online-application-platform>

“Africa: New media, new frontiers,” All Africa, May 3, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105030702.html>

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World Day of Press Freedom whose theme this year is the media of the XXI Century: New Frontiers will be celebrated on May 3. The most significant events take place in Washington DC and New York (USA) but other celebrations, local or regional, will be held around the world.

“World Press Freedom Day 2011,” Manila Bulletin, May 3, 2011,

<http://www.mb.com.ph/articles/316533/world-press-freedom-day-2011>

Established in 1993 by the United Nations General Assembly, World Press Freedom Day (WPF) is observed annually on May 3. The celebration of WPF 2011 with the theme “21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers,” coincides with the 20th Anniversary of the 1991 Windhoek Declaration for the promotion of free and pluralistic media.

“Turkish press partly free, Freedom House report says,” Today's Zaman, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.todayszaman.com/news-242729-turkish-press-partly-free-freedom-house-report-says.html>

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“Press freedom more relevant than ever in digital era: UN,” Associated Press of Pakistan, May 3, 2011.

http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en/_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=138326&Itemid=2

Freedom of expression remains as important as ever in the digital age, serving as a basis for democracy and human dignity everywhere, senior U.N. officials stressed Tuesday as the Organization observed World Press Freedom Day with a series of events around the globe.

“WAN-IFRA, WEF mark World Press Freedom Day on May 3

May 04, 11,” Exchange 4 Media, May 4, 2011.

http://www.exchange4media.com/e4m/news/fullstory.asp?Section_id=8&News_id=41994&Tag=34488

The World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA) and the World Editors Forum represented the global newspaper industry at far-flung commemorations of World Press Freedom Day on May 3, 2011, participating in events in Washington, Istanbul and Windhoek, Namibia, where the annual event was born.

“Jailed Iranian journalist receives UNESCO Freedom of the Press Award,” Robert Webb, National Press Club, May 4, 2011.

<http://press.org/news-multimedia/news/jailed-iranian-journalist-receives-unesco-freedom-press-award>

Iranian journalist Ahmad Zeidabadi became the 2011 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Laureate at a ceremony May 3 in the packed National Press Club ballroom in the first such award of the prize in the United States. NPC President Mark Hamrick called it a high honor and historic day for the Club. The award drew a salute via video from Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Delegates also adopted "The Washington Declaration," a four-page document aimed at stronger protections globally for freedom of the press. It will go to UNESCO for final approval.

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“Protecting Free Expression Remains Critical Despite Transformation of Media Landscape, Secretary-General Tells World Press Freedom Day Event,” MMD Newswire, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.mmdnewswire.com/protecting-free-expression-39556.html>

- Even though the media landscape had been transformed "beyond recognition" in the 20 years since the Windhoek Declaration on freedom of expression, it remained critical to defend that fundamental right, top United Nations officials said today during an observance of World Press Freedom Day.

“Commentary on World Press Freedom Day-2011,” Ghana Broadcasting Corporation, May 4, 2011.

<http://gbcghana.com/index.php?id=1.358651.1.375129>

Press Freedom is generally seen as the right guaranteed by the first amendment to the U.S Constitution to publish and distribute information in books, magazines and newspapers without government intervention. World Press Freedom Day which was instituted by a U.N. General Assembly Resolution is observed globally to highlight the principles of Press freedom and remember those who fought and died trying to exercise them.

“Secretary-General, at World Press Freedom Day Event, Stresses Obligation of States to Uphold Freedom of Expression, Information, Association,” IWEY, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.iewy.com/25424-secretary-general-at-world-press-freedom-day-event-stresses-obligation-of-states-to-uphold-freedom-of-expression-information-association.html>

Following are UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s remarks at World Press Freedom Day observance in New York, 4 May: It is a great pleasure for me to join you for this annual observance. I attach the highest importance to press freedom and to article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which proclaims the right of all people to “seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers”.

“MDLF announces major investments in press freedom - May 4, 2011,” Peter Whitehead/MDLF, Follow the Media, May 4, 2011.

<http://followthemediamedia.com/newsfromyou/newsfromyou07052011.htm>

At the World Press Freedom Day Conference in Washington, DC, Omidyar Network - a philanthropic investment firm dedicated to harnessing the power of markets to create opportunity for people to improve their lives, established in 2004 by eBay founder Pierre Omidyar and his wife Pam - announced the expansion of its Government Transparency initiative to include support of journalism in the developing world, including a loan of USD2 million to MDLF.

“SEALs kill bin Laden: Locals react,” Stafford County Sun, May 4, 2011.

<http://www2.staffordcountysun.com/news/2011/may/04/seals-kill-bin-laden-locals-react-ar-1016369/>

At the Newseum in Washington, D.C. on Monday, all but three of the 56 papers placed in the cases headlined Osama bin Laden’s death. Journalists attending World Press Freedom Day were on hand to capture the news.

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“World Press Freedom Day,” Peter Rothberg, The Nation, May 3, 2011

<http://www.thenation.com/blog/160375/world-press-freedom-day>

In honor of that occasion, the United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has organized a conference today at the Newseum in Washington, DC, with a focus on how Internet and digital platforms are contributing to freedom of expression, democratic governance and sustainable development across the globe.

“Remembering those Lost and Missing,” Day Press News, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.dp-news.com/en/detail.aspx?articleid=82621>

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Sharaabi, Ali Hassan al-Jaber, Mohamed al-Hamdani, Ahmad Mohamed Mahmoud, Le Hoang Hung, Gerardo Ortega, Lucas Mebrouk Dolega and Wali Khan Babar.

“World Press Freedom Day 2011,” iNEW- Freedom of Speech, May 3, 2011.

<http://inewp.com/?p=7664>

Nearly 2 decades ago, United Nations General Assembly designated May 3rd to be World Press Freedom Day a couple of years after the Declaration of Windhoek was endorsed by the General Conference and UNESCO. World Press Freedom Day calls for both a solemn celebration and meditation on global freedom of the press.

“National Press Club President Mark Hamrick Available for World Press Freedom Day Interviews,” Sun Herald, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.sunherald.com/2011/05/03/3078305/national-press-club-president.html>

Reporters and editors working on stories related to World Press Freedom Day may arrange an interview with Mark Hamrick, President of the National Press Club. Today, May 3 marks the first time in its 18 year history that World Press Freedom Day has been held in the United States. The venue for the events is the National Press Club, the World's Leading Professional Organization for Journalists.

“National Press Club President Mark Hamrick Available for World Press Freedom Day Interviews,” Digital Journal, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/pr/296278>

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“World Press Freedom Day today,” Editors Weblog, May 3, 2011.

http://www.editorsweblog.org/newsrooms_and_journalism/2011/05/world_press_freedom_day_today.php

3 May is World Press Freedom Day, established as such by the UN General Assembly in 1993. The day is celebrated worldwide by different international organizations such as the [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization](#) (UNESCO) and here, the [World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers](#) (WAN-IFRA).

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“Celebrating World Press Freedom Day,” The Daily Iowan, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.dailyiowan.com/2011/05/03/Opinions/23284.html>

And, in a ceremony set for May 16, the Journalists Memorial at the Newseum in Washington, D.C., will add the names of 59 journalists who died in 2010 in the course of reporting the news. Eighteen names of newly identified journalists who died in previous years also will be added, bringing the overall total to 2,084.

“Omidyar Network Broadens Government Transparency Initiative to Include Support of Investigative and Citizen Journalism in the Developing World,” PR Newswire, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/omidyar-network-broadens-government-transparency-initiative-to-include-support-of-investigative-and-citizen-journalism-in-the-developing-world-121156219.html>

Stephen King, investment partner and Omidyar Network's global practice head for Government Transparency, made the announcement at the World Press Freedom Day conference in Washington D.C.

“Global press freedom declined in 2010,” Politico, May 3, 2011.

http://www.politico.com/blogs/onmedia/0511/Global_press_freedom_declined_in_2010.html?showall

The Newseum unveiled its updated World Press Freedom map this morning, with new color coding reflecting the latest findings of the annual Freedom House report. The watchdog organization, which released its press freedom index as part of World Press Freedom Day, spelled out a troubling finding beneath a banner reading THE WORLD HAS CHANGED: “During 2010, the percentage of the world’s population that has access to a free press declined to its lowest point in more than a decade.”

“Celebrating a free press,” Baptists Today, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.baptiststoday.org/johndpierce-blog/2011/5/3/celebrating-a-free-press.html>

The Newseum on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., is one of the best places to gain a fresh appreciation for a free press. Among its many exhibits are a color-coded world map showing the degree of press freedom — from Finland’s wide openness to North Korea’s complete censorship — and a moving etched-glass memorial to reporters who have died in the line of duty.

“World Press Freedom Day: United Nations Reflects on Free Expression,” Amie Ninh, TIME, May 3, 2011.

<http://newsfeed.time.com/2011/05/03/world-press-freedom-day-united-nations-reflects-on-free-expression/>

A conference organized by UNESCO and the U.S. State Department for the occasion is being held in Washington at the Newseum, a museum devoted to the history of the press and to freedom of expression.

“World Press Freedom Day: Remembering those lost and missing,” Melissa Bell, Washington Post, May 3, 2011.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/blogpost/post/world-press-freedom-day-remembering-those-lost-and-missing/2011/05/03/AFLYWvgF_blog.html

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“On World Press Freedom Day, Reporters Committee calls for release of captive journalists,” RCFP, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.rcfp.org/newsitems/index.php?i=11841>

As journalists and press freedom advocates from around the world gather in Washington to mark World Press Freedom Day May 3, the Reporters Committee calls for the release of journalists held captive simply for doing their jobs.

“Today is World Press Freedom Day 2011,” Bob Boorstin, Google blog, May 3, 2011.

<http://googlepublicpolicy.blogspot.com/2011/05/today-is-world-press-freedom-day-2011.html>

Today is World Press Freedom Day 2011 – an event marking the central role that free and independent media play in building and maintaining democratic movements and nations. This year’s theme is digital media – a particularly appropriate focus in a year that has seen the Internet play a crucial role in helping people to organize against dictators in the Middle East and North Africa. A free and open Internet is just one tool, but it has proved itself to be truly powerful over the past few months.

“World Press Freedom Day 2011,” Tempo, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.tempo.com.ph/news.php?aid=54740>

UNESCO, in cooperation with the United States State Department and over 20 Civil Society partners, is holding an international conference on this year’s theme at the Newseum, a museum in Washington, DC, devoted to the history of the press and to freedom of expression worldwide.

“World Press Freedom Day,” UN Dispatch, May 2, 2011.

<http://www.undispatch.com/world-press-freedom-day>

Today is [UNESCO World Press Freedom Day](#). The [Newseum](#) in Washington, D.C. is the location of a series of events on the subject. Earlier this morning, [Freedom House](#) released its annual press freedom rankings, which are part of a permanent exhibit here in the Newseum. The news was not good. Here’s a picture I snapped of the new press freedom map.

“Global Press Freedom at Lowest Level in More Than Decade,” The Chosun Ilbo, May 2, 2011.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2011/05/03/2011050300324.html

Karlekar made her remarks at a conference at the Newseum -- a journalism history museum in Washington D.C. -- to mark World Press Freedom Day. She says looking back at the three decades Freedom House has been monitoring global media freedoms, there have been considerable improvements, as well as what she says are recent worrying declines.

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“World Press Freedom Day: New technology’s threats, potential,” All Headline News, May 2, 2011.

<http://www.allheadlinenews.com/articles/90047092?World%20Press%20Freedom%20Day%3A%20New%20technology%26%23146%3Bs%20threats%2C%20potential>

The extensive list of participants in this year’s World Press Freedom Day activities in New York and Washington, D.C., bears witness to just how seriously members of the profession regard the issues of press freedoms and journalists’ safety. The international conference organized by UNESCO and the U.S. State Department will focus on the theme of “21st Century: New Frontiers; New Barriers” and the increasing role of the Internet; the emergence of new media; and the dramatic rise in social networking.

“Defending Press Freedom in the 21st Century,” Imperial Valley News, May 2, 2011.

http://imperialvalleynews.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=10224&Itemid=2

This event is being organized in coordination with the World Press Freedom Day events taking place in Washington, DC, May 1-3, 2011 at the Newseum and National Press Club. It will also mark the first anniversary of the Daniel Pearl Press Freedom Act, which expands the State Department’s annual human rights reports to include information about attacks on journalists.

“Global Press Freedom at Lowest Level in More Than Decade,” William Ide, Voice of America, May 2, 2011.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/Global-Press-Freedom-at-Lowest-Level-in-More-Than-Decade-121097179.html>

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“WATCH: World Press Freedom Day Conference [LIVE],” Mashable, May 2, 2011.

<http://mashable.com/2011/05/02/watch-world-press-freedom-day-video-live/>

In honor of that occasion, the United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has organized a conference at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. this Monday through Tuesday, with a focus on how Internet and digital platforms are contributing to freedom of expression, democratic governance and sustainable development across the globe.

“Take time out to celebrate World Press Freedom Day,” Culpeper Star Exponent, April 29, 2011.

<http://www2.starexponent.com/news/2011/apr/30/take-time-out-celebrate-world-press-freedom-day-ar-1006937/>

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“National Press Club Calls for Halt to Abuses of Reporters,” News On News, April 28, 2011.
<http://www.newsonnews.net/news/8463-national-press-club-calls-for-halt-to-abuses-of-reporters.html>
As World Press Freedom Day approaches next week, the National Press Club is drawing attention to the unacceptable frequency with which journalists in dozens of nations are imprisoned, abused, beaten or killed.

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Georgetown Journalism WPFDD Blog on <http://www.wpfd2011.org/blog>

“Storify: Highlights from Day 3 of World Press Freedom Day 2011,” Yu-Ming Lim, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/storify-highlights-day-3-world-press-freedom-day-2011>

Today, May 3, is World Press Freedom Day. No jokes here. Nothing coy, cute, or condescending. Just an appreciation of the journalists out there who risk imprisonment, torture, maiming, and death while doing their job. Thanks, mates.

“Maria Otero speaks on Washington Declaration, Internet Censorship,” May 3, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/maria-otero-speaks-washington-declaration-internet-censorship>

Maria Otero, Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs, spoke with Georgetown University student reporters Deirdre Bannon and Allison Brennan about Internet censorship. The Washington Declaration, adopted today, stirred up controversy about the delineation between what constitutes legitimate and illegitimate censorship.

“Washington Declaration Discussed at WPFDD Concluding Session,” May 3, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/washington-declaration-discussed-wpfd-concluding-session>

Janis Karklins encouraged his audience to speak up if they “cannot keep silent” about any “substantive opposition” to anything contained in the Washington Declaration, and that is exactly what they did. The assistant general-director of communication and information for UNESCO faced an outspoken crowd during the discussion of the Declaration at today’s closing session. They questioned him on a paragraph implying that “legitimate” reasons for restricting freedom of expression exists.

“What Does Press Freedom Mean to You?” May 3, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/node/115>

If any conclusion can be drawn at the end of the three day World Press Freedom conference, it is that press freedom is a varied experience. Or as a panelist put it better, press freedom is a “grocery cart” of laws, regulations, theories, enforcement and norms. In an effort to better understand the differences journalists experience regarding freedom of the press, we took to social media. Using Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter, we asked reporters worldwide a simple question, “What does press freedom mean to you?” This is a compilation of their answers.

“Imprisoned Iranian Journalist Awarded Cano Prize,” May 3, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/imprisoned-iranian-journalist-awarded-cano-prize>

Imprisoned Iranian journalist Ahmad Zeidabadi was awarded the Cano World Press Freedom Prize today in absentia during a ceremony at the National Press Club. Zeidabadi is serving a six-year term after being arrested in June of 2009 for violating a government order banning him from “all public and social activity, including journalism,” and allegedly plotting to overthrow the Iranian government with a “soft revolution.”

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“Legacy Media Still Relevant,” May 3, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/legacy-media-still-relevant>

Newspapers and other traditional forms of journalism are still relevant in many parts of the world, argued a panel of international journalists at World Press Freedom Day. “In the African context it is

much better and easier to communicate via print media, rather than [with] online media,” said Ethiopian journalist Mesfin Negash. “There is more abuse in online media and online resources in general, so people tend to trust what’s published.”

“National Press Club President Reflects on Press Freedom,” May 3, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/national-press-club-president-reflects-press-freedom>

President of the National Press Club, Mark Hamrick, hosted the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize ceremony in the Press Club’s ballroom today. Georgetown University student reporter Molly McCluskey caught up with him last week to discuss freedom of the press, whether a tweet could be considered breaking news, and what message he has for his colleagues around the world.

“Philanthropic Venture Firm Announces Nearly \$5 Million in Awards to Four Journalism-Related Non-Profits,” May 3, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/node/109>

The Omidyar Network, a philanthropic venture firm that invests in both non-profit and for-profit media ventures, awarded nearly \$5 million in funding to four journalism-related non-profit groups today. Stephen King, head of Omidyar Network’s Government Transparency initiative, made the announcement on the final day of the World Press Freedom Day conference in Washington, D.C. The four organizations receiving the grants include: African Media Initiative (\$1.7 million over two years); the Sahara Reporters project (\$450,000 over three years); Media Development Loan Fund (\$2 million); and the Committee to Protect Journalists (\$800,000).

“Storify: Highlights from Day 2 of World Press Freedom Day 2011,” May 2, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/node/106>

Day 2 of World Press Freedom Day began with the roll out of the Freedom House 2011 report on press freedom around the world. Karin Karlekar of @FreedomHouseDC delivered a summary of the findings, and elaborated at the Plenary session following this.

“Bob Woodward on "Reporters, Sources, and Information in a Digital World",” May 2, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/bob-woodward-reporters-sources-and-information-digital-world>

Washington Post Associate Editor Bob Woodward addresses audience during special session, “Reporters, Sources and Information in the Digital World.” Partial Transcript:

“Media Laws Murky for Digital Landscape,” May 2, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/media-laws-murky-digital-landscape>

Journalists in the digital age face unforeseen legal challenges because the laws governing online journalism are still in their nascent stages in many countries. It was a packed house for the panel, “Media Law and Regulation 2.1.”

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"The Devil is in the Default": Protecting Online Privacy," May 2, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/devil-default-protecting-online-privacy>

Think your privacy is safe online? Whether you're at an Internet café in Myanmar (also known as Burma), checking email on your mobile in Zimbabwe, or chasing criminals in the United States, odds are that you're exposed. That was the message at this afternoon's breakout session, "Evasive Tactics for Digital Media."

"Press Freedom: Then and Now," May 2, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/press-freedom-then-and-now>

Gwen Lister, founder of the newspaper The Namibian, threw down the gauntlet in the opening session of Monday's WPFDD events when she said, "Press freedom is non-negotiable." At a panel called "Press Freedom: How Far Have We Come and Where Are We Going?" Lister was joined by Rosental C. Alves, Karin Karlekar, Frank LaRue and Eric Newton.

"Smartphones and Internet Access Remain a Rare Commodity for People in Developing Nations," May 2, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/smartphones-and-internet-access-remain-rare-commodity-people-developing-nations>

Representatives for India, Haiti, Somalia and the Pacific island nations described the low levels of digital access during a panel today called, "Accessing the Digital Benefit." Shubhranshu Choudhary, a Knight International Journalism Fellow from India, said only seven percent of the people in his country have Internet access. Meanwhile, the mobile phone is much more popular, reaching over 70 percent of the country.

"Is Social Media the New News Network?" May 2, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/social-media-new-news-network>

Social media is powerful as a newsgathering resource for journalists and useful as tools for activists to organize, a panel of experts agreed at a breakout session at World Press Freedom Day 2011. Andy Carvin, senior strategist at NPR's social media desk who is known for his work tweeting the revolutions in the Middle East and North Africa, likens his work to mainstream media, such as television broadcasts.

"Youth Leaders Discuss the Digital Generation and Social Change," May 2, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/node/98>

Emin Milli and Adnan Hajizada spent 17 months in jail for posting a YouTube video. As the leaders of a popular youth movement in Azerbaijan, the two gained fame for posting a video [online](#), which criticized the government for spending significant amounts of money importing donkeys from Germany.

"Freedom House Releases Findings of 2011 Press Freedom Index," May 2, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/freedom-house-releases-findings-2011-press-freedom-index>

An annual survey of press freedom ranked five countries as worse off in 2011: Egypt, Mexico, South Korea, Honduras and Thailand. But four countries improved: Moldova, Guinea, Liberia and Niger. Standing in front of a large map at the Newseum this morning, Freedom House's Karin Karlekar discussed the results of Freedom of the Press 2011: A Global Survey of Media Independence. The

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World Press Freedom map, updated each year at the World Press Freedom Conference, is a visual reminder of the strides made in press freedom as well as the challenges the press still faces worldwide.

“Wife of murdered journalist, Guillermo Cano, comments on World Press Freedom Day 2011,” May 1, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/node/93>

Ana Maria Busquets de Cano sat in a reserved, front-row seat at the opening reception of World Press Freedom Day 2011, a three-day conference focusing on the opportunities and challenges that digital media pose for freedom of the press. Busquets de Cano is the widow of Guillermo Cano, a journalist for the Colombian newspaper, *El Espectador*. He was murdered by two hired assassins in Bogota 24 years ago as he left his offices. In 1997, UNESCO established the Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize to honor him.

“Storify: Highlights from Day 1 of World Press Freedom Day 2011,” May 1, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/storify-highlights-day-1-world-press-freedom-day-2011>

For the first time in almost twenty years, the United States will host the World Press Freedom Day Conference in Washington, D.C. Please check here for a wrap-up of the each day's proceedings.

“Internet Is At Frontline in Battle for Press Freedom,” May 1, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/node/91>

Panelists at the opening session of World Press Freedom Day declared the Internet the frontline in the battle for freedom of the press. “This conference will focus heavily on new media and the way the Internet has become a new arena of conflict between social movements fighting to expand rights and free access to information, and authoritarian governments that are devoting now enormous resources to controlling this new space,” said Carl Gershman, president, National Endowment for Democracy during his opening remarks.

“Bette Bao Lord sets World Press Freedom Day tone of encouragement and hope,” May 1, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/node/90>

The theme of this year's World Press Freedom Day is technology, but that doesn't mean Bette Bao Lord has to like it. During opening remarks at the event tonight at the Newseum, the human rights activist and author joked about her unfamiliarity with Internet sites such as Twitter.

“Mariane Pearl: “[For] journalists, isolation is their worst enemy,” May 1, 2011.

<http://www.wpfd2011.org/mariane-pearl-%E2%80%9Cjournalists-isolation-their-worst-enemy%E2%80%9D>

Investigative journalists are most vulnerable in countries with restrictive press freedom, whose work remains unknown to the rest of the world, said journalist and writer Mariane Pearl. She is the widow of Daniel Pearl, a *Wall Street Journal* senior correspondent who was kidnapped and killed in 2002 in Pakistan while investigating a story on terrorist groups.

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“Opening Ceremony Kicks Off World Press Freedom Day 2011,” May 1, 2011.
<http://www.wbfd2011.org/opening-ceremony-kicks-world-press-freedom-day-2011>

World Press Freedom Day 2011 events officially started at 6:30 p.m. today at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. Bette Bao Lord, a member of the board of trustees of the Newseum, gave opening remarks on the three-day conference’s theme--21st Century Media: New Frontiers and New Barriers. Lord was joined by Carl Gershman, President of the National Endowment for Democracy, Judith McHale, Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy at the U.S. State Department, and Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO.

“Countdown to World Press Freedom Day 2011,” May 1, 2011.

<http://www.wbfd2011.org/countdown-world-press-freedom-day-2011>

Minutes away from the opening ceremony of World Press Freedom Day 2011 in Washington DC, Georgetown University student reporters show us some of the extensive preparations that are underway.

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IJNET Coverage on <http://ijnet.org/topics/world-press-freedom-day>

[Please note: this listing includes the English-language articles on IJNET. Each of these was translated in at least two and up to six additional languages.]

“World Press Freedom Day attendance breaks records,” Dana Liebelson, May 4, 2011

<http://ijnet.org/stories/world-press-freedom-day-attendance-breaks-records>

Attendance for the World Press Freedom Day conference in Washington this week was the largest in the event's almost 20-year history, with more than 800 participants.

“World Press Freedom Day closes by honoring imprisoned Iranian journalist,” Priya Kumar, May 3, 2011.

<http://ijnet.org/stories/world-press-freedom-day-closes-honoring-imprisoned-iranian-journalist>

But the imprisoned Iranian journalist received the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize at a ceremony at the National Press Club Tuesday for his dedication to democracy, human rights and freedom of expression.

“Traditional media divided on how to promote citizen journalism ethics,” Susan Schept, May 3, 2011.

<http://ijnet.org/stories/traditional-media-divided-how-promote-citizen-journalism-ethics-world-press-freedom-day>

Citizen journalists can improve and diversify news coverage with social media, but they must be held accountable for what they write, a panel of journalists and experts said Tuesday at the National Press Club.

“Social media: a tool, not a solution,” Priya Kumar, May 3, 2011.

<http://ijnet.org/stories/social-media-tool-not-solution-world-press-freedom-day>

Around the world, social media has empowered ordinary citizens to tell stories from their perspectives, humanizing events that the mainstream press can spread, said a panel of media entrepreneurs and activists at a plenary session of the World Press Freedom Day conference. But everyone still grapples with the challenges of verifying information and effectively presenting the volume of material.

“What does press freedom mean to you?”, Jessica Weiss and Susan Schept, May 3, 2011.

<http://ijnet.org/stories/what-does-press-freedom-mean-you-world-press-freedom-day>

IJNet asked a variety of participants at World Press Freedom day to define what press freedom means to them. The answers ranged from working without fear of government reprisal to helping support democratic freedoms and institutions. Others talked of avoiding bias and being objective. Yet others put it in stark economic terms. Without money, there is no free press in some places

“The Omidyar Network awards almost \$5 million in media grants,” Priya Kumar, May 3, 2011

<http://ijnet.org/stories/omidyar-network-awards-almost-5-million-media-grants>

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Investment partner Stephen King announced the grants at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., during a plenary session at the World Press Freedom Day conference.

“Oppressive regimes step up high-tech censorship,” Susan Schept, May 2, 2011.

<http://ijnet.org/stories/hope-survives-government-censorship-panelists-say-world-press-freedom-day>

A panel of journalists and experts at the World Press Freedom Day global conference at the Newseum expressed hope Monday that people would continue to use social media to fight oppressive regimes, despite censorship tactics used by those governments.

“Social media creating a new news network,” Jessica Weiss, May 2, 2011.

<http://ijnet.org/stories/social-media-creating-new-news-network-world-press-freedom-day>

As tweets about Osama bin Laden’s assassination slowed late Monday morning, NPR social media strategist Andy Carvin told a crowd of journalists, technologists and media activists at World Press Freedom Day events in Washington that journalists on Twitter are today's news anchors.

“Today's press freedom challenges shaped by technology,” Dana Liebelson, May 2, 2011.

<http://ijnet.org/stories/todays-press-freedom-challenges-shaped-technology-world-press-freedom-day>

Authoritarian regimes, which have long cracked down on journalists, are now turning to digital media to restrict press freedom.

“Freedom House: Press freedom dropped to lowest point in a decade in 2010,” Rafael Lorente, May 2, 2011.

<http://ijnet.org/stories/freedom-house-press-freedom-dropped-lowest-point-decade-2010>

"Freedom of the press is at its lowest point in over a decade," said David Kramer, executive director of Freedom House, at a press conference held at the Newseum in Washington during the annual celebration of World Press Freedom Day.

“Digital media create new paths, obstacles to press freedom,” Priya Kumar, May 1, 2011.

<http://ijnet.org/stories/digital-media-create-new-paths-obstacles-press-freedom-world-press-freedom-day>

Crowded into the back two rows of the Newseum’s conference room Sunday night, a group of Pakistani journalists hoped the events of World Press Freedom Day in Washington, D.C., would better equip them to report in an environment of militancy and restriction.

“World Press Freedom Day hosts free webinar for young journalists,” May 1, 2011.

<http://ijnet.org/opportunities/world-press-freedom-day-hosts-free-webinar-young-journalists-worldwide>

Young journalists around the globe can participate in an online discussion about press freedom issues. The free event marks [World Press Freedom Day](#), which will be held in Washington D.C. this year.

“UNESCO General Director: Citizen journalism will not replace media professionals,” May Elian, April 29, 2011.

<http://ijnet.org/stories/bokova%E2%80%99s-teleconference-citizen-journalism-will-not-replace-professional->

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The uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt were about freedom and dignity, said UNESCO's Director-General Irina Bokova Thursday during a teleconference previewing the 20th celebration of World Press Freedom Day next week in Washington, D.C.

“Help make press freedom a global trend online,” IJNET, April 29, 2011.

<http://ijnet.org/stories/help-make-press-freedom-global-trend-online>

UNESCO's World Press Freedom Day is held every year on May 3 to keep press freedom at the forefront of the global agenda. This year the day will be commemorated in more than 100 countries, including the global conference in Washington, DC, under the theme, "21st Century: New Frontiers, New Barriers." Whether or not you are able to join one of these events, you can join the global conversation and help advance press freedom by showing your support online. Join in a social media call to action campaign to use your status to call on your leaders and peers to take a stand in the protection of the fundamental right to freedom of expression.

“Fighting for press freedom in Thailand,” Priya Kumar, April 29, 2011

<http://ijnet.org/stories/fighting-press-freedom-thailand-world-press-freedom-day>

To anyone doubting the relevance of press freedom, Thai journalist Chiranuch Premchaiporn has a message: “When we talk about press freedom, it should mean freedom of the people.”

“Blogs are new in Somalia, where Internet cafes thrive,” May Elian, April 27, 2011.

<http://ijnet.org/stories/blogs-are-new-somalia-where-internet-cafes-thrive-world-press-freedom-day>

As part of our series profiling World Press Freedom Day participants, IJNet spoke with Abdikadir Ahmed, IREX field projects officer for Somalia, based in Hargeisa, Somaliland.

“Partnerships and cross-border collaboration aid investigative journalism,” Yuliya Melnyk, April 26, 2011

<http://ijnet.org/stories/partnerships-and-cross-border-collaboration-aid-investigative-journalism-world-press-freedom>

Stefan Candea is co-founder of the Romanian Centre for Investigative Journalism and a 2011 Nieman Fellow at Harvard University. As part of our ongoing profile series leading up to World Press Freedom Day, IJNet spoke to him about investigative journalism in Eastern Europe.

“World Press Freedom Day hosts teleconference on new media and politics,” IJNET, April 26, 2011.

<http://ijnet.org/opportunities/world-press-freedom-day-hosts-teleconference-new-media-and-politics-worldwide>

A teleconference on the role of new media in the Middle East and North Africa will be held Thursday, April 28.

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“Founder of Indian youth website talks citizen journalism,” Dana Liebelson, April 20, 2011.
<http://ijnet.org/stories/founder-indian-youth-website-talks-citizen-journalism-world-press-freedom-day>

Founder Shiv Dravid, 25, will be speaking at a breakout session during the World Press Freedom Day events. The session, which focuses on how young people are driving media innovation, will take place May 2 at the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

“How digital natives fuel media development in Belarus [World Press Freedom Day],” IJNET, April 19, 2011.
<http://ijnet.org/stories/how-digital-natives-fuel-media-development-belarus-world-press-freedom-day>

Maria Sadvovskaya will take part in a panel at the World Press Freedom Day in May. Sadvovskaya, currently a graduate journalism student at Columbia University in New York, will tell the story of [European Radio for Belarus](#), an FM, satellite and web radio which started in an apartment in Warsaw, Poland in 2006. She'll be part of a [breakout session](#) focusing on digital natives held May 2.

“World Press Freedom Day sponsors announced,” Dana Liebelson, April 13, 2011.
<http://ijnet.org/stories/world-press-freedom-day-sponsors-announced>

World Press Freedom Day has announced its 2011 sponsors, who will be helping promote the global conversation on media freedom. This year's conference for World Press Freedom Day will take place from May 1 to 3 in Washington, D.C. The aim of the event, organized by UNESCO and hosted for the first time by the United States, is to celebrate, evaluate and defend journalism. The event also pays tribute to journalists who have given their lives for their work.

“Iranian journalist wins World Press Freedom Prize,” Dana Liebelson, April 8, 2011.
<http://ijnet.org/stories/iranian-journalist-wins-world-press-freedom-prize>

An Iranian journalist currently behind bars for his work won this year's UNESCO Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize. The international [prize](#) launched in 1997 honors a person, organization or institution that has made an outstanding contribution to press freedom, especially in the face of adversity. This year's winner is [Ahmad Zeidabadi](#), a notable Iranian journalist, political analyst and academic. He is the former editor-in-chief of daily Azad and also contributes to Hamshahari, the BBC Persian service and the Persian/English news site, [Rooz](#). He has been arrested multiple times for his work and is currently serving a six-year jail sentence following Iran's disputed presidential election in 2009.

“World Press Freedom Day to focus on new media,” IJ Net, April 6, 2011.
<http://ijnet.org/stories/world-press-freedom-day-focus-new-media>

As journalists around the world use social media to report breaking news and grapple with government-imposed Internet restrictions, World Press Freedom Day aims to highlight the challenges and opportunities new technology brings. Organized by UNESCO, World Press Freedom Day 2011 will be held in Washington, D.C. this year from May 1-3. The theme, "21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers," is especially timely.

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“Journalists, too, are victims of Bahrain's crackdown,” Roy Gutman, Miami Herald, May 8, 2011.
<http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/05/08/2207058/journalists-too-are-victims-of.html>

Last week, the board of the paper met and decided it would shut down. On the eve of World Press Freedom Day last week, it announced it will quit publishing Monday, putting more than 200 employees out of work.

“Journalist Shot dead in Algeria stronghold,” Digital Journal, May 8, 2011.

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/article/306454>

A journalist was shot dead on Friday in Algeria at a stronghold where insurgents linked to al Qaeda are active, according to a security official. The killing happened at a time when journalists across the globe are commemorating World Press Freedom Day.

“Cote d'Ivoire / UNOCI's future role under preparation,” PR-USA, May 8, 2011.

http://pr-usa.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=719212&Itemid=29

“World Press Freedom Day: AUC Chairperson Calls for Protection of Journalists,” PR-USA Net, May 8, 2011.

http://pr-usa.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=719134&Itemid=29

“Pam Platt | Pursuit of truth is sometimes perilous,” Courier Journal, May 7, 2011.

<http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20110508/COLUMNISTS10/305080047/Pam-Platt-Pursuit-truth-sometimes-perilous?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Home|s>

Little did I realize that this journey would bring me much closer to the reality of the perils of what I do comfortably for a living in the United States. It would also underscore, in a way I probably didn't get before, the meaning and importance of World Press Freedom Day, which I try to write about when it is commemorated each year on May 3. All the abstractions fell away on this trip.

“Brian Geary Consulting has announced a new Content Review Service,” PR-USA Net, May 6, 2011.

http://pr-usa.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=716521&Itemid=28

The Content Review Service debuts on May 3rd in recognition of the UN World Press Freedom Day. May 3rd marks the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek, which calls for free, independent, and pluralistic media worldwide. “Although World Press Freedom Day reminds us of the importance of a free press,” notes company spokesman Brian Geary. “It also provides an opportunity to reflect on the responsibilities of anyone who publishes.”

“Journalists mark month of detention in Libya,” TucsonSentinel.com, May 6, 2011.

http://www.tucsonsentinel.com/nationworld/report/050511_libya_journalists/journalists-mark-month-detention-libya

As journalists and advocates of press freedom around the globe mark World Press Freedom Day, four reporters — two of them American — are marking one month of detention in Tripoli at the hands of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi.

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“Turkey's Muzzled Muckrakers,” Andrew Finkel, New York Times, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/06/opinion/06iht-edfinkel06.html>

Turkey now holds the dubious record for being the country with the most imprisoned journalists — 57 according to a report by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. There are as many as 1,000 other cases pending against journalists, many of whose only crime was rigorous reporting. So this week, as we mark World Press Freedom Day, let us hope that those journalists languishing in Turkish prisons will be freed until the courts prove them guilty — and that their colleagues on the outside throw off their shackles to engage in proper journalism.

“Turkey press freedom under fire,” CNN, May 6, 2011.

http://articles.cnn.com/2011-05-06/world/turkey.press.freedom_1_turkish-reporters-recep-tayyip-erdogan-world-press-freedom-day?_s=PM:WORLD

With more than 50 reporters currently behind bars in Turkey, activists argue freedom of expression is under fire in a country that is often promoted as a model Muslim democracy for the turbulent Middle East.

“Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam launches blistering attack on independent media,”

Reporters Without Borders, May 6, 2011.

http://en.rsf.org/mauritius-prime-minister-ravin-ramgoolam-06-05-2011_40242.html

Such comments by the prime minister are creating an appalling climate between the government and media. They are liable to induce most journalists to censor themselves and do Mauritius' image a great deal of harm. The fact that they were made just two days ahead of World Press Freedom Day, on 3 May, is particularly shocking.

“Ethiopia censors UNESCO World Press Freedom Day event,” CPJ, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.cpj.org/2011/05/ethiopia-censors-unesco-world-press-freedom-day-ev.php>

Officials in Ethiopia hijacked a local UNESCO-sponsored World Press Freedom Day event, installing government-backed journalists as speakers and nixing independent journalists slated to speak. There was no discussion, as originally planned, of this year's global theme on new media and the Internet at the Tuesday forum, according to local sources and news reports.

“Critical newspaper owner is the second Brazilian journalist shot to death in a month,” Knight Center, May 5, 2011.

<http://knightcenter.utexas.edu/blog/critical-newspaper-owner-second-brazilian-journalist-shot-death-month>

Brazilian journalist [Valério Nascimento was found dead](#) on May 3, after having been [shot repeatedly](#) in the city of [Rio Claro](#) in the interior of [Rio de Janeiro](#) state, iG and the Associated Press report. The crime was the [second journalist killed](#) on the same day as the celebrations for [World Press Freedom Day 2011](#).

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“Balkan Fellowship for Journalistic Excellence - at World Press Freedom Day,” Korrik Sofalia, Technorati May 5, 2011.

<http://technorati.com/politics/article/balkan-fellowship-for-journalistic-excellence-at/>

By coincidence together with the World Press Freedom Day on 3rd. May started the 2011 Balkan Fellowship for Journalistic Excellence [programme](#). According to the [organizer](#), this year’s programme sets a [focus](#) on justice in a legal and social dimension.

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“Changing Lanes | You’ve just been censored!” Andy Rossback, LCC Torch, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.lcctorch.com/?p=1479>

May 3 is World Press Freedom Day — a day set aside by the United Nations in 1993 to celebrate freedom of the press. This year, one of the college’s Public Safety officers decided to celebrate it by censoring The Torch. On Tuesday evening, a Torch editor monitoring a police scanner tipped off another editor that a student may have been having a seizure in the cafeteria.

“Freedom of the press facing oppression in Latin America,” Derooy Murdock, The San Francisco Examiner, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/opinion/op-eds/2011/05/freedom-press-facing-oppression-latin-america>

UNESCO, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, designated Wednesday as World Press Freedom Day. Latin America’s increasingly heavy-handed dictators generally have shifted from messy tactics of controlling the press — such as beating journalists in the streets or jailing them. Instead, using denunciations, lawsuits and broadcast-license rejections can accomplish the same objectives without drawing blood.

“National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ) / Statement on World Press Freedom Day Celebration,” AUTO-MOBI.info (press release), May 5, 2011.

http://www.auto-mobi.info/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=159883&Itemid=50

To commemorate World Press Freedom Day, 3 May 2011, The National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ) celebrates the indispensable role that journalists play in Somali society in the face of increasing wave of repression. Crackdown against journalists and news media organisations takes place in the context of the intensification of the fight between the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) with the help of the African Union troops and Al-Shabaab forces.

“Free Press is a Major Prerequisite for Accomplishing UN MDGs - Urged Dr ... Naseer Homoud,” PR-USA Net, May 5, 2011.

http://pr-usa.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=715810&Itemid=30

Observing the World Press Freedom Day Dr. Naseer Homoud Goodwill Ambassador and Director of Middle East office for the Intergovernmental Institution for the use of Micro-algae Spirulina against Malnutrition (IIMSAM), the Observer to the United Nations Economic and Social Council while addressing the media said, “World Press Freedom Day serves as a reminder of the need to respect press freedom and as a day of remembrance for journalists who have lost their lives in the exercise of their profession.”

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“Editorial: World Press Freedom Day,” Mary Kimm, Fairfax Connection, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=350614&paper=63&cat=110>

May 3 is World Press Freedom Day, a time to remember that in 2010, 44 journalists were murdered around the world to stop them from reporting the facts. In 2011, so far, 16 journalists have been murdered. The day serves as a reminder to governments of the need to respect press freedom, also serves as a day of reflection on professional ethics and press freedom for those who work in media, a

day of support for journalists and organizations of all kinds who are targets, and a day of remembrance for those journalists who lost their lives in the exercise of their profession.

“Alliance of Baptists Celebrates 25th Annual Convocation,” Baptists Today, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.baptiststoday.org/weavers-weekly-wrap-up/2011/5/5/alliance-of-baptists-celebrates-25th-annual-convocation.html>

John Pierce, editor here at Baptists Today, offers a [few words of celebration](#) for World Press Freedom Day. Read more about World Press Freedom Day [here](#).

“Gathering sees work by Rochester journalist detained in Libya,” Fosters.com, Amy 4, 2011.

http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110504/GJNEWS_01/705049933

The event entitled "An Evening of Witness" was held in Roxbury, Mass., as part of World Press Freedom Day. Diane Foley, James' mother, said work by James — a freelance journalist for GlobalPost with Rochester ties — as well as Clare Gillis, another American reporter who was taken with James by forces loyal to Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi on April 5, would be included in the event.

“Media group calls 4 Mideast chiefs press predators,” Greg Keller, Business Week, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9N047DO0.htm>

The Paris-based group says its 2011 list is made up of 38 politicians, government officials, religious leaders, militias and criminal organizations that are hostile to civil liberties and direct organizers of campaigns of violence against journalists. Newcomers to the annual list, released on World Press Freedom Day, include Bahrain's King Hamad Ben Aissa Al Khalifa and Honduran businessman and landowner Miguel Facusse Barjum.

“On World Press Freedom Day, Millions Go Toward Protecting Journalists,” Alex Wagner, Huffington Post, May 4, 2011.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/05/03/world-press-freedom-day-2011_n_857060.html Tuesday marks [World Press Freedom Day](#), and this year, the event seems particularly well-timed. Alongside the [media-fueled uprisings in the Middle East](#), the [deaths](#) of photojournalists Tim Hetherington and Chris Hondros in Libya last month

shined a bright light on the issue of how to ensure -- and protect -- a free press around the world.

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“UN chief calls for justice and freedom for slain and detained journalists,” UN News Centre, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=38269&Cr=press+freedom&Cr1=Secretary-General> Ban Ki-moon today called for justice for journalists who have been killed because of their work and freedom for those detained, deploring impunity for those responsible for the murders and repression, as well as lack of official concern for the protection of media professionals. “On this Day, we call for justice – and freedom for those detained,” Mr. Ban, speaking at a formal observance at UN Headquarters to mark [World Press Freedom Day](#), which falls on 3 May each year.

“World Press Freedom: Words Made Powerful,” Walden Davis, Huffington Post, May 4, 2011.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/walden-davis/press-freedom_b_857260.html

In the midst of the Arab Spring, World Press Freedom Day, May 3, seems even more important than in years past. When President Barack Obama spoke at the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner a few days before, he joked and joshed with the crowd, but he ended his stand-up seriously. He saluted journalists for the essential role they play in supporting civil society and sustaining democracy across the globe.

“Gunmen kill journalist from Brazilian newspaper that denounced city government,” Stan Lehman, The Associated Press, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeQM5i17wKMhUdZYHrWP5g15zwJM6oolA?docId=6756440>

"Nascimento's murder, which took place on World Press Freedom Day, is a reminder that Brazil is still a dangerous country for journalists despite recent legislative progress and efforts to combat impunity," the Paris-based Reporters Without Borders said on its website. "He is the second journalist to have been gunned down this year, while a third journalist, a blogger, only just survived a murder attempt."

“Weekly Roundup from Across the Americas,” America Quarterly, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.americasquarterly.org/node/2498>

U.S. think tank [Freedom House classified](#) Mexico and Honduras as [countries where the press is not free or independent](#) in its report for 2011, released on World Press Freedom Day (May 2). The organization also labeled Cuba and Venezuela in the same category. A separate study by the International Press Institute found that almost one quarter of the 102 journalists killed worldwide in 2010 died in Mexico or Honduras.

“IFJ Joins FAJ Press Freedom Day Call for Release of Journalists in Eritrea,” PR-USA.net, May 4, 2011.

http://pr-usa.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=714645&Itemid=29

The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) today joined its African group, the Federation of African Journalists (FAJ) to mark World Press Freedom Day by sending a letter to President Issayas Afewerki of Eritrea, urging him to release all journalists detained by his government.

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“A sampling of editorials from Oklahoma newspapers,” KSWO, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.ksw.com/Global/story.asp?S=14572338>

Journalists around the world banded together to spread the word about our shrinking industry for Tuesday's World Press Freedom Day. Yes, as practicing journalists we have a vested interest when it comes to the future of journalism and how we can recover from this financial slump, but it is our hope that we can express our dedication and love for this industry to our readers.

“Transparency of Indian media under scrutiny: Report,” Media News Line, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.medianewsline.com/news/142/ARTICLE/7677/2011-05-04.html>

New Delhi : Transparency was the key question that the Indian media faced through 2010, with "paid news" and "cash for coverage" remaining in public focus throughout the year, a report by the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) said Tuesday on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day.

“Famously Harassed Architecture Photographer Grant Smith Leads Protest for Photographers Rights,” Steve Delahoyde , Media Bistro, May 4, 2011.

http://www.mediabistro.com/unbeige/architectur-photographer-grant-smith-leads-protest-for-photographers-rights_b13707

Smith and his supporters and colleagues, [swarmed London’s City Hall yesterday](#), in honor of [World Press Freedom Day](#). There, they protested, took photos of the building and the fleeing, now-camera-shy security guards, and delivered a letter to London’s mayor, Boris Johnson, “explaining how security guards were preventing people from quite legally photographing buildings in the city.”

“Ephemeral Digest: What would an Apprentice journalist ask a celebrity?” Bristol 24/7, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.bristol247.com/2011/05/04/ephemeral-digest-what-would-an-apprentice-journalist-ask-a-celebrity/>

With a wonderful blend of celebration and solemnity, yesterday happened to be [World Press Freedom Day](#) and the day when this year’s contestants were announced for The Apprentice.

“ZBC Cannot Be Transformed – Mtetwa,” RadioVop, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.radiovop.com/national-news/6232-zbc-cannot-be-transformed-mtetwa.html>

Top Harare media and human rights lawyer Beatrice Mtetwa says ZBC cannot be transformed into a true public broadcaster due to years of politicisation saying its staff will need to be re-trained even if that was to happen. “I doubt that ZBC in its current state and in our current political environment can in fact be transformed,” said Mtetwa while addressing a World Press Freedom Day function in Harare on Tuesday.

“Friends Rally for Detained Journalist,” Harvard Crimson, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.thecrimson.com/article/2011/5/4/gillis-journalists-event-foley/>

Friends of Clare M. Gillis—Harvard graduate and freelance journalist—urged for more action to bring back captured journalists in Libya at an event on Tuesday, which was World Press Freedom Day and also marked a month after Gillis was captured by Libyan loyalists.

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“UN: Cyber attacks, digital censorship new barriers to free media,” TMC Net, May 3, 2011.
<http://www.tmcnet.com/usubmit/2011/05/04/5485079.htm>

The United Nations marked World Press Freedom Day on Tuesday with a warning that some governments have erected new barriers against the media, including cyber surveillance and digital censorship.

“Editorial: A journalist killed every 10 days,” USA Today, May 3, 2011.
http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/editorials/2011-05-03-A-journalist-killed-every-10-days_n.htm

On Tuesday, the [United Nations](#) marked their sacrifice with [World Press Freedom Day](#), which celebrates the importance of a free press in a world where information is often controlled by those in power. But it should be remembered every time you see or read a dispatch from reporters like Logan.

“Happy World Press Freedom Day!” The Moral Liberal, May 3, 2011.
<http://www.themoralliberal.com/2011/05/03/happy-world-press-freedom-day/>

As we [reported](#) a few weeks ago, today kicks off the first-ever U.S.-hosted [World Press Freedom Day](#), an event established in 1993 to commemorate the underlying principles of press freedom and draw attention to the hurdles journalists often face to keep the public informed.

“Media group calls 4 Mideast chiefs press predators,” CBS News, May 3, 2011.
<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/05/03/ap/europe/main20059515.shtml>

The Paris-based group says its 2011 list is made up of 38 politicians, government officials, religious leaders, militias and criminal organizations that are hostile to civil liberties and direct organizers of campaigns of violence against journalists. Newcomers to the annual list, released on World Press Freedom Day, include Bahrain's King Hamad Ben Aissa Al Khalifa and Honduran businessman and landowner Miguel Facusse Barjum.

“World Press Freedom Day - calls for responsible use of new media,” Independent Catholic News
<http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news.php?viewStory=18163>

To mark World Press Freedom Day, yesterday, the World Association for Christian Communication (WACC) called on communicators to use new media responsibly, in order to strengthen press freedom and communication rights worldwide.

“GA upgrades EU’s status at the UN, new OIOS positions to be filled, UN commemorates World Press Freedom Day and more from UN Direct,” UN Dispatch, May 3, 2011.
<http://www.undispatch.com/ga-upgrades-eus-status-at-the-un-new-oios-positions-to-be-filled-un-commemorates-world-press-freedom-day-and-more-from-un-direct>

The SG, High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay, and DG of UNESCO Irina Bokova stressed that state authorities must do everything to counter impunity. In the past decade, more than 500 journalists have lost their lives, with 60 killings reported worldwide in 2010 alone. They stated, “We will never forget the courage of journalists who paid with their lives for our right to know.”

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“Zimbabwe Journalists Mark Press Freedom Day With Push for Open Airwaves,” Voice of America, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.voanews.com/zimbabwe/news/Zimbabwe-Media-Mark-Press-Freedom-Day-With-Push-for-Open-Airwaves-121177734.html>

Zimbabwean journalists marking World Press Freedom Day on Tuesday in Harare told Information Minister Webster Shamu the country must open up its airwaves and repeal repressive laws under which Zimbabwe remains a difficult working environment.

“UT Tyler paper protest,” KETK NBC, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.ketknbc.com/local/ut-tyler-paper-protest>

Today is World Press Freedom Day and that principle is being put to the test locally, or so say some students at UT-Tyler. Student newspapers at the university level aren't quite like the ones we remember from High School. Since they are grooming young journalists for real careers, they sell advertising, do real reporting, and have more editorial freedom.

“Diane Foley Speaks On Son’s Libyan Detention,” WBUR, May 3, 2011.

<http://radioboston.wbur.org/2011/05/03/diane-foley>

One of the journalists being held is James Foley, a New Hampshire native and a contributor to Boston-based [GlobalPost](#). Foley's mother, Diane, is in Boston Tuesday to mark “World Press Freedom Day.” She joins us to discuss James Foley's status in Libya.

“Way to Transform Shridhar University Pilani Rajasthan and World Press Freedom Day,” PR Log, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.prlog.org/11469092-way-to-transform-shridhar-university-pilani-rajasthan-and-world-press-freedom-day.html>

is in this context that the theme chosen for 2011 World Press Freedom Day on May 3 is "21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers." Press freedom is considered to be a cornerstone of human rights and a guarantee of other freedoms.

“Photojournalist Lynsey Addario on her work in Congo, Afghanistan and being detained in Libya,” WBEZ, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.wbez.org/episode-segments/2011-05-03/photojournalist-lynsey-addario-her-work-congo-afghanistan-and-being-deta>

Photojournalist Lynsey Addario has seen up close the results of repression and injustice. She also made the news recently when she and three other journalists were detained in Libya.

“Media group calls 4 Mideast chiefs press predators,” CNBC, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.cnn.com/id/42882508>

Newcomers to the annual list, released on World Press Freedom Day, include Bahrain's King Hamad Ben Aissa Al Khalifa and Honduran businessman and landowner Miguel Facusse Barjum.

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“UNESCO OER Platform to be tested at celebrations of World Press Freedom Day in ...
AUTO-MOBI.info, May 3, 2011.

http://www.auto-mobi.info/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=158938&Itemid=56

Journalism educators from Lesotho, Namibia and South Africa will meet to provide input to the UNESCO Open Educational Resources (OER) Platform in Windhoek, Namibia, on 6 May 2011 as a side event to the World Press Freedom Day celebrations in Namibia. The event is hosted by the Media Technology Department of the Polytechnic of Namibia.

“World Press Freedom Day: New technology’s threats and potential,” The Jewish Journal of Greater L.A., May 3, 2011.

http://www.jewishjournal.com/opinion/article/world_press_freedom_day_new_technologys_threats_and_potential_20110503/

It’s part of a campaign organized by the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers to mark World Press Freedom Day. Larry Kilman, WAN’s executive CEO told The Media Line that the idea is to “remind [readers] that without a free press, this is what the industry would look like.”

“Leaders of Libya, Syria, Yemen, Bahrain criticized as 'press predators',” Greg Keller, The Associated Press, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5jB4kxmC8BZKR7Bi30Z4ni-z4pgDw?docId=6744114>

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“Media group calls 4 Mideast chiefs press predators,” MSNBC, May 3, 2011.

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42881394/ns/world_news-europe

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“UNESCO OER Platform to be tested at celebrations of World Press Freedom Day in Windhoek,” PR-USA.net, May 3, 2011.

http://pr-usa.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=712825&Itemid=30

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“World Press Freedom Day: Don't believe the numbers, the good guys are winning,” Christian Science Monitor, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/Opinion/2011/0503/World-Press-Freedom-Day-Don-t-believe-the-numbers-the-good-guys-are-winning>

Today is World Press Freedom Day, a time when editorial writers will rightly mourn [the decline of freedom of expression](#) and the alarming rise in the number of journalists and bloggers killed or incarcerated around the world. According to the Committee to Protect Journalists, 132 journalists were killed since 2009, and hundreds more professional and citizen journalists remain behind bars.

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“French foreign minister: 'hard to believe' Pakistan didn't know bin Laden lived in midst,” AP, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5gUlvCoAAONdCy1iMMctj-htyajMg?docId=6743036>

Answering reporters' questions at a World Press Freedom Day briefing, Juppe said Tuesday that "I find it hard to believe that the presence of a person or individual such as bin Laden in a large compound in a relatively small town ... could go completely unnoticed."

“Mideast news brief: Syrian security forces arrest more than 1,000 Syrians,” Tom Kutsch and Maria Kornalian, Foreign Policy, May 3, 2011.

http://mideast.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/05/03/mideast_news_brief_syrian_security_forces_arrest_more_than_1000_syrians

A message reading 'Ink must flow, not blood' has been painted on the facade of the Syrian Embassy in Paris by activists of the international non-governmental organization 'Reporters sans frontieres' (Reporters without borders) based in France and a portrait of Syrian president Bashar al-Assad splashed with blue ink, on May 3, 2011 during a demonstration to protest against attacks on journalists in Syria as part of World Press Freedom Day

“Reporters Without Borders protests against crackdown on media in Syria,” Reporters Without Borders, May 3, 2011.

http://en.rsf.org/syria-reporters-without-borders-protests-03-05-2011_40214.html

Reporters Without Borders activists gathered outside the Syrian embassy in Paris at 11 a.m. today, World Press Freedom Day, to protest against the Syrian government's crackdown on the media.

“World Press Freedom Day,” NJ TODAY, May 3, 2011.

<http://njtoday.net/2011/05/03/world-press-freedom-day/>

In many countries — but certainly not all — World Press Freedom Day is observed on May 3. The United States has long held the freedom of the press as one of its cardinal values, enshrining it in the very first amendment to our government's founding document, the Constitution: “Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press.

“Palace to present House with own FOI proposals,” GMANews.TV, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.gmanews.tv/story/219503/nation/palace-to-present-house-with-own-foi-proposals>

Among the FOI versions that the government studied are those of the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom, which he described as the strictest, according to the Palace. Lacierda's disclosure came as the country and the world marked [World Press Freedom](#) Day on May 3.

“Obama on World Press Freedom Day,” Capitol Hill Cubans, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.capitolhillcubans.com/2011/05/obama-statement-on-world-press-freedom.html>

Statement by the President on World Press Freedom Day: On this World Press Freedom Day, the United States joins with people around the world in reaffirming the fundamental freedoms of expression, assembly, and association that provide the foundation for media to operate freely and keep citizens informed.

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“Crowdsourcing is good -- but not enough,” John Yemma, Christian Science Monitor, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/editors-blog/2011/0503/Crowdsourcing-is-good-but-not-enough>

And with e-mail, Twitter, blogs, and instant messaging, everyone can be a publisher. That’s good, even if it means that old-line media companies, including this one, are going through profound disruption as a result. There are now millions of citizen journalists. They have shown us tsunamis and tornadoes, street protests and police brutality. We have unprecedented visibility, especially in parts of the world where the state used to control everything that was seen and heard.

“Journalists: Ethiopia Hijacked Press Freedom Day Conference,” Voice of America, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/Journalists-Ethiopia-Hijacked-Press-Freedom-Day-Conference--121201749.html>

An Ethiopian observance of World Press Freedom Day was marred Tuesday by a walkout of independent journalists after a dispute with a rival group of state-run media employees. It was organized as a conference on critical topics of interest to Ethiopian journalists. But before the meeting began, staff members of Addis Ababa’s private newspapers were grumbling that the discussions were being hijacked.

“Press Freedom Under Fire in Europe,” Birgitta Ohlsson and Jean-François Julliard, Huffington Post, May 3, 2011.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jeanfran/press-freedom-under-fire-in-europe_b_856959.html

Today, May 3, on the World Press Freedom Day, all decision-makers in the Europe should ponder the wise words of French writer Albert Camus: "A free press can be good or bad, but one thing is certain, no freedom can never be anything but poor.

“Mariane Pearl to Speak on Press Freedom Tuesday,” Betsy Rothstein, Media Bistro, May 3, 2011.

http://www.mediabistro.com/fishbowlde/mariane-pearl-to-speak-on-press-freedom-tuesday_b38192

[Mariane Pearl](#), a French freelance journalist for Glamour and the widow of slain Wall Street Journal reporter [Daniel Pearl](#), will be on Capitol Hill Tuesday for a panel on defending press freedom.

“US Hosts World Press Freedom Day in the Midst of Prosecuting Media Publisher WikiLeaks,” Kevin Gosztola, OpEd News, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.opednews.com/articles/US-Hosts-World-Press-Freed-by-Kevin-Gosztola-110503-587.html>

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“On World Press Freedom Day, three nations call for release of Dorothy Parvaz,” Alan Wirzbicki, Boston Globe, May 3, 2011.

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/blogs/the_angle/2011/05/on_world_press.html

Journalist Dorothy Parvaz, a 2009 Neiman Fellow at Harvard, flew into Damascus airport Friday on assignment to cover the unrest in Syria and has not been heard from since. By coincidence, today is World Press Freedom Day. War correspondents make enormous sacrifices to bring information to the public, and more than 80 attacks have been documented thus far just in Libya. "Attacks on journalists are acts of war against the world," the Globe [editorialized today](#), noting the occasion. The Syrian government needs to heed that message, and release Parvaz now.

“Media group calls 4 Mideast chiefs press predators,” Greg Keller, AP/Seattle PI, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Media-group-calls-4-Mideast-chiefs-press-predators-1363440.php>

The presidents of Syria and Yemen had prominent spots on a list of press freedom "predators" issued Tuesday by media advocacy group [Reporters Without Borders](#), along with a new arrival, the king of Bahrain.

“Digital censorship grows as media moves online,” AP, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iDDc8cLBn3l7SB9w-0h19XbNiJZg?docId=fa06b8b7b9c04a40a1ab645655b0ad79>

Governments worldwide are developing new tools to censor reporters as the media increasingly moves online, the Committee to Protect Journalists said Monday. In a report released on the eve of World Press Freedom Day on Tuesday, the committee said 69 journalists whose work appears mostly online were jailed as of Dec. 1, representing almost half of all reporters imprisoned worldwide.

“Tree-planting highlights World Press Freedom Day,” US News Las Vegas, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.usnewslasvegas.com/provincial/tree-planting-highlights-world-press-freedom-day/>

Close to 100 journalists from Iloilo will gather this weekend for a tree-planting activity to celebrate the World Press Freedom Day. The activity, which is expected to be the biggest in the history involving journalists here, will be spearheaded by the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP)-Iloilo Chapter spearheaded by Roberto Ladera of RMN.

“Speak Out For Imprisoned Journalists On World Press Freedom Day,” Amnesty International (blog), May 3, 2011.

<http://blog.amnestyusa.org/iar/speak-out-for-imprisoned-journalists-on-world-press-freedom-day/>

And how appropriate that today, World Press Freedom Day, focuses on media freedom in the digital age. World Press Freedom Day was established by the United Nations as a tribute to journalists, celebrating the very rights that Shi Tao cannot enjoy: the fundamental human right to freedom of expression. All over the world, journalists constantly face imprisonment, violence, intimidation, detainment and even torture for reporting on human rights violations.

“US Hosts World Press Freedom Day in the Midst of Prosecuting WikiLeaks,” Kevin Gosztola, FDL (blog), May 3, 2011.

<http://my.firedoglake.com/kgosztola/2011/05/03/us-hosts-world-press-freedom-day-in-the-midst-of-prosecuting-wikileaks/>

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“USAID Commemorates World Press Freedom Day,” PR Newswire, May 2, 2011.

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/usaid-commemorates-world-press-freedom-day-121095284.html>

USAID support for independent media development began in Europe and Eurasia to counter the dependency of those countries on state-sponsored news and information. Today, USAID invests approximately \$500 million annually to support civil society and media projects globally. Our projects support local media outlets, professional training for media workers, legislative and regulatory reform, community-based media development and incorporation of new technologies to increase the flow, exchange and access to information – including citizen-generated news and information. We support this work because we recognize that functioning democracies require open communication between citizens and those elected to govern them.

“CPJ Impact: News from the Committee to Protect Journalists, April 2011,” CPJ, April 30, 2011.

<http://www.cpj.org/2011/04/cpj-impact-26.php>

To mark World Press Freedom Day 2011, CPJ will publish "The 10 Tools of Online Oppressors," a special report on the most threatening tactics to suppress online journalists and bloggers as well as the countries making exemplary use of these censorship tools. The report will be published on www.cpj.org on May 2.

“Press Freedom Day Notes Impact of Citizen Journalism,” William Ide, Voice of America, April 29, 2011.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/Press-Freedom-Day-Notes-Impact-of-Citizen-Journalism-120958184.html>

May 3, 2011, the United Nations will mark World Press Freedom Day. This year’s event comes at a time when social media, mobile phones and the Internet are playing an increasing role in giving a voice to the oppressed. As recent events in the Middle East and North Africa have shown, so-called "citizen journalists" are playing a major role.

“Rochester family still awaits word on son held captive in Libya,” Fosters.com, April 29, 2011.

http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110429/GJNEWS_01/704299938&template=RochesterRegion

On Tuesday, "An Evening of Witness" will be held highlighting James' work in Roxbury, Mass. The event will be held as part of World Press Freedom Day, and according to the event listing on Facebook, attendees will "call upon the Libyan government to release James and all other journalists now being detained in Libya."

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“WACC calls on communicators to use digital media responsibly and ethically,” Worldwide Faith News, April 28, 2011.

<http://www.wfn.org/2011/04/msg00152.html>

“UN official urges probe into death of Bolivian news agency director,” UN News Centre, April 28, 2011.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=38216&Cr=journalist&Cr1>

The head of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization today deplored the death of Bolivian news agency director David Niño de Guzmán and called for an investigation into his death.

“Director-General deplores death of Bolivian news agency director David Niño de Guzmán,” UNESCO, April 28, 2011.

http://www.unesco.org/new/en/media-services/single-view/news/director_general_deplores_death_of_bolivian_news_agency_director_david_nino_de_guzman/

“I urge the Bolivian authorities to thoroughly investigate the brutal death of David Niño de Guzmán,” the Director-General said. “Bringing to light the circumstances, and punishing those responsible, sends an important signal that freedom of expression is an inviolable right, and that the existence of a diverse and independent media is vital for informed public debate.”

“Murdock: Free press under attack in Latin America,” Scripps News, April 28, 2011.

<http://www.scrippsnews.com/node/61271>

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“Free Press under Fire in the Americas,” National Review Online, April 28, 2011.

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/265765/free-press-under-fire-americas-deroy-murdock>

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“A Conversation with UNESCO Director Irina Bokova for World Press Freedom Day,” Mark Leon Goldberg, UN Dispatch (blog), April 28, 2011.

<http://www.undispatch.com/a-conversation-with-unesco-director-irina-bokova-for-world-press-freedom-day>

Next week World Press Freedom Day will be commemorated in a series of [events](#) in DC and around the World. In a press conference call earlier this morning, UNESCO director Irina Bokova discusses the roll of press freedom in building open societies, how the new media landscape is challenging tradition views of press freedom and previews events for World Press Freedom day.

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“Free press vital to democracy,” Homer News, April 27, 2011.

http://homernews.com/stories/042711/oped_fpvtd.shtml

Tuesday, May 3, is a day of special interest to us at the Homer News: World Press Freedom Day. It's a day to remember how vital a free press is to democracy. Here at the Homer News we've been yelled at, received critical emails and letters, and even been sued. We're fortunate that no one here has been imprisoned or killed. Not so other brave reporters and photographers around the world.

“Independent Zimbabwe Daily Says Undeterred by Theft of Computer Data,” Sithandekile Mhlanga, VOA, April 27, 2011.

<http://www.voanews.com/zimbabwe/news/Zimbabwe-Police-Investigate-Break-In-At-Independent-Daily-Newspaper-120798599.html>

The editor and publisher of the independent Zimbabwean daily newspaper Newsday said Wednesday that they will not be daunted by the theft of a laptop and 10 hard drives with critical data from the premises of the recently launched paper earlier this week. The laptop was stolen and the hard drives were stripped from the 10 personal computers by parties unknown who broke into Newsday's offices Monday night.

“Malawi Journalists take fight for press freedom to the streets,” Digital Journal, April 27, 2011.

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/article/306020>

Journalists in the Southern part of Malawi organised a peaceful march and later a debate where people expressed dissatisfaction about press freedom, the Africa Review reported. In Malawi Section 46 of the Penal Code empowers the Minister of Information to ban any publication deemed not in public interest. The marchers who demanded freedom of expression and the press were mainly from privately owned media stations according to [Nyasa Times](#).

“National Press Club Calls for Halt to Abuses of Reporters,” PR Newswire, April 27, 2011.

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/national-press-club-calls-for-halt-to-abuses-of-reporters-12077774.html>

As World Press Freedom Day approaches next week, the National Press Club is drawing attention to the unacceptable frequency with which journalists in dozens of nations are imprisoned, abused, beaten or killed. "The National Press Club deplors in the strongest possible terms the mistreatment of reporters wherever it may occur and calls for the release of every journalist who has been detained for the 'crime' of doing his or her job," said National Press Club President Mark Hamrick.

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“11 hard drives, editor’s laptop stolen from independent daily critical of Zimbabwe president,”

Angus Shaw, The Associated Press, April 27, 2011.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5hgDMGDg9VeDjpSTBt8O2207nfh2g?docId=6679065>

An independent daily newspaper critical of Zimbabwe's president said Wednesday thieves raided its offices and stole computer hard drives and the editor's laptop. Raphael Khumalo, chief executive at NewsDay said components and hard drives from 11 reporters' computers were removed in the raid Monday night, along with the editor's laptop used to write a weekly column "critical of political injustices and social ills."

“Did Colo. Principal Who Censored Student Newspaper Plagiarize?” Adam Goldstein, Huffington Post, April 24, 2011.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/adam-goldstein/colorado-principal-newspaper-plagiarize_b_851235.html

On May 3, Washington, D.C. will host World Press Freedom Day, an event designed to draw attention to the state of press freedom in the United States and around the world. Last week, the Student Press Law Center (and dozens of other organizations) published an open letter to President Obama asking his administration to take a stand in support of student press freedom.

“Walkley Press Freedom Dinner,” My Nikon Life (blog), April 19, 2011.

<http://mynikonlife.com.au/articles/walkley-press-freedom-dinner>

Interested in telling real stories with your pictures? Photojournalists have a role and responsibility to tell the stories of real people and their struggles through images. The Walkley foundation recognizes their work and aims to highlight and raise awareness for those who excel in the field. On the 29th April, the Walkley Foundation will host the annual Press Freedom Charity Auction to mark the World Press Freedom Day.

“SPLC raises support for World Press Freedom Day,” INN, April 18, 2011.

<http://investigativenewsnetwork.org/news/splc-raises-support-world-press-freedom-day>

The [Student Press Law Center](#) has rallied over 30 news organizations to sign a letter to President Barack Obama in honor of [World Press Freedom Day](#). The letter will appear in the Washington Post and encourage Obama’s administration to work toward expanding the freedom of the press both internationally and nationally, particularly when evoked by students.

“World Press Freedom Day Lecture,” Kelly PR, April 20, 2011.

<http://www.pkellypr.com/blog/2011/0420/world-press-freedom-day-lecture/>

Lal Wickrematunge’s brother, Lasantha, has been named as a “Hero of Press Freedom” by the International Press Institute following his murder by unknown assailants in 2009 when he was managing editor of The Sunday Leader, a Sri Lankan newspaper.

The Press Council of Ireland, in association with Ireland Aid, has arranged a free public lecture by Lal Wickrematunge to mark World Press Freedom Day on Tuesday 3 May 2011.

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“A report on hypocrisy,” The Shield, April 19, 2011.

http://www.usishield.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=475:a-report-on-hypocrisy-&catid=39:opinion&Itemid=69

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) hosts its annual World Press Freedom Day May 3. For the first time since U.N. General Assembly recognized the day in 1993, this will take place in the United States. The “holiday” focuses on the worldwide abuses committed against the journalists, editors and publishers informing their communities. Abuses such as censorship, prison sentences and even execution fall on those reporting the news.

“World Press Freedom Day 2011,” Student Press Law Center, April 19, 2011.

<http://www.splc.org/wpfd/>

On May 3, the eyes of the world will focus on Washington, D.C., for World Press Freedom Day -- a celebration designated by UNESCO in 1993 to draw public attention to the obstacles faced by journalists in gathering and distributing the vital information necessary for an informed public. This is the first time World Press Freedom Day will have been commemorated on U.S. soil. Because it is America's first-ever World Press Freedom Day, it's the right time to take stock of the state of America's own press freedoms -- and where those freedoms fall short and are in need of improvement to realize the full promise of the First Amendment.

“Rousseff Praise Brightens Outlook for Brazilian FOI Bill,” Greg Michener, Freedom Info, April 18, 2011.

<http://www.freedominfo.org/2011/04/rousseff-praise-brightens-outlook-for-brazilian-foi-bill/>

The timing of the announcement coincides with U.S. President Barack Obama’s recent visit and an invitation to join an ‘Open Government Partnership,’ an effort that will include more than 70 countries. The Open Government Partnership was established last year with India’s Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and is expected to be announced at the opening of the United Nations in September of this year. President Rousseff has set May 3rd, World Press Freedom Day, as the target date for enactment. At just over two weeks from now, this appears to be an excessively ambitious time horizon—barring some creative legislative maneuvering.

“America's Leading Journalism, Free-Speech Groups Urge Student-Rights Focus for World Press Freedom Day 2011,” Student Press Law Center, April 15, 2011

<http://www.editorandpublisher.com/Departments/Newsroom/americas-leading-journalism-freespeech-groups-urge-studentrights-focus-for-world-press-freedom-day-2011-64814-.aspx>

The Student Press Law Center ("SPLC") and 38 of the nation's leading journalism and free-speech organizations joined forces today to call upon the Obama administration to use the May 3 celebration of World Press Freedom Day in Washington, D.C., to assert a global leadership role in liberating student journalists from censorship. The organizations sent a joint letter to President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton today - published in a half-page advertisement in today's The Washington Post - that urges the administration to make the First Amendment rights of student journalists a priority in order to maintain the United States' credibility as a beacon of free expression rights.

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“SPLC Open Letter to Obama: What World Press Freedom Day 2011 Can Mean for Students’ Rights,” The Moral Liberal, April 15, 2011

<http://www.themoralliberal.com/2011/04/15/splc-open-letter-to-obama-what-world-press-freedom-day-2011-can-mean-for-students-rights/>

May 3, 2011, kicks off the first-ever U.S.-hosted [World Press Freedom Day](#), an event established in 1993 to commemorate the underlying principles of press freedom and draw attention to the frequent hurdles journalists face to keep the public informed. In anticipation of the event, the [Student Press Law Center](#) (SPLC), one of our frequent allies in defending free speech on campus, has issued an [open letter to President Obama](#) that appears in The Washington Post today as a half-page advertisement (page A21).

“Save VOA Broadcasting to China,” The Foundry, April 15, 2011.

<http://blog.heritage.org/?p=57233>

Last week, the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations under Representative Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), asked, “Is America’s Overseas Broadcasting Undermining our National Interest and the Fight against Tyrannical Regimes?” If you ask the reporters and editors of the VOA’s Chinese service, who are on the cutting block, they would probably answer, “Yes.” Reporters and editors there are deeply distressed over having their work of decades summarily chopped.

Interestingly, at a time when the U.S. government is preparing to launch [World Press Freedom Day](#) on May 3, VOA itself did not cover the Rohrabacher hearings. (Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty—which is also a U.S. government broadcaster—did, though, in very fair and balanced fashion.)

“World Press Freedom Day letter,” jeasprc.org, April 15.

<http://www.jeasprc.org/world-press-freedom-day-letter-includes-scholastic-media/>

The Washington Post today published an [“open letter”](#) to President Obama and Secretary Clinton today from the Student Press Law Center, JEA and 36 other journalism and free-speech organizations urging them to declare their support for freeing “the other half” of America’s press. Our hope is scholastic media programs will download the letter and develop Action Plans and lessons around it to show support for freedom of expression for scholastic media.

World Press Freedom Day is May 3 and is hosted in the US this year.

“World Press Freedom Day,” In the Jourkno (blog), April 13, 2011.

<http://inthejourkno.wordpress.com/2011/04/13/world-press-freedom-day/>

The anniversary of world press freedom day is coming up and to continue the celebration of press freedom and to pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives in the exercise of their profession, a public meeting is being held where reporters and media workers will tell their stories of being on the frontline. The meeting will be hosted by UNESCO who have played a leading role in the international movement to protect journalists and secure their ability to carry out work in countries afflicted by conflict.

“Unesco Awards a Jailed Iranian Writer,” Dulcie Leimbach, The Interdependent, April 11, 2011.

<http://theinterdependent.com/110411/unesco-awards-a-jailed-iranian-writer> An Iranian journalist has been awarded this year’s Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize from Unesco. Ahmad Zeidabadi is serving a six-year jail sentence that began in December 2009, after mass protests erupted

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over the results of the presidential election in June 2009, in which the incumbent Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was named the winner. Last year's Cano prize also went to a journalist, Mónica González Mujica, a Chilean who had been imprisoned and tortured over her reporting on human-rights violations and the financial doings of Gen. Augusto Pinochet, the country's former dictator. Over all, 145 journalists were in jail as of Dec. 1, 2010, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, an advocacy organization in New York, with China and Iran in the lead at 34 each.

“U.S. Eyes Global Internet Freedoms,” Michele Kelemen, NPR, April 8, 2011.

<http://www.npr.org/2011/04/08/135218143/u-s-eyes-global-internet-freedoms>

The State Department's point person on human rights says his office is in a "cat and mouse" game with authoritarian governments that are trying to restrict free speech on the Internet. "We are trying to stay ahead of the curve and to provide technology, training and diplomatic support to allow people to freely express their views," Assistant Secretary of State Michael Posner told a group of reporters at the State Department this week. Internet freedoms will be one focus on this year's Human Rights report, which the State Department is releasing Friday.

“Award highlights support for Iran’s dissident voices,” Democracy Digest, April 8, 2011.

<http://www.demdigest.net/blog/2011/04/award-highlights-support-for-irans-dissident-voices/>

A leading Iranian journalist has won the [UNESCO World Press Freedom Prize](#). The prestigious award will focus attention on freedom of expression in the Islamic Republic where, reports suggest, US-funded censorship circumvention technologies are “going viral...all over the Middle East.”

“Freedom House Applauds UNESCO Selection of Iranian Journalist for Press Freedom Prize,”

Freedom House, April 7, 2011. <http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=70&release=1385>

Freedom House hailed the announcement today by UNESCO that it’s prestigious annual Guillermo Cano/World Press Freedom Prize for journalists will go to Ahmad Zeidabadi, a leading Iranian journalist serving a six-year prison term for his writings after the disputed Iranian presidential election of 2009. The award, which honors journalists who have displayed exemplary courage, will be presented during a World Press Freedom day event on May 3 in Washington, D.C.

“Jailed Iranian Journalist Ahmad Zeidabadi Wins World Press Freedom Prize,” PBS, April 7, 2011.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/tehranbureau/2011/04/jailed-iranian-journalist-zeidabadi-wins-world-press-freedom-prize.html>

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has [announced](#) that Iranian journalist Dr. Ahmad Zeidabadi, currently serving a six-year prison sentence and banned for life from practicing his profession, is the recipient of the 2011 Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize. A jury of 12 media professionals from around the world selected Zeidabadi to receive the award. Created in 1997 to recognize a person or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the defense and/or promotion of press freedom, especially in the face of danger, the prize is named in honor of assassinated Colombian journalist [Guillermo Cano Isaza](#).

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“100 Photos of Rene Burri for press freedom, the new photo album of reporters without borders,” Reporters Without Borders, April 7, 2011.

http://en.rsf.org/100-photos-of-rene-burri-for-press-05-04-2011_39959.html

A member of the prestigious Magnum Photos agency since 1959, René Burri has turned his incisive and creative eye on all corners of the planet. Born in Switzerland and now aged 77, Burri is regarded as one of the few really legendary figures of photography. His powerful images have celebrated both everyday events and great moments in history.

“May 1-3 in DC: World Press Freedom Day,” Election Guide Digest, April 5, 2011.

<http://digest.electionguide.org/2011/04/05/may-1-3-in-dc-world-press-freedom-day/>

Under the theme 21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers, the events to be held May 1-3, 2011, in Washington, DC, will affirm fundamental principles of media freedom in the digital age—the ability of citizens to voice their opinions and access diverse, independent information sources—20 years after the original declaration was made in Windhoek, Namibia. African journalists gathered there in 1991 proclaimed that an independent, pluralistic press is fundamental to democracy and economic development and called upon the United Nations to designate a day dedicated to preserving this freedom.

“World Press Freedom Day 2011 Website Opens Registration and Event Agenda to the Public,” Advertising Industry Newswire, April 4, 2011.

[also ran in US Department of State (press release), Newsroom America, IIP Digital]

http://advertisingindustrynewswire.com/2011/04/04/1892_233847.php

The Steering Committee for World Press Freedom Day 2011 launched its website, www.wpfd2011.org, today, unveiling the event’s agenda and opening registration to the public for this historic gathering. The conference is organized jointly by UNESCO, the U.S. Department of State, the Center for International Media Assistance at the National Endowment for Democracy, IREX, and the United Nations Foundation.

“Website raises curtain on celebration of World Press Freedom Day 2011 in the United States,” UNESCO, April 4, 2011.

http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=31313&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

The international celebration of World Press Freedom Day 2011 has been kicked off with the opening of the WPF 2011 website for one of this year’s key events, an international conference on 21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers to be held in the United States of America (Washington, DC) from 1 to 3 May.

“About World Press Freedom Day 2011,” wan-ifra.org, March 31, 2011.

<http://www.wan-ifra.org/articles/2011/03/31/about-world-press-freedom-day-2011>

The World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA) is committed to defending and promoting a free and independent press worldwide everyday, but particularly on 3 May, World Press Freedom Day. We invite you to download and freely publish our materials, with credit to WAN-IFRA and the authors, on or around 3 May, to explore press freedom issues with your readers.

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International Coverage (Outside of U.S.)

BBC Persia

http://www.bbc.co.uk/persian/iran/2011/05/110503_u01_zeidabadi-unesco.shtml

[Video]

“In Burma, reporting is a crime,” Elizabeth Hughes, The Australian, May 9, 2011.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/media/in-burma-reporting-is-a-crime/story-e6frg996-1226052143213>

Last week, one day after the UN's World Press Freedom day, DVB launched a Free Burma VJ (video-journalists) campaign in an attempt to push for their release, publicly conceding for the first time that the total of DVB reporters behind bars had reached the alarming total of 17. The new information means Burma is the third-most oppressive jailer of journalists in the world, after China and Iran, with a total of about 25 incarcerated.

“Unsung reporters continue to die for freedom around the globe,” Peter Preston, The Guardian, May 8, 2011.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2011/may/08/journalist-deaths-2010-comment-peter-preston>

Last Monday, the day dominated by Bin Laden's death, was also something you may have missed: World Press Freedom Day. A certain symmetry? Perhaps, but also a moment to count the journalists' lives lost, as collated by the International Press Institute Review for 2010.

“Turkey needs judicial overhaul to boost press freedom,” Today's Zaman, May 8, 2011.

<http://www.todayzaman.com/news-243175-turkey-needs--judicial-overhaul-to-boost-press-freedom.html>

A report released last week by the Washington-based Freedom House showed that Turkey ranked 112th with 54 points among the 196 countries with regard to a free press. Turkey is in the category of countries that have “partly free” media. Released on May 2 as part of the UNESCO World Press Freedom Day celebration in Washington, the report put Turkey's never-ending debates on freedom of the press back on the agenda.

“Government considers me to be an enemy- Father Bwalya,” Lusaka Times, May 7, 2011.

<http://www.lusakatimes.com/2011/05/07/government-considers-enemy-father-bwalya/>

Father Frank Bwalya says he is not surprised that the award he received from the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) Zambia during the world press freedom day commemoration has raised Government eyebrows.

“Journalists Used And Discarded,” Alex Holder, Caribarena Antigua, May 8, 2011.

<http://www.caribarena.com/antigua/opinions/opinion-pieces/97365-journalists-used-and-discarded.html>

On the heels of World Press Freedom day, journalists in Antigua & Barbuda were asked to do some praising, not for anything significant, but for the chance to cover a story – the launch of the "Beautiful People" Mas Troupe on Friday night at the Tree Tops restaurant.

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“Out to Lunch,” News Time, May 8, 2011.

http://www.newstime.co.za/column/DavidBullard/%E2%80%9CYes_its_dirty_linen_but_it%E2%80%99s_OUR_dirty_linen%E2%80%9D%E2%80%A6AVUSA%E2%80%99s_day_of_shame/9/3395/

With suitable irony the refusal to hand over the report was given on May 3rd, World Press Freedom Day, and it should arouse all sorts of suspicions about AVUSA and the Sunday Times. It should also send alarm bells ringing with the JSE inspectorate and the auditors may also want to preserve their good name by considering a forensic audit (although I am sure the shredders would be working overtime should that happen).

“Councillors embracing openness” Mondli Makhanya, Times Live, May 8, 2011.

<http://www.timeslive.co.za/opinion/columnists/article1055883.ece/Councillors-embracing-openness>

After Windhoek, other regions of the world adopted similar declarations, modified to suit their respective conditions. Such was the impact of Windhoek that, by 1993, the UN General Assembly had adopted and declared May 3 - the day of its birth - World Press Freedom Day. Every year since then, the world has paused to pay tribute to the profession of journalism, to honour those who have died and suffered in the service of truth, and to reaffirm the centrality of information flow in the human rights universe.

“A word to journalists: Let's be professional and ethical,” Jamaican Observer, May 8, 2011.

http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/columns/A-word-to-journalists--Let-s-be-professional-and-ethical_8767498

An address by Observer Senior Reporter Ingrid Brown to a World Press Freedom Day breakfast hosted by the Press Association of Jamaica and the Media Association of Jamaica last Tuesday.

“Bin Laden’s death: Tanzanian papers focus on Bin Laden’s death, press freedom,” Afrique en Ligne, May 8, 2011.

<http://www.afriquejet.com/news/africa-news/bin-laden%E2%80%99s-death:-tanzanian-papers-focus-on-bin-laden%E2%80%99s-death,-press-freedom-2011050811118.html>

Turning to World Press Freedom Day celebrated 3 May, The Citizen daily said it was a day for reflection on a very pertinent question: “How free is the Tanzanian media?” “There is no denying the fact that the Tanzanian media is today much freer than it was in the first 30 years of independence. It’s a far cry from the days when information was tightly controlled by the state and private media was expressly banned, lest it ‘corrupted’ the minds of the country’s peasants and workers,” the daily said.

“Observers wonder if media has lost its grip,” Swazi Observer, 7 May, 2011.

<http://www.observer.org.sz/index.php?news=24464>

Has the media in Swaziland already lost its grip? This question was brought to the fore on Tuesday during the World Press Freedom Day celebrations amidst growing concerns that the traditional Swazi media is no longer playing its watchdog function. On the commemoration of Press Freedom Day at the Mountain Inn, different speakers strongly criticised local traditional media for failing to question government enough, but opting to enforce the state’s agenda instead. Independent media houses were also put under the spotlight for apparently being in bed with government of late.

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“Award Winning PNN Editor: I Hope We Will Have More Freedom of Speech,” Palestine News Network, May 7, 2011.

http://english.pnn.ps/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=10002&Itemid=56

The competition was for Radio, Video and Written news stories to mark World Press Freedom Day. In the radio section PNN’s Arabic Chief Editor Mohamed Khalid came first.

“Osama: granting Obama the long birth certificate,” New Zimbabwe, May 7, 2011.

<http://www.newzimbabwe.com/opinion-5070-Osama+granting+Obama+long+birth+certificate/opinion.aspx>

The World Press Freedom Day has come and is gone, leaving behind Zimbabwe's hopes for a freer, nationally independent and thus a more responsive and responsible media industry.

“Tunisian media fear past is back after police beatings,” Manila Bulliten, May 7, 2011.

<http://www.rnw.nl/africa/bulletin/tunisian-media-fear-past-back-after-police-beatings>

Tunisian journalists were left wondering Saturday if the bad old days had returned after brutal police attacks as they tried to cover demonstrations against the new government. A total of 15 reporters and photographers working for both the local and foreign media, male and female alike, were subject to beatings and insults and had their equipment seized on Thursday and Friday in the capital.

“Journos not getting information despite RTI act in operation,” Financial Express, May 7, 2011.

http://www.thefinancialexpress-bd.com/more.php?news_id=134960&date=2011-05-08

The speakers said this at the discussion on 'Press Freedom and Responsibility' organised by South Asian Free Media Association (SAFMA) at the National Press Club in the city Saturday on the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day, reports UNB.

“State is the number one threat to media,” Daily Monitor, May 7, 2011.

<http://www.monitor.co.ug/Magazines/-/689844/1157970/-/pfdh17/-/>

May 3 is World Press Freedom Day, the day enshrined under Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to raise awareness of the importance of freedom of the press and remind governments of their duty to respect and uphold the right to freedom of expression. Risdell Kasasira sought veteran journalist, media scholar and former head of Uganda Christian University Mukono’s Mass Communication Department, Mr Ben Bella Ilakut, about his views on media freedom in Uganda.

“Reluctance to free up the airwaves slammed,” Times Live, May 7, 2011.

<http://www.timeslive.co.za/sundaytimes/article1054931.ece/Reluctance-to-free-up-the-airwaves-slammed>

As Zimbabwe joined the rest of the world in marking World Press Freedom Day this week, the country's inclusive government was roundly condemned for maintaining the monopoly of the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation, which is biased towards President Robert Mugabe and Zanu-PF.

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“Officials censor UNESCO World Press Freedom Day event,” IFEX, May 6, 2011.

http://www.ifex.org/ethiopia/2011/05/06/wpfd_event_censored/

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“This Week: The Future of the War on Terror. PLUS: A New Associate Editor,” The Nation, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.thenation.com/blog/160490/week-future-war-terror-plus-new-associate-editor>

The Nation, along with Mother Jones, New America Media, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Investigative Fund at the Nation Institute and others call on Iran to release Nation Contributor Shane Bauer and friend Josh Fattal, unjustly detained by Iran for the ludicrous charge of “spying.”

“‘Why are we here?’ ask jailed Turkish journalists,” Hurriyet Daily News, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.hurriyetaidailynews.com/n.php?n=8216why-are-we-here8217-asks-jailed-journalists-2011-05-05>

I had come to the Istanbul facility with a group of journalists, all members of the Freedom for Journalists Platform, the day after the world celebrated World Press Freedom Day on May 3. We were there to see just how grim the picture was for some of the 67 jailed journalists in Turkey.

“Defending freedom of expression,” Ottawa Citizen, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/news/Defending+freedom+expression/4743125/story.html>

Eighty-seven journalists and media workers were killed around the world in 2010. And more than 50 were kidnapped for ransom or propaganda purposes. To shine a light on these and many other ominous threats to free speech, May 3 was proclaimed World Press Freedom Day by the UN General Assembly in 1993.

“Strong State institutions, structures: Missing link,” The Financial Gazette, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.financialgazette.co.zw/comment/8169-strong-state-institutions-structures-missing-link.html>

Once again, Zimbabwe on Tuesday celebrated World Press Freedom Day.

Various media organisations in the country held activities to mark the day that is increasingly gaining significance as press freedom takes centre stage in national and international politics. This day is rightly set aside by the UN in recognition of the sacrifices that are made by the media and private individuals to pressure governments that continue to deny their citizens freedom of expression.

“So near, yet so far: the quest for press freedom in Southern Africa,” The Zimbabwean, May 6, 2011.

http://www.thezimbabwean.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=39418:so-near-yet-so-far-the-quest-for-press-freedom-in-southern-africa&catid=35:opinion-a-analysis&Itemid=31

This year's World Press Freedom Day provides a unique opportunity to take stock of the progress, or lack of it, made towards attaining press freedom across the world on one hand, while on the other

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allowing us to look into the future of press freedom in light of past developments and current experiences.

“Tunisia: Journalists Beaten by Police in Central Tunis,” All Africa, May 6, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105070051.html>

La Presse editor Sofiane Ben Farhat told Reporters Without Borders: "We are shocked by what happened to our colleague. I oppose such practices, which date back to another era. Chasing journalists is not the message that should be sent in the days following World Press Freedom Day. We have asked the Union of Journalists to contact the authorities and get this stopped."

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“Namibia: Exploit Those Bragging Rights,” All Africa, May 6, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105070100.html>

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“Living – and dying – with terror,” Ghazi Salahuddin, The News International, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/TodaysPrintDetail.aspx?ID=45795&Cat=9&dt=5/8/2011>

Osama bin Laden's killing was not at all a topic for consideration in the international conference held in Washington to celebrate the World Press Freedom Day, though we kept reverting to it during casual encounters held on the sidelines. I attended two full days of deliberations held at the Newseum

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and the National Press Club. Mainly sponsored by UNESCO, the conference was attended by about 200 delegates from all over the world.

“Rwanda: Journalists Accuse RSF of Prejudice,” Edmund Kagire, All Africa, May 6, 2011
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105060189.html>

Kigali — Practicing journalists and media experts have strongly condemned the continued hounding of Rwanda by the France-based media watchdog, Reporters without Borders (RSF), as one of the countries with limited media freedoms in the world.

“We should honour journalists who contribute to our history,” The Standard Online, May 6, 2011.

<http://m.standardmedia.co.ke/opinionM.php?id=2000034621>

World Press Freedom Day is celebrated every year on May 3 worldwide. The day presents an opportunity to restate freedom of expression and of the media as a basic human right, and to pay tribute to journalists killed in the line of duty.

“Mauritius: Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam Launches Blistering Attack on Independent Media,” All Africa, May 6, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105060906.html>

Such comments by the prime minister are creating an appalling climate between the government and media. They are liable to induce most journalists to censor themselves and do Mauritius' image a great deal of harm. The fact that they were made just two days ahead of World Press Freedom Day, on 3 May, is particularly shocking.

“Ghanaian journalists get ‘Browse House’ for election 2012,” Ghana Business News, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.ghanabusinessnews.com/2011/05/06/ghanaian-journalists-get-%E2%80%99browse-house%E2%80%99-for-election-2012/>

Journalists in the country have been given a spacious wireless Internet- connectivity facility that will help them file their stories, articles to their various press houses during the 2012 general elections. The facility was officially opened after the celebration to mark the 2011 World Press Freedom Day at the International Press Centre in Accra.

“Syria urged to release journalist Dorothy Parvaz,” Andrew Meldrum, Global Post, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.globalpost.com/dispatches/globalpost-blogs/casbah/syria-urged-release-journalist-dorothy-parvaz>

Protesters from Reporters Without Borders demonstrate on May 3, 2011 at the Syrian embassy after splattering the facade with ink to protest against attacks on journalists in Syria as part of World Press Freedom Day.

“US Ambassador dismisses ZPF anti-sanctions petition,” Tererai Karimkwenda, SW Radio Africa News, May 6, 2011.

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<http://www.swradioafrica.com/news060511/usambas060511.htm>

But Ambassador Ray this week put a damper on ZANU PF's ambitions. Speaking at a belated World Press Freedom Day celebration in Gweru, the Ambassador reportedly said the petition would achieve nothing.

“Long live thin-skinned India,” Live Mint, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.livemint.com/2011/05/06204504/Long-live-thinskinned-India.html?h=B>

Clearly the bureaucrats who came up with the country's new set of Internet rules last month have never lived in online India. They have never encountered an Internet Hindu, an Orkutiya or that most vile of species, the Anonymous Indian who under the guise of his anonymity can wish you are raped, your new baby girl gets AIDS and dies, or that your helicopter meets the same fate as your chief minister colleague's did.

“Journalists just wanna do their job - by Alvine Kapitako,” New Era, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.newera.com.na/article.php?articleid=38585&title=Journalists%20just%20wanna%20do%20their%20job>

Although Namibian journalists enjoy media freedom compared to other countries in Africa and the world for that matter, there are a number of 'petit issues' that I'd like to point out, based on personal experience. Being the mouthpiece of society, I feel compelled to point out that the media is not there to sugarcoat stories as some would like us to do.

“African journalism at heart of decolonization,” Mmegi Online, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.mmegi.bw/index.php?sid=6&aid=637&dir=2011/May/Friday6>

As Africa joins the international community in celebrating this year's World Press Freedom Day (May 3) it is also time to look at ways in which journalism has contributed to the emancipation of the continent from colonialism.

“Promoting free and pluralistic media,” Mmegi, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.mmegi.bw/index.php?sid=6&aid=651&dir=2011/May/Friday6>

The theme for this year's World Press Freedom Day, 21 Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers, reminds us of the many events, some still unfolding, where the popular call for democratic change reiterates the home-grown cry for choice, participation and transparency.

“Posetti accuses The Oz of bullying tactics,” Andrew Crook, Crikey, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.crikey.com.au/2011/05/06/posetti-accuses-the-oz-of-bullying-tactics/>

Posetti hit back when contacted by Crikey this morning: “I feel that this ongoing pursuit of me by The Australian is having a chilling effect and limiting effect on my rights to academic and journalistic freedom which is extremely ironic in the week of the 20th anniversary of World Press Freedom day.”

“Asia dangerous for journalists,” Trinidad and Tobago News Day, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.newsday.co.tt/news/0,140074.html>

The Trinidad and Tobago Publishers Broadcasters Association (TTPBA) made the statement in a press release for World Press Freedom Day 2011 which was observed on Tuesday. It noted the day was a reminder of the facilities that exist in our world with respect to Freedom of Speech. It also is a reminder to each citizen of Trinidad and Tobago that they have been given the choice to interpret

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issues that direct social acceptances, cultural trends, political preferences and defines society as a whole.

“Journos respond to Maxwell Mthembu,” The Swazi Observer, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.observer.org.sz/index.php?news=24418>

Speaking during the World Press Freedom Day at the Mountain Inn on Tuesday, Dr Mthembu observed that local journalists had failed to properly do their job as a result of censorship, which in most instances, was self-imposed.

“Exploit Those Bragging Rights,” Namibian, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.namibian.com.na/columns/full-story/archive/2011/may/article/exploit-those-bragging-rights/>

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“Media must professionalize, accredit members: forum,” Sun Star, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.sunstar.com.ph/cebu/local-news/2011/05/07/media-must-professionalize-accredit-members-forum-154034>

Filipino journalists celebrated World Press Freedom Day last Tuesday with a discussion on what the Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility (CMFR) called "ethical and professional shortcomings that have made the media the subject of citizen skepticism and even scorn."

“RSF supports Free Burma VJs Campaign,” IFEX, May 6, 2011.

http://www.ifex.org/burma/2011/05/06/free_vjs_campaign/

The Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB) news organisation marked World Press Freedom Day on 3 May with the launch of a campaign to free its 17 jailed video journalists (VJs), all of whom are serving lengthy sentences in prisons across the country.

“Fr Bwalya’s award: Members roast Misa chief,” Lusaka Times, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.lusakatimes.com/2011/05/06/fr-bwalyas-award-members-roast-misa-chief/>

Some members of the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) Zambia Chapter have demanded for immediate disciplinary action against executive director Siphon Kapumba following the fraudulent awarding of Get Involved Zambia Executive Director Frank Bwalya during the World Press Freedom Day commemoration.

“Gang tag is our own doing - Simpson Miller,” Jamaica Gleaner, May 6, 2011.

<http://jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20110506/lead/lead7.html>

On Monday, Professor Hopeton Dunn, the director of the Caribbean Programme in Telecommunications Policy and Management at the Mona School of Business, suggested that the newspaper take a different approach. "We should be more concerned about investigating and exposing gangster behaviour than engage in broad-brush name calling," Dunn told media practitioners celebrating World Press Freedom Day.

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“Declaration of the Freedom for Journalists Congress,” Bianet, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.bianet.org/english/freedom-of-expression/129806-declaration-of-the-freedom-for-journalists-congress>

200 journalists and human rights advocates from Turkey and abroad discussed press freedom and freedom of expression at the Freedom for Journalists Congress that marked World Press Freedom Day on 3 May in Istanbul. Journalists and representatives of international professional organizations also allocated one session to freedom to information.

“Family light candles at vigil for Surbiton photojournalist captured in Libya Surrey Comet, May 6, 2011.

http://www.surreycomet.co.uk/news/topstories/9010779.Family_in_vigil_for_photojournalist_captured_in_Libya/,”

The seven-year-old son of a photojournalist captured in Libya lit a candle at a vigil for his father on May 3. The vigil in Fleet Street marked four weeks since Surbiton-based Anton Hammerl, 41, was detained by Gaddafi loyalists in Brega. It was held on World Press Freedom Day and coincided with a simultaneous vigil in Mr Hammerl’s home town of Johannesburg, attended by his father Ludwig.

“Vanuatu newspaper publisher wants Pacific media complaints council,” Radio Australia, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/pacbeat/stories/201105/s3210062.htm>

A call has been made for a regional media complaints council to review grievances about media organisations in the Pacific. The call was made by the publisher of the Vanuatu Daily Post Marc Neil Jones in a speech to mark World Press Freedom Day at the inaugural meeting of Pacific media networks in Apia.

“Investigation urged in murder of two journalists,” Edmonton Journal, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/news/Investigation+urged+murder+journalists/4737365/story.html>

The Inter American Press Association on Thursday expressed "deep concern" over the murder of two journalists, one in Peru and one in Brazil, and called on authorities in both countries to investigate their deaths. Their deaths occurred on World Press Freedom Day, the IAPA said.

“Reporting against deadly odds,” Al Jazeera, May 6, 2011.

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/americas/2011/05/20115652735965111.html>

In March this year, major Mexican media outlets signed a pact promising not to print stories on drug-gang threats and graphic images. They want to undercut what they say is a public campaign of fear. To mark World Press Freedom day, Al Jazeera went to meet one Mexican crime reporter, who has taken huge risks to cover drug war. This is Oswald Alonso's story in his own words.

“Two million signatures will count for nothing,” News Day, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.newsday.co.zw/article/2011-05-06-two-million-signatures-will-count-for-nothing>

Zanu PF is currently on a crusade, forcing people to sign an anti-sanctions petition which they say will in the end carry two million signatures in the hope of forcing Western countries to remove sanctions. Responding to questions during belated World Press Freedom Day celebrations in Gweru,

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Ambassador Ray said the petition which is being coordinated by Zanu PF and passed as a government programme would achieve nothing.

“Media freedom accolade may be illusory,” Kae Matundu-Tjiparuro, New Era, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.newera.com.na/article.php?articleid=38583&title=Media%20freedom%20accolade%20may%20be%20illusory>

Namibia this week joined the rest of the world in marking World Press Freedom Day, which falls on the 3rd of May each year. For Namibia, the Southern African region and Africa at large, the day has this year a specific meaning.

“Press crucial for transparency ,” Tunomukwathi Asino, New Era, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.newera.com.na/article.php?articleid=38591&title=Press%20crucial%20for%20transparency>

Windhoek - World Press Freedom Day, celebrated every year on May 3, honours sacrifices around the world made for a free press and puts pressure on nations that deny their citizens access and freedom to information.

“MDLF announces major investments in press freedom,” B92, May 6, 2011.

http://www.b92.net/eng/insight/pressroom.php?yyyy=2011&mm=05&nav_id=74186

At the World Press Freedom Day Conference in Washington, DC, Omidyar Network - a philanthropic investment firm dedicated to harnessing the power of markets to create opportunity for people to improve their lives, established in 2004 by eBay founder Pierre Omidyar and his wife Pam - announced the expansion of its Government Transparency initiative to include support of journalism in the developing world, including a loan of USD2 million to MDLF.

“Southern Africa: SAEF Calls for Free Media Ownership,” Catherine Sasman, All Africa, May 5, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105060345.html>

Speaking in Washington, DC on World Press Freedom Day, Lister noted progress since the adoption of the Windhoek Declaration with the introduction of self-regulation and codes of ethics. However, she added, government control over the media has hardly diminished.

“MADA Hosts Popular World Press Freedom Day Event in Gaza,” Palestine News Network, May 6, 2011.

http://english.pnn.ps/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=9997&Itemid=63

The Palestinian Center for Development and Media Freedoms (MADA) hosted an event in celebration of World Press Freedom Day in Alsamak hall in the Gaza Strip.

“Photographers protest against ban from public spaces,” Andrew Pugh, Press Gazette, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.pressgazette.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=1&storycode=47066&c=1>

The ‘flashmob’ was organised by the I am a Photographer Not a Terrorist (PHNAT) campaign group, supported by the NUJ and the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ). PHNAT said that around 50 photographers gathered outside City Hall on Tuesday, which was World Press Freedom Day. It is an area where it alleges police and private security guards have attempted to ban photographers

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“Vanuatu newspaper publisher wants Pacific media complaints council,” Radio News Australia, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.radioaustralianews.net.au/stories/201105/3210138.htm?desktop>

The Vanuatu Daily Post publisher, Marc Neil Jones, has called for a regional media complaints council to review grievances about media organisations in the Pacific. Mr Jones made the call in a speech to mark World Press Freedom Day at the inaugural meeting of Pacific media networks in the Samoan city of Apia.

“Use social media to tell positive stories about Africa,” Ghana News Agency, May 06, 2011

http://www.ghananewsagency.org/social/r_28431/social/use-social-media-to-tell-positive-stories-about-africa

Ms Brown was speaking at a workshop, organised by the American Embassy for the media, as part of the activities marking the World Press Freedom Day 2011 under the theme: "21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Challenges."

“African journalism at heart of decolonization,” Mmegi Online, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.mmegi.bw/index.php?sid=6&aid=637&dir=2011/May/Friday6>

NDOLA: As Africa joins the international community in celebrating this year's World Press Freedom Day (May 3) it is also time to look at ways in which journalism has contributed to the emancipation of the continent from colonialism. A close look at politics in Africa shows that they are closely linked to the press through political party newspapers, magazines and newsletters and even radio stations. This is despite the latest standoff between the various stakeholders on whether the media in the continent, and Southern African Development Community (SADC) region in particular, should regulate itself or governments should come up with statutory control measures.

“Promoting free and pluralistic media,” Mmegi Online, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.mmegi.bw/index.php?sid=6&aid=651&dir=2011/May/Friday6>

The theme for this year's World Press Freedom Day, 21 Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers, reminds us of the many events, some still unfolding, where the popular call for democratic change reiterates the home-grown cry for choice, participation and transparency.

“Press Council celebrates,” Mmegi Online, May 6, 2011.

<http://www.mmegi.bw/index.php?sid=1&aid=653&dir=2011/May/Friday6>

This is World Press Freedom week. It is a time that marks an important milestone in the lives of media workers and all those who cherish freedom of expression. Twenty years ago, the Windhoek Declaration set aside this day to honour and underscore the critical role played by the press in the furtherance of societal development.

“Somalia: Nusoj World Press Freedom Day Statement,” All Africa, May 5, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105060902.html>

To commemorate World Press Freedom Day, 3 May 2011, the National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ) celebrates the indispensable role that journalists play in Somali society in the face of an increasing wave of repression.

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“Britain warns against restricting media,” Post Zambia, May 5, 2011.

http://www.postzambia.com/post-read_article.php?articleId=20345

In a statement made available by the British High Commission in Zambia to mark World Press Freedom Day, Hague said encouraging an open and effective press would only help improve governance environment for long-term social, political and economic stability.

“Tara Oakes meets Dru Menaker from IREX to talk about World Press Freedom Day,” May 5, 2011.

http://www.euradionantes.eu/index.php?page=detailPodcast&id_podcast=7448&id_programme=107

“Press freedom begins at home,” Tim Wall, The Moscow News, May 5, 2011.

<http://themoscownews.com/editorial/20110505/188643384.html>

This week World Press Freedom Day was celebrated with some optimism by the United Nations and many in the West. In particular, the Western media hailed progress in the Middle East, where a series of popular revolts have led to what many are calling the Arab Spring.

“Freedom of expression: Restrictive laws must be reviewed,” Free Malaysia Today, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/2011/05/05/freedom-of-expression-restrictive-laws-must-be-reviewed/>

In commemorating World Press Freedom Day, the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (Suhakam) strongly urges full respect for the fundamental right to freedom of expression as enshrined in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Themed ‘21st Century Media:

“World Press Freedom Day,” Greg Dorey, XpatLoop.com, May 5, 2011.

http://www.xpatloop.com/news/world_press_freedom_day_by_greg_dorey_british_ambassador_to_hungary

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“The importance of being free press,” The Daily Star, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=184362>

THIS year's theme for the World Press Freedom Day is: "21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers." Although the day passed off last Tuesday, the ritual may have been over, but the theme is meant for the whole year to exercise our minds on. If not for some more years to come.

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“New appointments for SAEF to strengthen media freedom,” Biz Community, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.bizcommunity.com/Article/410/466/59242.html>

At the World Press Freedom Day celebrations, held on Tuesday, 3 May 2011 in Windhoek, 14 editors of the Southern African Editors' Forum (SAEF) resolved to strengthen the regional body by bringing in inactive members of the body. Five interim committee members were also elected.

“Casualties of failure,” Luis V. Teodoro, Business World Online, May 5, 2011.

http://www.bworldonline.com/content.php?section=Opinion&title=Casualties-of-failure*&id=30833

Media advocacy and journalists' groups marked World Press Freedom Day last May 3 after a year (May 3, 2010-May 2, 2011) of continuing violence against the media. Iraq and Afghanistan, where they faced the usual perils of being caught in the crossfire between warring groups, and in some cases targeted for abduction and assassination, were still major areas of conflict journalists had to cover, courtesy of the wars generated by US incursions in those countries.

“Uganda: Security Operatives Block Journalists Procession,” Geoffrey Mutegeki, All Africa, May 5, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105050166.html>

Journalists in Western Uganda have condemned the manner in which security operatives blocked them from having a procession on the streets of Fort Portal as they marked the World Press Freedom Day.

“Ex-Zamboanga Today Editor calls for public awareness vs. fraudulent news organizations,” Zamboanga Today Online, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.zamboangatoday.ph/index.php/news/13-top-stories/4235-ex-zamboanga-today-editor-calls-for-public-awareness-vs-fraudulent-news-organizations.html>

Former Zamboanga Today Editor-in-Chief Frenchie Carreon on World Press Freedom Day called on media colleagues and the Zamboanga community to be wary of organizations claiming to be news media outfits.

“Flagged for Removal: Governments Increasingly Pulling Plug on Internet,” Aprille Muscara, Jakarta Globe, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/opinion/flagged-for-removal-governments-increasingly-pulling-plug-on-internet/439119>

On Monday, the US-based Committee to Protect Journalists released a report on the “Top 10 Tools of Online Oppressors” in commemoration of World Press Freedom day on Tuesday. “These techniques go well beyond Web censorship,” said Danny O’Brien, CPJ Internet Advocacy Coordinator and author of the report. “Combined, these digital attacks undermine our universal right to seek information.”

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“EU calls for freedom of the press,” The Zimbabwean, May 5, 2011.

http://www.thezimbabwean.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=39345:eu-calls-for-freedom-of-the-press&catid=31:weekday-top-stories&Itemid=30

Freedom of the press is the cornerstone of democracy and crucial for the free flow of information to which everyone is entitled, said the European Union’s High Representative, Catherine Ashton, on World Press Freedom Day.

“ALP Wants Access to State Media,” Caribarena Antigua, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.caribarena.com/antigua/news/latest/97343-alp-wants-access-to-state-media.html>

Antigua St John's - The Antigua Labour Party has again expressed its dissatisfaction with the level of access it is being granted to state media. In a release issued to coincide with World Press Freedom Day, the opposition party condemned the government for implementing censorship requirements that it labelled a hurdle to free press.

“Kassir honored on World Press Freedom Day,” Van Meguerditchian, The Daily Star, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Local-News/2011/May-05/Kassir-honored-on-World-Press-Freedom-Day.ashx#axzz1LVRbOOC0>

Journalists and activists said Wednesday that the vision of the late Samir Kassir is finally being realized, as the 2005 revolution in Beirut spreads across the Arab world. “My friend Samir Kassir’s ‘Beirut Spring’ made flowers bloom in Syria and other countries in the Arab world,” said the vice president of the SKeyes Media Foundation, Malek Mroueh, at a gathering on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day. Kassir believed firmly that Lebanese and Syrians face the same threats, from the Syrian regime, to their freedom.

“Mali: Communications Minister hails press freedom in Mali,” Afrique en Ligne, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.afriquejet.com/news/africa-news/mali:-communications-minister-hails-press-freedom-in-mali-2011050510729.html>

Speaking on the occasion of the celebration of World Press Freedom Day, he stressed the Malian government's willingness to enact a bill decriminalizing press offences, a bill on the establishment of private TV stations, to set up a single media regulatory body and to establish a college of communications.

“New Pacific media group launched in Samoa,” Radio New Zealand International, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.rnzi.com/pages/news.php?op=read&id=60405>

Representatives of Pacific media networks have agreed to cooperate as a regional alliance on media freedom and other issues of common concern at a meeting in Apia, Samoa on World Press Freedom Day 2011. As a first step the Media Alliance of the Pacific will create a database of media workers across the Pacific.

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“EDITORIAL : Police need to change attitude,” The New Age, May 5, 2011.

http://www.thenewage.co.za/blogdetail.aspx?mid=186&blog_id=%20589

On Tuesday, World Press Freedom Day, a journalist and a photographer from this newspaper were threatened by a group of policemen while photographing police removing goods from shops owned by foreigners in Ramaphosa informal settlement in Ekurhuleni.

“Bulacan reporters advise aspirants on World Press Freedom Day,” Jose Mari M. Garcia, Philippine Information Agency, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.pia.gov.ph/?m=1&t=1&id=30788>

In the international celebration of the World Press Freedom Day, Bulacan reporters lit candles and imparted pieces of advice to Mass Communication students and aspiring journalists at the Tanghalan ng Sining at Kultura, May 3.

"Mehmet's Book" still Up to Date on an Ever-Pressing Conflict,” Bianet, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.bianet.org/english/freedom-of-expression/129767-mehmets-book-still-up-to-date-on-an-ever-pressing-conflict>

"Having Mehmet's Book remembered after twelve years in such a performance that also marks the World Press Freedom Day on 3 May is exciting. At the same time, this means that unfortunately peace could still not be established in the meantime", Mater said in the beginning of her performance.

“Pressure on Belarusian Journalists Intensifies,” Robert Coalson for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.isn.ethz.ch/isn/Current-Affairs/ISN-Insights/Detail?lng=en&id=128864&contextid734=128864&contextid735=128863&tabid=128863>

Sandwiched between Cuba and Myanmar on Freedom House's annual Freedom of the Press listing, Belarus had little to celebrate on World Press Freedom Day on 3 May. And the already dismal situation in the authoritarian country is definitely taking a turn for the worse.

“Reporters ought to do some serious reflecting and self-examination of their conscience,”

Stabroek News, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.stabroeknews.com/2011/opinion/letters/05/05/reporters-ought-to-do-some-serious-reflecting-and-self-examination-of-their-conscience/>

The press would cease to function without reporters. Reporters keep the press alive and functional in every respect. But as we celebrate another World Press Freedom Day, we ought to be mindful of the limited resources that reporters have sometimes at their disposal to get the job done. We cannot talk about press freedom without first seriously looking at the difficulties and challenges encountered by reporters in getting that story.

“Tunisian coup warning triggers street protests,” Vancouver Sun, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/Tunisian+coup+warning+triggers+street+protests/4732297/story.html>

Tunisian journalists demonstrate in front of the municipal theatre in Tunis after the president of the National Union of Tunisian Journalists (SNJT), Neji Bghouri, presented on May 3, 2011 on World Press Freedom Day, the annual report on press freedom in Tunisia. The fall of the police state in the Tunisian uprising in January has left journalists seeking new sources and points of reference for their work, demanding the right to a free press.

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“Zambia: 'Fr Bwalya Award a Fraud',” All Africa, May 5, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105050505.html>

The Government has said Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) Zambia Chapter engaged in fraudulent processes that led to the awarding of Get Involved Zambia executive director Frank Bwalya for his contribution to freedom of expression. Chief Government spokesperson Ronnie Shikapwasha said he was not happy that as minister, he engaged MISA Zambia director Siphon Kapumba on many instances in the build-up to the World Press Freedom Day (WPF) but the institution decided to catch him by surprise at the last minute.

“Daily News Brief,” Syria Today, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.syria-today.com/index.php/component/content/article/748-daily-news-brief/14907-05-may-2011>

Finally, yesterday was World Press Freedom Day, a day intended to remind governments of their duty to uphold freedom of expression under Article 19 of the Declaration of Human Rights. “In 2011, the focus of the celebration is on the potential of the Internet and digital platforms as well as the more established forms of journalism in contributing to freedom of expression, democratic governance, and sustainable development,” the World Press Freedom Day 2011 website said.

“Rush hour and news stories,” Iris C. Gonzales, News Internationalism Blog, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.newint.org/blog/majority/2011/05/04/rush-hour-news-stories/>

On 3 May, on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day, Filipino journalists toiled the usual fare. There was no respite in the daily grind of chasing stories, unearthing injustice, recording society’s wrongdoings and chronicling both wars and victories. In the meantime, the killings of journalists go on and on as the legal procedures of the cases filed in courts drag on. Libel suits are piling up as well as stories of harassment against press people.

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“Munn Marketing honours vendors,” News Day, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.newsday.co.zw/article/2011-05-05-munn-marketing-honours-vendors>

Vendors here marked a memorable World Press Freedom Day when they received certificates and prizes from leading newspaper and magazine distributor Munn Marketing, a division of Alpha Media Holdings.

“Citizen Lab receives 13th Press Freedom Award,” Cendrine Marrouat, Examiner (Canada), May 5, 2011.

<http://www.examiner.com/canada-social-media-in-canada/citizen-lab-receives-13th-press-freedom-award>

Every year since 1998, the Press Freedom Award has recognized a Canadian person or group for their commitment to defending freedom of expression. Presented every May 3 at the World Press Freedom Day Luncheon in Ottawa by the Canadian Committee for World Press Freedom (CCWPF), the award includes a trophy, a certificate from the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, and a 2,000 dollar cash prize.

“Congratulations to the Egyptian People on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day 2011,” The Daily News Egypt, May 5, 2011.

<http://thedailynewsegypt.com/global-views/congratulations-to-the-egyptian-people-on-the-occasion-of-world-press-freedom-day-2011.html>

This year’s World Press Freedom Day, with its focus on social media, is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the extraordinary democratic transformation currently underway in Egypt. During the January 25 Revolution, all Egyptians became citizen journalists. From public squares and coffee shops all over Egypt, people used social media to report on rapidly developing events, to share triumphs, and to ensure that the world heard their voices. The credit for the revolution’s success goes not to social media itself, however, but rather to the courageous Egyptian people who used these new media tools so effectively. Inspired by this citizen journalism, Egyptian journalists in all types of media are now reexamining the crucial role they play in society.

“Freedom of the press is something you have to learn’,” Erik Bjerager and Marcel van Linge, journalism.co.uk, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.journalism.co.uk/news-commentary/-freedom-of-the-press-is-something-you-have-to-learn-/s6/a543963/>

The theme of World Press Freedom Day, "Silence Kills Democracy, but a Free Press Talks", is clear in all its simplicity, but at the same time extremely complex. You have to learn to speak out by listening well and, in particular, by practising a lot. In addition to fully supporting the development of press freedom in general, WEF intends to do all it can to support the freedom of the press by making use of the knowledge and help available.

“Bahrain official highlights role of Twitter and Facebook,” Khaleej Times, May 5, 2011.

http://www.khaleejtimes.com/darticlen.asp?xfile=data/middleeast/2011/May/middleeast_May106.xml§ion=middleeast&col=

Bahrain’s Information Affairs Authority President Shaikh Fawaz bin Mohammed Al Khalifa reached out to IAA subscribers via Twitter for 45 minutes on Tuesday, marking the World Press Freedom Day.

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“Press suffers from politics, lack of legal protection,” Simona Sikimic, The Daily Star, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.dailystar.com.lb/News/Local-News/2011/May-06/Press-suffers-from-politics-lack-of-legal-protection.ashx#axzz1Lrlstp2s>

Attention has turned on the press this week as politicians and journalists rally to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National News Agency and World Press Freedom Day, casting a spotlight on the future of press freedom, and crucially protection.

“New regional alliance on media freedom for Pacific,” Scoop, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/WO1105/S00092/new-regional-alliance-on-media-freedom-for-pacific.htm>

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“Savea Claims PINA Losing ‘Critical Voice’ On Media Freedom,” Scoop, May 5, 2011.

<http://pacific.scoop.co.nz/2011/05/savea-claims-pina-losing-critical-voice-on-media-freedom/>

Writing in an editorial marking World Press Freedom Day in his Samoa Observer newspaper, editor-in-chief Savea, who is also president of the new Pasifika Media Association (PasiMA), slammed the Suva-based Pacific Islands News Association (PINA).

“Reporters Without Borders: Journalist killed in Brazil on World Press Freedom day,”

journalism.co.uk, May 5, 2011.

<http://blogs.journalism.co.uk/editors/2011/05/05/reporters-without-borders-journalist-killed-in-brazil-on-world-press-freedom-day/>

Press freedom organisation Reporters Without Borders (RSF) reports that a journalist, Valério Nascimento, was shot and killed in Brazil on Tuesday. The day of the shooting was also the day the world shone a light on the dangers and issues facing journalists across the world, for World Press Freedom day.

“Ma'an journalist receives award,” Ma'an News Agency, May 5,

2011. <http://www.maannews.net/eng/ViewDetails.aspx?ID=384861>

Ma'an correspondent and journalist Tamer Obeidat received an award for "Palestinian media and journalism in 2011" on Tuesday, at a Palestinian Journalists Syndicate event marking the annual World Press Freedom Day. The award was presented by caretaker Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, for Obeidat's investigative reporting on facilities for people with disabilities in the West Bank.

“Press Freedom Day Event Highlights Roles and Challenges of New Media,” Today Online,

May 5, 2011.

<http://today.gm/hi/news/3398.html>

Speaking on the theme: '21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers', during an event marking this year's World Press Freedom Day celebrations Tuesday at TANGO Conference Hall in Kanifing, Jobe noted that freedom of expression and freedom of the press and media are integral parts of nation

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building. According to him, this is why UNESCO is committed to promoting and fostering media independence and pluralism by providing advisory services on media legislation and by making governments, parliamentarians and other decision-makers aware of the need to guarantee free expression.

“President Koroma Calls for Media Professionalism,” Awareness Times, May 5, 2011.

http://news.sl/drwebsite/publish/article_200517793.shtml

Local tabloid reports say President Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma has called on members of the Sierra Leone Association of Journalists (SLAJ) to be more professional in executing their duties. According to reports, the President made this call while addressing newsmen in the conference room at State House during the commemoration of World Press Freedom Day. The President reportedly informed that the press is a key partner in development and therefore plays a critical and very important role in the development of Sierra Leone.

“New media body to look at region-wide complaints council,” Radio New Zealand International, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.rnzi.com/pages/news.php?op=read&id=60412>

A new Pacific media body aims to set up to a regional code of ethics to be guided by a complaints council. Representatives of Pacific media networks set up the Media Alliance of the Pacific, or MAP, during this week’s events in Apia marking World Press Freedom Day.

“Journalists receive free expression award,” Ma’an News Agency, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.maannews.net/eng/ViewDetails.aspx?ID=385145>

Journalists were honored in the West Bank and Gaza Strip following Tuesday’s marking of the annual World Press Freedom Day. The Palestinian Center for Development and Media Freedoms (MADA) hosted events in its Ramallah and Jerusalem on Tuesday and in Gaza on Thursday, and awarded prizes for contributions to freedom of expression.

“Media freedom in Turkey: What to do?” Today’s Zaman, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.todayszaman.com/columnist-242970-media-freedom-in-turkey-what-to-do.html>

As journalists celebrated World Press Freedom Day on Tuesday here in Turkey another historic event in the sector also took place. The Milliyet and Vatan dailies changed proprietors in a ceremony that was attended by most of the staff of both newspapers.

“Rantao punches holes in Information Act,” Mmegi Online, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.mmegi.bw/index.php?sid=1&aid=598&dir=2011/May/Thursday5>

Rantao, who was representing the Law Society of Botswana (LSB), said this during a panel discussion organised by the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) Botswana Chapter on Tuesday evening to commemorate World Press Freedom Day, which falls on May 3.

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“MINCOM ends working visit to Douala,” CRTV, May 5, 2011

http://www.crtv.cm/cont/nouvelles/nouvelles_sola_fr.php?idField=9307&table=nouvelles&sub=national

The visit was first and foremost to preside over commemorative activities marking world press freedom day. While in Douala, the Minister also took part in an exhibition of literary works published by the Cameroon Publishing Corporation, SOPECAM

“Brazilian press owner shot dead,” The Guardian, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/greenslade/2011/may/05/journalist-safety-brazil>

The owner of a Brazilian newspaper, Valerio Nascimento, was shot in the back and killed by unidentified gunmen on Tuesday, designated as World [Press Freedom](#) Day. Nascimento had published only four issues of his paper Panorama Geral, which was critical of local authorities in Sao Paulo state. One story claimed the city of Bananal had failed to invest in health and sewage treatment centres.

“How free is the Net?” Pravda.ru, May 5, 2011.

http://english.pravda.ru/opinion/columnists/05-05-2011/117810-free_net-0/

The United Nations Organization heralded the World Press Freedom Day this week with a series of events in the international community. Pointing out that the digital era allows more people access to information, enabling them to share views, the UN also warned about sinister new developments. How free is the Net?

“People must reclaim media, make their voices heard,” Free Malaysia Today, May 5, 2011.

<http://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/2011/05/06/people-must-reclaim-media-make-their-voices-heard/>

World Press Freedom Day, which fell on May 3, is an occasion to remember the challenges that journalists face in doing their job. Although the theme this year was “21st century media: New frontiers, new barriers”, in Malaysia, the old barriers still loom large, especially repressive laws that have been so successful in taming print media that they are also used, or are being considered, for new media.

Press Freedom Day marked with calls for responsible media,” Arab News, May 5, 2011.

<http://arabnews.com/saudiArabia/article383218.ece>

World Press Freedom Day, falling on May 3 every year, figured prominently in the minds of a number of journalists and human rights activists during a three-day training session sponsored by the National Society for Human Rights under the title “Media and Human Rights.”

“No freedom at 'Sunday Leader',” Irish Times, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2011/0504/1224296003799.html>

Lal Wickrematunge was addressing a meeting organised by the Press Council of Ireland to mark World Press Freedom Day. His brother Lasantha, the paper’s previous editor, was killed in January 2009 by four men riding military-style motorbikes in a high security zone following a number of death threats and assaults. Nothing has been done to bring the perpetrators to justice, Mr Wickrematunge said.

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“NTD AP Calls on Chunghwa Telecom to Renew Contract,” NTD Television, May 4, 2011.
http://english.ntdtv.com/ntdtv_en/news_asia/2011-05-04/ntd-ap-calls-on-chunghwa-telecom-to-renew-contract.html

Tuesday was World Press freedom Day. In Taiwan, NTD Asia Pacific Television — or NTD AP — filed an appeal at Taiwan’s regulatory National Communications Commission. They say the island’s largest telecommunications company is wrongfully refusing to renew their satellite contract. Our station’s partner in Taiwan, NTD AP is known for broadcasting uncensored news about the Chinese regime. Since 2007, it’s been using Chunghwa Telecom Company’s ST-1 Satellite to broadcast to Asia Pacific.

“Ghana: New Premises for Media Commission Soon,” All Africa, May 4, 2011.
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105050408.html> Addressing a forum of media personnel to mark World Press Freedom Day under the theme, "21st Century Media; New Frontiers, New Barriers at the International Press Centre in Accra, the Deputy Minister said the government was also taking giant steps to help build the capacity for journalists in Ghana, as promised in the National Democratic Congress (NDC) manifesto.

“Nigeria: Coverage of April Elections Historic - U.S.,” Ruth Tene Natsa, All Africa, May 4, 2011.
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105050620.html>
The United States Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr. Terrence Mculley, has described the coverage of the recent April Polls in Nigeria as comprehensive, adding that the elections were transparent and credible. The Ambassador spoke while presenting a paper at a lecture, as part of activities marking the World Press Freedom Day in Abuja with a theme titled "21st Century Media- New frontiers, New Barriers". He added that, "it was in recognition of social media influence and potential power that President Goodluck Jonathan and other political candidates ran their campaigns on the internet".

“Broadcasters ready for open airways,” Fungi Kwaramba, The Zimbabwean, May 4, 2011.
http://www.thezimbabwean.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=39346:broadcasters-ready-for-open-airwaves&catid=31:weekday-top-stories&Itemid=30
Zimbabwe on Tuesday joined the rest of the world in commemorating the World Press Freedom Day under the theme New Frontiers new Barriers that is commemorated every year on May 3. But as the rest of the world moves forward in opening the media landscape, Harare has been loath to open up the broadcasting sector to community radio, commercial, and public radio stations.

“Ahmad Zeidabadi receives UNESCO World Press Freedom Prize,” VOA-Iran, May 4, 2011.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dDKsPR5OHAg>

“Ghana: Broadening Frontiers of Media Freedom,” All Africa, May 4, 2011.
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105050412.html>
Yesterday, Tuesday, May 3, 2011, marked World Press Freedom Day. It is a day set aside by the United Nations to celebrate the achievements of the media around the world, which has fought relentlessly over the years to expand the frontiers of free speech and expression.

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“Cote d'Ivoire: American Embassy's National Daily Press Review and Media Reaction,” All Africa, May 4, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105050601.html>

As countries across the globe celebrated World Press Freedom Day yesterday, a report in the state-owned daily *Fraternite Matin* says that Ivorian journalists have been invited to reflect on their profession and commit themselves to more professionalism. "A journalist is a vector for education and different opinions who should help re-build the social fabric and aid national reconstruction," the paper quotes the Acting Minister of Communication, Ahmed Bakayoko as saying yesterday at a ceremony in Abidjan. The state-owned daily *Fraternite Matin* further announces that in commemoration of World Press Day, the US Embassy is organizing a DVC program on the topic: "21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers".

“Marking World Press Freedom Day in Palestine,” Ma'an News Agency, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.maannews.net/eng/ViewDetails.aspx?ID=384424>

Palestinian journalists were oppressed during the past year, the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate said marking the annual World Press Freedom Day. According to the syndicate, there were 280 violations of journalists' rights during the past year 179 of which were by Israeli forces and settlers while the other 101 by security forces in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

“Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Windhoek Declaration,” The Botswana Gazette, May 4, 2011. http://gazettebw.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9481:celebrating-the-20th-anniversary-of-the-windhoek-declaration&catid=3:letters&Itemid=2

The Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA), the Government of the Republic of Namibia, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco), and the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN/IFRA) are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Windhoek Declaration, which culminated in 03 May 1991, being declared World Press Freedom Day by the United Nations General Assembly.

“Anguish grows for Hammerl family,” Cape Argus, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.iol.co.za/capeargus/anguish-grows-for-hammerl-family-1.1064203>

THESE are dark days for the family of Anton Hammerl, the South African freelance photographer being held captive in Libya. So said Hammerl's wife, Penny Sukhraj, in a message to colleagues and friends at a vigil in Joburg last night to mark World Press Freedom Day. Sukhraj is in London where she, Hammerl's mother Freda and his brother Alex lit candles at a simultaneous vigil to mark the 29th day of his captivity.

“Zambia: Ronnie Prods Scribes to Be Ethical,” All Africa, May 4, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105040555.html>

Zambian media practitioners yesterday joined the rest of the world in commemorating the World Press Freedom Day (WPF) with a call by Information and Broadcasting Services Minister Ronnie Shikapwasha to journalists to be ethical in their reporting during the 2011 general elections.

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“Nigeria: 'Interests, Poor Salaries Hamper Journalists' Work',” Nasiru L. Abubakar, All Africa, May 4, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105050901.html>

Obscure media ownership structures and hidden interests, as well as poor salaries have been identified as some of the things hampering press freedom and complicating the activities of journalists. A Vienna-based South East Europe Media Organisation (SEEMO), an affiliate of the International Press Institute (IPI), made the observation in a statement commemorating the World Press Freedom Day yesterday.

“Liberia: No Press Freedom Yet - Claims CMC,” All Africa, May 4, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105040776.html>

The faith based Media Group the Christian Media Center (CMC) says despite gains made in establishing the freedom of information law Liberia is still far from achieving press freedom, said a CMC press release signed by Executive Director Nah Davies. The release, which was issued on the eve of World Press freedom Day CMC said the current administration is tolerating some level of free speech and freedom of the press because the current societal frame work that has the international community as its biggest player unequivocally calls for it.

“Freedom House Places Slovakia 36th in 2011 press freedom survey,” The Slovak Spectator, May 4, 2011.

http://spectator.sme.sk/articles/view/42548/10/freedom_house_places_slovakia_36th_in_2011_press_freedom_survey.html

On the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on Tuesday, May 3, the Slovak National Centre for Human Rights expressed concern over the worsening situation affecting freedom of the press worldwide. The centre considers free access to objective information an essential attribute of a democratic society, the SITA newswire wrote.

“The Fight for Media Freedom in Burma Continues,” The Irrawaddy, May 4, 2011.

http://www.irrawaddy.org/article.php?art_id=21234

Tuesday was World Press Freedom Day, and on Wednesday the DVB launched a campaign to have their jailed journalists freed amid rumors that some form of prisoner amnesty will be announced by Burma's president, former Gen Thein Sein, at this week's Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit in Jakarta, Indonesia. It is unclear whether the latest amnesty will include any of the almost 2,200 political prisoners in Burma, a figure that includes the second highest number of jailed journalists of any country in the world, measured on a population basis, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ).

“Thomas Jefferson Information Center re-opens on World Press Freedom Day,” PIA, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.pia.gov.ph/?m=1&t=1&id=30597>

The Thomas Jefferson Information Center (TJIC) celebrated World Press Freedom Day on May 3 with an open house to announce its new location at the U.S. Embassy Seafont Compound, 1501 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. U.S. Ambassador Harry K. Thomas Jr., who led the celebration, said: “The Thomas Jefferson Information Center is a great example of the ways we advocate for freedom

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of the press. In a democracy, the people must have access to reliable information. As we celebrate our new location, we join with you and media workers worldwide to honor World Press Freedom Day.”

“Eritrea: IFJ Joins FAJ Press Freedom Day Call for Release of Journalists,” All Africa, May 4, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105031122.html>

The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) today joined its African group, the Federation of African Journalists (FAJ) to mark World Press Freedom Day by sending a letter to President Issayas Afewerki of Eritrea, urging him to release all journalists detained by his government.

“Cameroon: World press freedom day commemorated with optimism,” CRTV, May 4, 2011.

http://www.crtv.cm/cont/nouvelles/nouvelles_sola_fr.php?idField=9295&table=nouvelles&sub=national

It is a day the United Nations General Assembly set aside to raise awareness on freedom of the press and urge governments to respect freedom of expression. The present World Press Freedom Day is being commemorated under the theme, “21st century media, new frontiers, new barriers”

“Liberia: Debate Rages Over Freedom of Speech, Assembly,” All Africa, May 4, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105040699.html>

The celebration of the World Press Freedom Day in Monrovia, yesterday, redrew the limits of the unending debate over the level of the freedom of press, speech, and assembly in Liberia as provided for by law. The day’s celebration, organized by the Press Union of Liberia (PUL), was held under the theme, “Twenty-first Media: New frontier, New Barriers” with panelists directing discussions on the impact of the law on the Liberian people’s participation in governance and the recovery process.

“World Press Freedom Day - PPP committed to free media: Zardari,” International Herald Tribune, May 4, 2011.

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/161364/world-press-freedom-day-ppp-committed-to-free-media-zardari/>

President Asif Ali Zardari has said that the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) believes in upholding freedom of the press as it is an integral component of democracy. He said that the government will take appropriate measures to protect journalists from threats that they face while performing their duties.

“Tajik Journalists Awarded On Press Freedom Day,” Radio Free Europe, May 4, 2011.

http://www.rferl.org/content/tajikistan_press_freedom/24090874.html

Tajik journalists' organization has awarded Hikmatulloh Sayfullohzoda a special prize for "journalistic bravery" on World Press Freedom Day, RFE/RL's Tajik Service reports. The Media-Alliance gave the award to Sayfullohzoda, editor in chief of the weekly "Najot," founded by the Islamic Renaissance Party of Tajikistan, on May 3.

“World Press Freedom marked,” Manila Bulletin, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.mb.com.ph/articles/316815/world-press-freedom-marked>

The Northern Samar “Harampang” media group has celebrated last Monday World Press Freedom Day at the University of Eastern Philippines in Catarman, Northern Samar.

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Activities included an open forum on Freedom of Information Bill/Campaign and a mass and candle lighting/reading of statement in honor of Leo Luna-Mila, a slain broadcast journalist at the UEP chapel.

“Mugabe named “press freedom predator”,” The Zimbabwean, May 4, 2011.

http://www.thezimbabwean.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=39353:mugabe-named-press-freedom-predator-&catid=31:weekday-top-stories&Itemid=30

The international media watchdog, Reporters Without Borders, has marked World Press Freedom Day (May 3) by naming President Robert Mugabe (pictured) as a “press freedom predator”. RWB says Mugabe is one of 38 heads of state and warlords who sow terror among journalists.

“World Press Freedom Day: Kenya's media freedom on the spot,” James Ratemo, The Standard, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/InsidePage.php?id=2000034468&cid=4>

As the World commemorates freedom of the press, Kenya has been urged to enhance access to information and protect freedom of journalists.

According to Media Council of Kenya Chairman, Levi Obonyo, Kenya is yet to achieve real media freedom despite positive advances in the new constitution.

“Kenya: Media Must Wake Up to New Dawn,” All Africa, May 4, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105050021.html>

Enacted against a background of struggle and political conflict, Kenya's constitution is perhaps the most generous and grandest in the world. The elaborate Bill of Rights in Chapter 4 encapsulates the motivation of the decades-long quest for democracy and safeguards it from encroachment or violation by political and other predators.

“Kenya: World Press Day Participants Hail New Platforms,” All Africa, May 4, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105050015.html>

The internet and other digital platforms are the main focus of this year's World Press Freedom Day marked yesterday. This year's celebrations are the 20th since the day was established. The day was established by the United Nations to celebrate the fundamental principles of press freedom. A two-day conference is being held at the Laico Regency Hotel and draws participants from the media houses.

“Rwanda: Media Fraternity Welcomes Reforms,” Edwin Musoni, All Africa, May 4, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105050115.html>

Rwandan journalists called on all stakeholders to fast-track a wide-range of proposed media reforms. The request was put forward during the celebration of the World Press Freedom Day, held in Musanze District, Northern Province.

“Editorial: Press Freedom: New Frontiers, New Barriers,” Ghana News, May 4, 2011.

<http://news.myjoyonline.com/features/201105/65264.asp>

Tuesday, Ghana joined the rest of the free world in celebrating World Press Freedom Day, a celebration which could not have come at a better time. While the picture of journalism around the

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world is a potpourri of impressions since the last celebration, we can conclude that the challenges the occupation faces remain the same.

“Rethink the problem laws,” The Star, May 4, 2011.

<http://thestar.com.my/columnists/story.asp?col=alongthewatchtower&file=/2011/5/5/columnists/alongthewatchtower/8608599&sec=Along%20The%20Watchtower>

Malaysia is currently at 143rd spot in the press freedom rankings of 196 countries – along with the two African nations. The assessments by Washington-based research group Freedom House were released in conjunction with World Press Freedom Day on Tuesday.

“Manyi defends govt’s stance,” Donwald Pressly, Business Report, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.iol.co.za/business/business-news/manyi-defends-govt-s-stance-1.1064336>

Speaking on World Press Freedom Day to the Cape Town Press Club and the Press Gallery Association near Parliament, Manyi said that stories about corruption created an impression that it was a huge problem, but if one added up the quantum of corruption cases in government, they “pale into insignificance” against the total budget of the nation.

“Avusa refuses Michelle Solomon’s PAIA application,” Biz Community, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.bizcommunity.com/Article/196/466/59168.html>

Michelle Solomon, a freelance researcher and journalist who is doing her masters in journalism and media studies at Rhodes University, has reported [via Twitter](#) that her [Promotion of Access to Information Act](#) (PAIA) application, regarding a [Sunday Times 2008 report](#), ~~was turned down~~ was not granted by Avusa yesterday, Tuesday, 3 May 2011 - World Press Freedom Day.

“Malawi: Government concedes failure to regulate online publications,” Gregory Gondwe, Biz Community, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.bizcommunity.com/Article/129/466/59166.html>

As the world commemorated World Press Freedom Day yesterday, 3 May 2011, the government of Malawi conceded that it is worried that regulating new media outlets such as online publications and social networks like Facebook and Twitter has become very difficult.

“The 10 tools of online oppressors ,” Danny O’Brien, Biz Community, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.bizcommunity.com/Article/410/466/59176.html>

To mark World Press Freedom Day, May 3, the Committee to Protect Journalists is examining the 10 prevailing tactics of online oppression worldwide and the countries that have taken the lead in their use. What is most surprising about these Online Oppressors is not who they are - they are all nations with long records of repression - but how swiftly they adapted old strategies to the online world.

“World Press Freedom Day opinion: Three Perspectives In Fiji,” Scoop, May 4, 2011.

<http://pacific.scoop.co.nz/2011/05/world-press-freedom-day-opinion-three-perspectives-in-fiji/>

Two reputable NGOs in Fiji – ECREA and the CCF – made press statements on the UN World Press Freedom Day – neither of which was published in the local media, but the media did publish a statement by the Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary of Information, ... World Press Freedom Day opinion: Three Perspectives In Fiji

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“UNESCO identifies threats to press freedom in Mekong Region,” Scoop, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/WO1105/S00081/unesco-identifies-threats-to-press-freedom-in-mekong-region.htm>

According to the Committee to Protect Journalists, at least six reporters who worked primarily online were killed in 2010. And for the first time, more online reporters were jailed than those working in traditional media in 2008.

This information was shared at a 2011 World Press Freedom Day Dialogue and Photo Exhibition on: “21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers,” held at UNESCO Bangkok on 3 May 2011.

“OAS Salutes World Press Freedom Day,” OAS, May 4, 2011.

http://www.thebahamasweekly.com/publish/oas-media-releases/OAS_Salutes_World_Press_Freedom_Day15747.shtml

The Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS) today commemorated World Press Freedom Day during a regular session held at Organization headquarters in Washington, DC.

“Industrial Rights Key To Press Freedom In Philippines,” Scoop, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/WO1105/S00073/industrial-rights-key-to-press-freedom-in-philippines.htm>

The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) has reiterated the role of the trade union movement in overcoming many of the obstacles to press freedom faced by journalists in the Philippines, at a celebration to mark World Press Freedom Day in Manila yesterday.

“Dushanbe media group honors journalists on World Press Freedom Day,” Central Asia Newswire, May 4, 2011.

<http://centralasianewswire.com/Region/Dushanbe-media-group-honors-journalists-on-World-Press-Freedom-Day/viewstory.aspx?id=3971>

Tajik journalists’ group Media-Alliance awarded prizes on Tuesday, World Press Freedom Day, to local journalists who had come under physical or legal pressure in connection with their professional activities.

“Sanctioned Zanu PF journalists ‘incite hate’ – EU,” The Zimbabwe Mail, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.thezimbabwemail.com/zimbabwe/7983-sanctioned-zimbabwe-journalists-incite-hate-eu-replies-to-mugabe.html>

With the world having commemorated world press freedom day this Tuesday, journalists working for the public media have slammed the west for barring some reporters from practicing their profession in the west.

“VP urges scribes on professionalism,” New Vision, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/D/8/13/753925>

He also noted that media freedom is critical but the freedom of the country is more important.

Bukenya was speaking at the World Press Freedom Day dinner organised by the Uganda Journalists Association (UJA) at Imperial Royale Hotel in Kampala on Tuesday.

“US Consulate honors women journalists,” Arab News, May 4, 2011.

<http://arabnews.com/saudiArabia/article382119.ece>

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The US Consulate General in Jeddah organized on Tuesday a gathering to recognize distinguished Saudi women journalists and broadcasters on the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day.

“Tunisian press celebrates freedom,” magharebia.com, May 4, 2011.

http://www.magharebia.com/cocoon/awi/xhtml1/en_GB/features/awi/features/2011/05/04/feature-02
Tunisia celebrated World Press Freedom Day on Tuesday (May 3rd) with hope, but journalists raised serious questions about their profession in the post-Ben Ali era.

“Journalists Commemorate World Press Freedom Day,” Hani Hazaimeh, Jordan Times, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.jordantimes.com/?news=37155>

Speakers at the World Press Freedom Day session held in Washington, DC, Tuesday highlighted the need for more protection for journalists in the line of duty and the importance of bridging the gap between social and mainstream media.

“28 new media houses open in Zimbabwe,” ZimDaily, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.zimdaily.com/news/2011/05/04/28-new-media-houses-open-in-zimbabwe/>

Zimbabwe Media Commission (ZMC) chairman Godfrey Majonga said at an event to mark World Press Freedom Day that despite working on a constrained budget, his commission had managed to open media space by licensing various media houses.

“Malawi journalists ask govt to repeal repressive laws,” Nation Online, May 4, 2011.

http://www.nationmw.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=18828:malawi-journalists-ask-govt-to-repeal-repressive-laws&catid=1:national-news&Itemid=3

“TONY BURMAN — Speaking freely, frequently, live and unedited,” iPolitics.ca, May 4, 2011.

<http://ipolitics.ca/2011/05/04/tony-burman-speaking-freely-frequently-live-and-unedited/>

May 3 was UNESCO World Press Freedom Day. At an event in Ottawa to celebrate, Tony Burman, Al Jazeera’s chief strategic adviser for the Americas, delivered the following remarks to a crowd at the National Arts Centre: About 20 years ago, I was in the black township of Soweto in South Africa with the late, beloved Barbara Frum of The Journal. We were witnessing a profoundly transformational event: the release from jail of Nelson Mandela.

“Press freedom precarious,” The Hindu, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/article1991488.ece>

Several reports catalogued the threats on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on Tuesday. The Free Speech Hub, an initiative of The Media Foundation and its mediawatch website TheHoot.org, has released its latest report tracking the attacks on journalists as well as policy measures that could endanger the freedom of speech and information in the country.

“MISA: Govt urged to license private broadcasters,” SW Radio Africa, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.swradioafrica.com/pages/misa040511.htm>

In her keynote address on 3 May 2011 at a World Press Freedom Day breakfast meeting organised by MISA-Zimbabwe in Harare, Mtetwa said the existing political environment did not allow for the immediate and short-term transformation of ZBC as is generally being agitated for.

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“Being conversant with ICT would keep you in business, journalists told,” Ghana News Agency, May 4, 2011.

http://www.ghananewsagency.org/social/r_28356/social/being-conversant-with-ict-would-keep-you-in-business-journalists-told

According to him new frontiers had been opened universally for the practice of journalism and therefore media practitioners should be conversant with the use of social networks such as facebook, twitter and U-Tube. He said this at the regional celebration of the World Press Freedom Day in Cape Coast under the theme, "21st century media; new frontiers, new barriers".

“GPU Commemorates World Press Freedom Day,” Foroyaa Online, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.foroyaa.gm/modules/news/article.php?storyid=6761>

World Press Freedom was on Tuesday 3rd May commemorated by Journalists in The Gambia by participating in a symposium convened by The Gambia Press Union and funded by the United Nation Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO NATCOM). The symposium was held at TANGO. The theme for this year’s World Press Freedom Day is “21st Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers”. The programme started by a minute’s silence for all journalists who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

“Uganda: Journalists Aid Desperate Children in Lira,” All Africa, May 4, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105040713.html>

The gesture came as part of activities meant to mark this year's World Press Freedom Day under the theme: "21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers." Members of Lango United Journalists Association (LUJA) said the gifts was a gesture of solidarity with the community.

“Zimbabwe newspaper vendors hailed,” Nehanda Radio, May 4, 2011.

<http://nehandaradio.com/2011/05/04/zimbabwe-newspaper-vendors-hailed/>

“This is our chance to say ‘Thank You’ to you hard-working and brave people. You are an integral part of information freedom because you facilitate our access to the printed media,” stated Ray speaking at the vendor recognition ceremony hosted jointly by his Embassy, Munn Marketing Private Limited and the Media Centre to mark World Press Freedom Day (May 3).

“Zambia: Be Responsible, RB Tells Media,” All Africa, May 4, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105040578.html>

The president cautioned journalists against getting carried away and engaging themselves in destructive reporting as that could cost the country dearly. He said the success of the country depended on positive reporting by the media. Zambia yesterday joined the rest of the world in commemorating the World Press Freedom Day.

“Ukraine cannot be independent without independent press,” NRCU - Ukrainian Radio, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.nrcu.gov.ua/index.php?id=148&listid=144204>

The Head of State noted this in a letter of congratulation on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on May 3. "We must complete the investigation of criminal cases related to the disappearance of journalists. The Government will create the necessary conditions to ensure that journalists feel free in

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our country. Ukraine cannot be independent without independent press," Viktor Yanukovych stressed.

“Simeon Freeman Blasts Ellen, LACC,” C. Winnie SAYWAH, The Inquirer, May 4, 2011.
http://theinquirer.com.lr/story.php?record_id=4030&sub=14

Speaking as one of the panel discussants at Special Edition of the Edward Wilmot Blyden Forum during the observance of World Press Freedom Day in Liberia on May 3, 2011 on the topic, “Openness and Free Expression as Values for Implementation of Information Regime in Liberia”, Mr. Freeman said corruption cannot be discussed without mentioning the State functioned corruption adding, “We want a higher accountability because openness translates into opportunities.

“Liberia: Liberty Party Hails PUL's Determination,” All Africa, May 4, 2011.
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105040722.html>

The Liberty Party has extended congratulations to the leadership and members of the Press Union of Liberia for their unbending determination in the fight against all forms of injustices that continue to plague the Liberian Society. The party sent the well wishes on World Press Freedom Day.

“Cameroon: Journalists Under the Spotlight,” All Africa, May 4, 2011.
<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105040296.html>

Authorities and journalists in Cameroon yesterday May 3, organised activities to commemorate the World Press Freedom Day under the theme, "21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers". The theme seeks to affirm the fundamental principles of media freedom in the digital age, that is, the ability of citizens to voice their opinion, access and diversify independent information sources, 20 years after the original declaration was made in Windhoek, Namibia.

“Press 'not free' in Kingdom,” Phnom Pen Post, May 4, 2011.
<http://www.phnompenpost.com/index.php/2011050448862/National-news/press-not-free-in-kingdom.html>

According to the Freedom of the Press 2011 report, released by United States-based watchdog organisation Freedom House in conjunction with World Press Freedom Day, Cambodia’s press freedom ranking plunged to 141 for 2010 out of 196 countries and territories rated, compared with a ranking of 134 for 2009.

“Social Media is the way to go- UNISWA lecturer,” Swazi Observer, May 4, 2011.
<http://www.observer.org.sz/index.php?news=24312>

This was an observation made by University of Swaziland (UNISWA) lecturer Dr. Maxwell Mthembu during the commemoration of the World Press Freedom day held at Mountain Inn. This year’s commemoration was titled 21st century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers.

“SOMALIA: NUSOJ commemorates the international Press Freedom day [PICTURES],” Raxanreeb Online, May 4, 2011.
<http://www.raxanreeb.com/?p=94789>

NAIROBI-National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ) today 3 May 2011 celebrated the World Press Freedom Day at Hotel Barakat in Nairobi in an event that looked at new messages and discussion to advance the press freedom in Somalia in the 21st century.

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“NewsDay burglary: Police take staffers fingerprints,” News Day, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.newsday.co.zw/article/2011-05-04-newsday-burglary-police-take-staffers-fingerprints>

The raid on the NewsDay premises was the talking point at most gatherings to commemorate World Press Freedom Day on Tuesday with media activists saying it was against the spirit of democracy and Press freedom.

“War correspondents: "We know that we may not come back",” European Parliament (press release), May 4, 2011.

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/en/headlines/content/20110429STO18374/html/War-correspondents-We-know-that-we-may-not-come-back>

More than 18 journalists have lost their lives reporting from war zones this year and another 151 are in prison. Just ahead of World Press Freedom Day on 3 May, Parliament's Foreign Affairs and Human Rights Committees organised a hearing to draw attention to the perils journalists in war zones face. There are legal means to protect journalists, but they want more consistency and a common EU position.

“Egypt party demands abolition of prison sentences for journalists,” Bikya Masr, May 4, 2011.

<http://bikyamasr.com/wordpress/?p=33360>

“The moral and physical attacks against Egyptian and foreign journalists, who were trying to cover events during the January 25 revolution with honesty and transparency, necessitate the development of legal mechanisms to protect them and punish whoever tries to undermine their mission or put them at risk,” stated the press release of the party on occasion of the World Press Freedom Day.

“World Press Freedom Day,” DR. FLORANGEL ROSARIO BRAID, Manila Builliten, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.mb.com.ph/articles/316676/world-press-freedom-day>

Here, the celebration focused on reminding those who work in media and information to be more tenacious in the pursuit of their advocacies. Yesterday, a press jam initiated by the National Union of Journalists held at a local café to celebrate Press Freedom Day featured songs and poetry on courage and freedom.

“London protest against photography restrictions,” Two Circles, May 4, 2011.

http://twocircles.net/2011may04/london_protest_against_photography_restrictions.html

I’m a Photographer, Not a Terrorist! (PHNAT) was organising a flashmob at London's City Hall, one of the sites facing restrictions, to coincide with World Press Freedom Day.

“World Press Freedom Day: Technology’s threats,” Felice Friedson, The Jerusalem Post, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.jpost.com/International/Article.aspx?id=219133>

Newspaper readers might notice an empty white space in place of front page stories in their favorite broadsheets and tabloids on Wednesday morning. It’s part of a campaign organized by the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers to mark World Press Freedom Day. Larry Kilman, WAN’s executive CEO told The Media Line that the idea is to “remind [readers] that without a free press, this is what the industry would look like.”

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“Stakeholders slam continued abuse of journos,” News Day, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.newsday.co.zw/article/2011-05-04-stakeholders-slam-continued-abuse-of-journos>

As the nation celebrated World Press Freedom Day on Tuesday, media stakeholders expressed concern over the continued harassment of journalists and reluctance by government to implement media reforms.

“International Call for Freedom for Arrested Turkish Journalists,” Bianet, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.bianet.org/english/world/129736-international-call-for-freedom-for-arrested-turkish-journalists>

Representatives of the European Federation of Journalists (**EFJ**), the Association of European Journalists (**AEJ**), the World Association of Press Councils (**WAPC**), the World Editors Forum (**WEF**), the International Press Institute (**IPI**), Reporters without Borders (**RSF**), the South East Europe Media Organisation (**SEEMO**) and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (**OSCE**) came together in Istanbul on the World Press Freedom Day on 3 March for the Congress on Freedom for Journalists.

“Post-revolt Tunisian journalists seek new sources,” Middle East Online, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.middle-east-online.com/english/?id=45921>

The fall of the police state in the Tunisian uprising in January has left journalists seeking new sources and points of reference for their work, demanding a right to the free press celebrated in Tuesday's World Press Freedom Day.

“Croatia: Branka Slavica named 2010 journalist of the year,” EMportal, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.emg.rs/en/news/region/154069.html>

Croatian Television reporter Branka Slavica, who has been the national broadcaster's correspondent in the United States for six years, was named Journalist of the Year 2010, for her reporting from the earthquake-hit Haiti. The other two reporters nominated for the title, which is traditionally awarded on World Press Freedom Day, May 3, were Branimir Pofuk of Jutarnji List daily and freelance reporter Ivica Rados.

“Freedom House: Freedom of media declines worldwide EMportal, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.emg.rs/en/news/world/154070.html>

The number of people worldwide with access to free and independent media declined to its lowest level in over a decade, according to Freedom in the World 2011, the findings of which have been released today in conjunction with UNESCO's World Press Freedom Day.

“Report: Press Freedom 'At Lowest Ebb' In More Than A Decade,” Radio Free Europe, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.rferl.org/content/article/16799961.html>

Press freedom worldwide has dropped to its lowest point in more than 10 years, with only one in six people now able to access free and independent media. The democratic watchdog group Freedom House discovered that sobering statistic while researching its latest annual report, which it is releasing in Washington today, the eve of World Press Freedom Day.

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“Include media independence in constitution,” IPP Media, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.ippmedia.com/frontend/index.php?l=28743>

“As we mark the World Press Freedom Day I would like to stress that press freedom in which the media is capable of getting news and enabling people to use their right is crucial in strengthening democracy,” Mengi said.

“Al Jazeera highlights journalistic challenges on World Press Freedom Day,” Eye of Dubai, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.eyefofdubai.com/v1/news/newsdetail-51182.htm>

Al Jazeera has marked UNESCO World Press Freedom Day by highlighting many of the challenges faced by its journalists and by colleagues from other media institutions. The network has been under a great deal of pressure during

“Jankovic: All threats to journalists still not eliminated,” EM Portal, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.emg.rs/en/news/serbia/154064.html>

Serbia once again saw World Press Freedom Day, May 3, with no clear knowledge of who were the instigators and perpetrators of murders and attempted murders of journalists and without formulated media legislation, Ombudsman Sasa Jankovic said in a statement on Tuesday.

“SOS News World Press Freedom Day,” Biz Community, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.bizcommunity.com/Event/196/11/24782.html>

Prof Jane Duncan from Rhodes University has invited Director Media Monitoring Africa, William Bird (@Billbobbird) as well as Kate Skinner (@sos_za) to speak at an event in the Eastern Cape to celebrate World Press Freedom Day. She has chosen an important topic - What kind of public broadcaster does the Eastern Cape need?

“Journalists organizations point to poor state of media in Serbia,” EM Portal, May 3,

2011. <http://www.emg.rs/en/news/serbia/154062.html>

On World Press Freedom Day, Serbian journalist groups stressed the worsening financial position of media outlets and journalists in Serbia and called on politicians and media outlet owners to help create the right conditions for journalists to do their job.

“SA Electioneering Diary - 4 May,” The Daily Maverick, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.thedailymaverick.co.za/article/2011-05-04-sa-electioneering-diary-4-may>

Although it was World Press Freedom Day, Numsa seems to have missed the fact that the DA “delisted” Sowetan journalist, Anna Majavu, in February (three months ago when everyone else had their say about it). Numsa said: “This freedom and independence the media owes it[sic] to the gallant martyrs of media freedom produced from the ranks of the liberation movement as led by the African National Congress and vanguard party of the working class, the South African Communist Party”.

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“Prominent museum curators petition for Chinese artist's release,” Focus Taiwan, May 3, 2011.
http://focustaiwan.tw/ShowNews/WebNews_Detail.aspx?Type=aEDU&ID=201105040011

The statement, issued on World Press Freedom Day, said all members of the international arts community are concerned about Ai's freedom and disappointed at China's reluctance to live up to its promise to nurture creativity and independent thought.

“Developing digital media renders editorial independence an urgent issue,” Nabeela Hussain, Daily Mirror, May 3, 2011.

<http://print.dailymirror.lk/news/news/42919.html>

Commemorating World Press Freedom Day, the Sri Lanka Press Institute yesterday held a series of lectures relating to Media and Communication Technology (MCT). A pressing issue that was highlighted at the event was that Sri Lanka was listed in the bottom 50 in the press freedom index.

“Manyi slates media, avoids questions,” Sowetan, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.sowetanlive.co.za/news/2011/05/04/manyi-slates-media-avoids-questions>

CONTROVERSIAL cabinet spokesperson Jimmy Manyi was invited to speak at the Cape Town Press Club on World Press Freedom Day about government transformation yesterday.

“Dozens of countries curbing the press freedom: Obama,” Economic Times, May 3, 2011.

http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2011-05-04/news/29509024_1_world-press-freedom-day-foreign-journalists-president-barack-obama

Obama was speaking on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day as he recognised the vital role being played by journalists in strengthening democratic governance around the world.

“Mozambique: Misa Demands Debate On the Right to Information Bill,” All Africa, May 3, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105040143.html>

In a press release received by AIM, MISA-Mozambique notes that World Press Freedom Day, celebrated on Tuesday across the world, is taking place at a time when there are no visible signs of debate in the Mozambican parliament of the proposed Right to Information Bill.

“Media forced to plead for life and profession: Media activists,” Daily Mirror, May 3, 2011.

<http://print.dailymirror.lk/news/news/42923.html>

The UN Panel report on Sri Lanka was prepared not because of UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon but because of politicians who intimidated the media and failed to protect its rights, media activists celebrating the World Press Freedom Day said yesterday.

“SLAJ marks WPF, presents petition of President, Speaker,” Sierra Express Media, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.sierraexpressmedia.com/archives/23364>

The Sierra Leone Association of Journalists today observed World Press Freedom Day with scores of journalists peacefully processing through the main streets of Freetown with placards calling for a repeal of Criminal and Seditious Libel Law and the promulgation without further delay of the Freedom of Information Law.

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“World Press Day: Kashmiri Journos Praised for Resisting State,” Kashmir Observer, May 3, 2011.

http://www.kashmirobservers.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7578:bhasin-praises-kashmiri-journos-for-resisting-state&catid=2:local-news&Itemid=3

“I pay tributes to the journalists for resisting the brutal power of the Indian state. Kashmiri journalists have upheld their values in spite of tremendous pressures,” said Ved Bhasin, Chairman Kashmir Times Group while addressing a seminar here on the World Press Day today.

“Jailed Iranian Journalist Awarded Press Freedom Prize,” Epoch Times, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.theepochtimes.com/n2/world/jailed-iranian-journalist-awarded-press-freedom-prize-55759.html>

One hopes that being this year’s winner of UNESCO’s Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize, will give Ahmad Zeidabadi renewed strength to face the coming years in an Iranian prison.

“Matt concerned about State’s role in media,” The Trinidad Guardian - May 3, 2011.

<http://guardian.co.tt/news/2011/05/04/matt-concerned-about-state-s-role-media>

In a news release on World Press Freedom Day yesterday Matt said: “For us in Trinidad and Tobago, the challenges we face are not entirely new. Political interference, for instance, is still on the front burner, and the Media Association of Trinidad and Tobago continues to be vigilant about the state’s role in the media, particularly CNMG and the continuing situation there as regards the ability of that company’s journalists to do their work.

“MDC survived through private media,” Masunda Jack Jiri, ZimEye.org.

<http://www.zimeye.org/?p=29570>

Newspapers and one time had to double as Daily news Chief executive, we together with Geof Nyarota and his team they can confirm that the paper through the assistants of newspaper vendors made MDC survive,”Masunda told delegates who were gathered at American Embassy in Harare at the World Press Freedom day where Alpha media was honouring outstanding vendors.

“Journalists Pay Heavy Price,” The Voice of Russia, May 3, 2011.

<http://english.ruvr.ru/2011/05/04/49807250.html>

Journalists have paid a "heavy price" for the coverage of unrest that has accompanied what many are calling the "Arab spring". This was stated in a report by the High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay, in connection with World Press Freedom Day.

“Attack on KPC condemned,” The News International, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/TodaysPrintDetail.aspx?ID=45024&Cat=4>

President Karachi Press Club (KPC) Tahir Hasan Khan and Secretary Moosa Kaleem have condemned in the most unambiguous of terms the armed attack on the staff and members of the Karachi Press Club on Tuesday evening and have asked the government of Sindh to take immediate action against the perpetrators. They said that it was sad irony that such a blatant and vicious attack on journalists should be taking place on the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day.

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“BAHAWALPUR the city,” The News International, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/TodaysPrintDetail.aspx?ID=44999&Cat=2&dt=5/4/2011>

To mark the World Press Freedom Day, Bahawalpur Union of Journalists (BhUJ) held a seminar on “Freedom of Press amid new challenges” at Bahawalpur Press Club and took out press freedom rally from press club to university Chowk on Tuesday.

“TOBA TEK SINGH the city,” The News International, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.thenews.com.pk/TodaysPrintDetail.aspx?ID=45014&Cat=2&dt=5/4/2011>

TOBA TEK SINGH: World Press Freedom Day was observed here on Tuesday in Mabarikabad by NGO Ravi Foundation.

“New IFJ Report: Free Speech in Peril in South Asia,” Scoop, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/WO1105/S00063/new-ifj-report-free-speech-in-peril-in-south-asia.htm>

“On World Press Freedom Day, we salute courageous journalists and media workers across South Asia who work tirelessly every day to uphold press freedom at significant personal risk,” IFJ Asia-Pacific Director Jacqueline Park said.

“Africa: Ambassador Rice On World Press Freedom Day 2011,” All Africa, May 3, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105031185.html>

On World Press Freedom Day, we remain grateful for the courageous work of journalists and ever determined to protect freedoms of expression and the press.

“Thailand can no longer celebrate freedom of speech,” The Nation, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.nationmultimedia.com/2011/05/04/opinion/Thailand-can-no-longer-celebrate-freedom-of-speech-30154496.html>

World Press Freedom Day, marked yesterday, normally would signify an occasion to celebrate the country's freedom of media and expression. After all, Thailand used to be a beacon of free speech in Southeast Asia.

“News groups call for media reform, review of computer law,” The Nation, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.nationmultimedia.com/home/News-groups-call-for-media-reform-review-of-comput-30154528.html>

Marking World Press Freedom Day yesterday, Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva agreed with media organisations that the controversial computer crime legislation needed revision.

“Vigil to honour missing photographer Hammerl,” Times Live, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.timeslive.co.za/local/article1049147.ece/Vigil-to-honour-missing-photographer-Hammerl>

On World Press Freedom Day yesterday, a candlelight vigil was held to honour South African photographer Anton Hammerl, who has been detained in Libya for almost a month.

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“Manyi ducks tough question,” Times Live, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.timeslive.co.za/Politics/article1049152.ece/Manyi-ducks-tough-question>

Controversial cabinet spokesman Jimmy Manyi was invited to speak at the Cape Town Press Club - on World Press Freedom Day - about government transformation yesterday.

“Myanmar still lacks press freedom,” Daily Times, May 3, 2011.

http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2011\05\04\story_4-5-2011_pg14_5

CHIANG MAI: As World Press Freedom Day is marked around the world, journalists claim Burma's new government has not ushered in freedom of the press but superficial change is in the air.

“Zimbabwe: Press Freedom Must Recognise Country's Laws,” All Africa, May 3, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105040003.html>

Addressing journalists at the World Press Freedom Day in Harare yesterday, Media, Information and Publicity Minister Webster Shamu, called on media organisations to come to the negotiating table to discuss challenges affecting the industry.

“Support mounts for release of North Vancouver journalist,” Vancouver Sun, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.vancouversun.com/technology/Support+mounds+release+North+Vancouver+journalist/4720800/story.html>

On World Press Freedom Day hundreds of people are joining the call for the release of a North Vancouver journalist thought to be held by the Syrian government. Using Facebook and Twitter, supporters of Dorothy Parvaz are continuing to marshal support for the University of B.C. graduate's release after she went missing from the Damascus airport last Friday.

“Philippine press freedom improves ‘marginally’,” Gulf Today, May 3, 2011.

<http://gulftoday.ae/portal/d1b9166f-1f5a-4d73-9756-692f58a7f3a0.aspx>

Freedom House released the report entitled “Freedom of the Press 2011: A Global Survey of Media Independence,” on the eve of the observation of World Press Freedom Day on May 3.

“Freedom to print what?” Donstan Bonn, Trinidad & Tobago Express, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.trinidadexpress.com/videos/Freedom-to-print-what-121189454.html>

As part of last week's Bocas Lit Fest and in anticipation of World Press Freedom Day, a debate was staged. The topic was “Press vs Government: the freedom to print what?”

“DA a threat to free media – NUMSA,” Politicsweb, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.politicsweb.co.za/politicsweb/view/politicsweb/en/page71654?oid=233947&sn=Detail&pid=71616>

We dedicate our World Press Freedom Day to the thousands of our country's journalist workers who exposed the barbaric and heinous killing of Andries Tatane by police officers. The expose' by journalist workers of Andries Tatane's brutal murder at the hands of the police was a confirmation of South Africa's media independence, as opposed to be a poodle of the ruling government reminiscent of the apartheid past.

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“Editorial – IFP is Fifteen,” Kangla Online, May 3, 2011.

<http://kanglaonline.com/2011/05/ifp-is-fifteen/>

The Imphal Free Press turned 15 today, May 3. By happy serendipity, May 3 is also the World Press Freedom day. So in celebrating the IFP’s anniversary, we also aptly celebrated press freedom.

“Haiti Communication : Michel Martelly, supports the Fourth power,” Haitilibre.com, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.haitilibre.com/en/news-2866-haiti-communication-michel-martelly-supports-the-fourth-power.html>

The elected President of the Republic, Michel Martelly, pays tribute to local and international press on the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day this May 3.

“Media under threat from advertisers, government –scribes,” Daily Monitor, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.monitor.co.ug/News/National/-/688334/1155814/-/c23ty9z/-/>

New digital media such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube are allowing more and better exchange of information, journalists meeting to mark World Press Freedom Day in Kampala heard yesterday. However, grave concerns remain over threats from government and advertisers, as well as poor pay and working conditions.

“IFJ Joins FAJ Press Freedom Day Call for Release of Journalists in Eritrea,” Awate, May 3, 2011.

<http://awate.com/ifj-joins-faj-press-freedom-day-call-for-release-of-journalists-in-eritrea/>

The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) today joined its African group, the Federation of African Journalists (FAJ) to mark World Press Freedom Day by sending a letter to President Issayas Afewerki of Eritrea, urging him to release all journalists detained by his government.

“Speed up Information Bill, media professionals urge The Citizen Daily,” May 3, 2011.

<http://thecitizen.co.tz/news/-/10583-speed-up-information-bill-media-professionals-urge>

Speaking separately during the marking of the World Press Freedom Day, some media professionals said the government’s delay in tabling the much awaited Information Bill pointed to lack of political goodwill.

“Govt not keen on media reforms,” News Day, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.newsday.co.zw/article/2011-05-03-govt-not-keen-on-media-reforms>

In a statement to mark World Press Freedom Day, Media Institute of Southern Africa trustee and lawyer Beatrice Mtetwa said without the political will there would be no transformation of the state-run media

“Steps to be taken to implement RTI Act, says Zamir,” Financial Express, May 3, 2011.

http://www.thefinancialexpress-bd.com/more.php?news_id=134587&date=2011-05-04

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) organised the discussion marking the World Press Freedom Day which was observed across the globe.

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“Arab revolts bring hope for media freedom – RSF,” Reuters AlertNet , May 3, 2011.

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/arab-revolts-bring-hope-for-media-freedom-rsf>

The 2011 list, published on World Press Freedom Day, and showing the 38 world leaders RSF deems most hostile to civil liberties and press freedom, includes the leaders of Libya, Syria, Yemen and Bahrain.

“Level of Thai press freedom downgraded,” Bangkok Post, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.bangkokpost.com/news/local/235238/level-of-thai-press-freedom-downgraded>

Thailand is among many countries, such as Egypt, Mexico and South Korea, which experienced significant declines in the number of people who could gain access to free and independent media, said the Freedom House's report entitled Freedom of the Press 2011: A Global Survey of Media Independence. The report was released yesterday to mark World Press Freedom Day.

“Algerian journalists press for change,” AFP, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iRpkfmJIGoMRmNu8jyVjE4Vkm4mA?docId=CNG.a3f8092c66918f0cedb929502b657e94.291>

Algerian journalists gathered in the capital Algiers on World Press Freedom Day Tuesday, pressing for better salaries and training. Lamenting what they deemed the "catastrophic situation" of journalists in the north African country, the group staged a sit-down protest outside Press House, which houses several newspapers.

“Afghanistan: Fear is Constant Companion of Kabul Journalists,” EurasiaNet, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.eurasianet.org/node/63411>

Elsewhere, in connection with World Press Freedom Day on May 3 the democratization watchdog organization Freedom House released its annual Freedom of the Press 2011 survey.

“Cote d’Ivoire ALERT: Local journalists prevented from covering Ouattara visit to the Presidential palace,” Senegambia News, May 3, 2011.

http://www.senegambianews.com/article/Press_Releases/Press_Releases/Cote_dIvoire_ALERT_Local_journalists_prevented_from_covering_Ouattara_visit_to_the_Presidential_palace/19581

Bakayoko, who was addressing journalists and media executives as part of the May 3rd World Press Freedom Day Celebration in Cocody, a suburb of Abidjan assured them of protection and that journalists in the country must adhere to the professional ethics of the media.

“GJA renews call on the legislation of freedom of information,” Ghana News Agency, May 3, 2011.

http://www.ghananewsagency.org/social/r_28335/social/gja-renews-call-on-the-legislation-of-freedom-of-information

Mr Tetteh made the call in Accra during the celebration of this year's World Press Freedom Day, on the theme: "21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers."

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“Press Freedom Day: Latin America even more dangerous for journalists,” Tico Times, May 3, 2011.

http://www.ticotimes.net/News/News-Briefs/Press-Freedom-Day-Latin-America-even-more-dangerous-for-journalists_Tuesday-May-03-2011

The region, with 31 deaths last year or about one third of the 92 journalists who lost their lives worldwide, was exceeded only by Asia with 35, said the Vienna-based IPI in its World Press Freedom Review 2010.

“Free press 'stifled' in crackdown,” The West Australian, May 3, 2011.

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/newshome/9308476/free-press-stifled-in-crackdown/>

Publishers used World Press Freedom Day yesterday to draw attention to what they called a "blizzard" of suppression orders protecting high-profile criminals in Australian courts and growing attempts by sports organisations and concert promoters to stage-manage events and shape media coverage.

“Media freedom: Don’t allow truth to remain silent,” Daily Mirror, May 3, 2011.

<http://print.dailymirror.lk/editorial/106-editorial/42836.html>

As thousands of jubilant flag-waving Americans and others continued to celebrate the reported killing and sea burial of elusive Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden in Pakistan, we yesterday marked World Press Freedom Day.

“Call to ensure journos' security,” The Daily Star, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=184127>

The World Press Freedom Day was observed in the country as elsewhere across the globe yesterday with this year's theme "21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers".

“Journalists pay heavy price in Arab uprisings: UN,” AFP, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/05/03/journalists-pay-heavy-price-in-arab-uprisings-un.html>

In an address to mark World Press Freedom Day, Pillay remarked that “three-quarters of all the journalists killed so far this year have lost their lives covering news stories in North Africa and the Middle East.”

“Leading Tamil daily in Sri Lanka marks 80 years of continued publication,” Colombo Page, May 3, 2011.

http://www.colombopage.com/archive_11/May03_1304445659CH.php

The special volume comprised the front pages of the newspapers on special, local, and international events of importance. The presentation was made to mark the World Press Freedom day.

“My friend and colleague (formerly missing, now reported detained) in Syria,” Human Sphere, May 3, 2011.

<http://humanosphere.kplu.org/2011/05/my-friend-and-colleague-missing-in-syria/>

Journalists take risks to make sure people’s stories are told, to shine a light on wrongdoing based on the belief that public awareness is the first step toward positive change. Today happens to be World Press Freedom Day, this year hosted by the U.S.

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“Gloudon wants libel reform timeline,” Go Jamaica, May 3, 2011.

http://go-jamaica.com/news/read_article.php?id=28427

Speaking today at a breakfast put on by the Press Association of Jamaica and the Media Association of Jamaica, in observance of World Press Freedom Day, Gloudon said the issue has been taking an inordinately long time.

“Journalists pay heavy price in Arab uprisings: UN,” Expatica Switzerland, May 3, 2011.

http://www.expatica.com/ch/news/swiss-news/journalists-pay-heavy-price-in-arab-uprisings-un_146387.html

UN human rights chief Navi Pillay paid tribute on Tuesday to the heavy price paid by local and international journalists in uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa. In an address to mark World Press Freedom Day, Pillay remarked that "three-quarters of all the journalists killed so far this year have lost their lives covering news stories in North Africa and the Middle East."

“Happy World Press Freedom Day to You!” Awareness Times, May 3, 2011.

http://news.sl/drwebsite/publish/article_200517778.shtml

As one of Sierra Leone’s outstanding journalists[take it or leave it], let me say on this World Press Freedom Day of May 3rd 2011 how amusing it is to see certain persons who have never darkened the doors of journalism classes, complaining about ‘their’ journalism profession being invaded by alleged non-journalists. However, they cannot clearly define for us just who is a journalist and who is not.

“Activists protest reporters held in Syria,” Aljazeera.net, May 3, 2011.

<http://english.aljazeera.net/news/europe/2011/05/20115314396950777.html>

Around 30 demonstrators from Reporters Without Borders (RSF) gathered outside the building in the French capital on Tuesday to mark UNESCO World Press Freedom Day by calling for an end to the crackdown on the media.

“National Constitutional Assembly (NCA) Statement on World Press Freedom Day,” SW Radio Africa, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.swradioafrica.com/pages/nca030511.htm>

World Press Freedom Day is a day that reminds us of the vital importance of this core freedom. Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that... the fundamental right of freedom of expression encompasses the freedom “to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.”

“The daily Agenda: 03 May 2011,” The Zimbabwean, May 3, 2011.

http://www.thezimbabwean.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=39308:the-daily-agenda-03-may-2011-&catid=65:blogs

Today the world marks world press freedom day and the international theme for the commemorations are 21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New boundaries. The day comes at a time when ZANU PF is stepping up its efforts to persecute all forms of freedoms including media freedoms.

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“Ghana committed to 'uncensored and safe cyberspace',” Africa Review, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.africareview.com/News/Ghana+committed+to+uncensored+and+safe+cyberspace/-/979180/1155770/-/3xnci3/-/>

In a speech to mark the World’s Press Freedom Day, Mr Okudzeto-Ablakwa said: “We have seen governments engage in online blocking where access to some websites is curtailed. We have observed that some governments are now mounting surveillance on cyberspace so as to track down those who publish what those governments don’t like.”

“Architectural photographer makes City Hall protest,” Building Design, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.bdonline.co.uk/news/architectural-photographer-makes-city-hall-protest/5017540.article>

Dozens of photographers from pressure group I’m a Photographer, Not a Terrorist! (PHNAT) marked World Press Freedom Day today with a mass photoshoot on the privately managed More London development at City Hall.

“Media freedom a right,” The Zimbabwean, May 3, 2011.

http://www.thezimbabwean.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=39306:media-freedom-a-right&catid=69:sunday-top-stories&Itemid=30

The MDC today joins the people of Zimbabwe and beyond in commemorating the World Press Freedom Day.

“World press freedom day observed in Kashmir,” GroundReport, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.groundreport.com/World/World-press-freedom-day-observed-in-Kashmir/2938755>

World Press freedom day was today observed at Kashmir University Media house auditorium which saw huge participation of journalists , media students , scholars and teachers from Kashmir University and members from civil society.

“Unesco calls for press freedom in a changed media landscape,” Telecom Paper, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.telecompaper.com/news/unesco-calls-for-press-freedom-in-a-changed-media-landscape>

On the occasion of World Press Freedom Day, 3 May, Unesco director general Irina Bokova has appealed to all governments to uphold their commitments to protecting and promoting freedom of expression and freedom of the press, described as the foundations of all democratic societies.

“Govt continues to strengthen media’ role: Firdous,” Associated Press of Pakistan, May 3, 2011.

http://app.com.pk/en_/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=138329&Itemid=2

Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan on Tuesday said the government would continue to strengthen media role, allowing it to exercise freedom of expression without compromising national interest. She was addressing at a seminar in connection with World Press Freedom Day arranged by UNESCO, Mishal and United Nations Information Centre held here.

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“Declaration by the President of the European Commission, Jose Manuel Barroso, on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day,” IEWY News, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.iewy.com/25318-declaration-by-the-president-of-the-european-commission-jose-manuel-barroso-on-the-occasion-of-world-press-freedom-day.html>

On World Press Freedom Day, I wish to pay tribute in the name of the Commission to the daily battle that many journalists must fight, sometimes to the extent that their very lives are endangered. The threats that weigh on these journalists are unacceptable.

“Midday Express of 2011-05-03,” IWEY News, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.iewy.com/25317-midday-express-of-2011-05-03.html>

Declaration by the President of the European Commission, Jose Manuel Barroso, on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day:

“Jailed Iranian journalist picks Press Freedom Prize,” Ghana Broadcasting Corporation, May 3, 2011.

<http://gbcghana.com/index.php?id=1.358617.1.374209>

An Iranian journalist imprisoned after the country's 2009 presidential election has been chosen as this year's winner of the UNESCO Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.

“Tribute Marks World Press Freedom Day,” 4RFV, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.4rfv.co.uk/nationalnews.asp?id=126137>

To mark World Press Freedom Day today, Foreign Secretary William Hague has paid tribute to journalists, bloggers and media organisations.

European Commission launches 2011 Lorenzo Natali Prize,” Journalism.co.uk, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.journalism.co.uk/news/european-commission-launches-2011-lorenzo-natali-prize/s2/a543967/>

The prize, launched today to coincide with [World Press Freedom Day](#), is open to print, online and broadcast journalists based in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, the Arab World, Latin America and the Caribbean as well as Asia and the Pacific.

“World Press Freedom Day: Media failing to fulfill responsibility,” Saleha Rauf, The Express Tribune, May 3, 2011.

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/160757/world-press-freedom-day-media-failing-to-fulfill-responsibility/>

He was one of the several journalists to voice their concern about the ethical standards in the Pakistani press ahead of World Press Freedom Day today.

“The pressing need for freedom,” Badar Alam, DAWN.COM, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.dawn.com/2011/05/03/the-pressing-need-for-freedom.html>

By no means, the freedom of the press in Pakistan can be guaranteed by raising full-throated slogans to mark the World Press Freedom Day. It is a long drawn out battle that has only half begun.

“Transparency of Indian media under scrutiny,” IMN Live, May 3, 2011.

<http://ibnlive.in.com/news/transparency-of-indian-media-under-scrutiny/151148-3.html> Transparency was the key question that the Indian media faced through 2010, with "paid news" and "cash for

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coverage" remaining in public focus throughout the year, a report by the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) said on Tuesday on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day.

“Haniyah meets journalists to mark World Press Freedom Day,” Middle East Monitor, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.middleeastmonitor.org.uk/news/middle-east/2295-haniyah-meets-journalists-to-mark-world-press-freedom-day>

Prime Minister Ismail Haniyah yesterday met with journalists in the Gaza Strip to mark World Press Freedom Day during which he discussed efforts to achieve Palestinian national reconciliation.

“Snappers hold City Hall flashmob in protest at photography restrictions,” London SE1, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.london-se1.co.uk/news/view/5263>

Members of the campaign group 'I'm a Photographer, Not a Terrorist!' and the National Union of Journalists held a lunchtime flashmob outside City Hall on Tuesday to mark World Press Freedom Day.

“Press Release: What World Press Freedom Day means to Eastern African Journalists,” Wire Service Canada, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.wireservice.ca/index.php?module=News&func=display&sid=5286>

As the world joins Members of the fourth estate to celebrate the world press Freedom Day, many questions remain unanswered about the Eastern African Journalist!

“Some Media laws threaten press freedom in Gambia” Calls to amend harsh media laws intensify ahead of World Press Freedom Day Celebration - National News – Newspaper,” Foroyaa online, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.foroyaa.gm/modules/news/article.php?storyid=6748>

Gambian media laws pose a threat to press freedom, said publishers and editors of various newspapers in this country. They argued that the laws far from enhancing press freedom are stifling it. The media heads made these remarks recently in their various offices ahead of May 3rd World Press Freedom day celebration.

“EU APPEALS FOR RELEASE OF JOURNALISTS HELD IN AFGHANISTAN,” Agenzia Giornalistica Italia, May 3, 2011.

http://www.agi.it/english-version/world/elenco-notizie/201105031533-pol-ren1056-eu_appeals_for_release_of_journalists_held_in_afghanistan

On World Press Freedom Day the EU Commission asked for the release of France 3 reporters Herve' Ghesquiere and Stephane Taponier, detained in Afghanistan for 490 days.

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“CITIZEN LAB wins prize for defence of the Internet,” CanadianBusiness.com, May 3, 2011.
<http://www.canadianbusiness.com/article/22902--citizen-lab-wins-prize-for-defence-of-the-internet>
The Ottawa event for World Press Freedom Day, held at the National Arts Centre, also announced winners of the 11th International Editorial Cartoon Competition on the theme: "Wikileaks and its creators: villains or heroes?"

“How much freedom should reporters have?” BBC (blog), May 3, 2011.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/africahaveyoursay/2011/05/how-much-freedom-should-report.shtml>
Today is World Press Freedom Day, yet journalists continue to be arrested and attacked in the course of duty. The International Federation of Journalists says last year more than 90 reporters were killed as they worked, 15 of those in sub-Saharan Africa.

“President directs ministers to devise plan to protect journalists,” Associated Press of Pakistan, May 3, 2011.
http://ftpapp.app.com.pk/en/_index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=138316&Itemid=1
The President while expressing solidarity with journalists on the occasion of world press freedom day that falls today reiterated commitment of the government and the PPP to uphold freedom of the press as an essential element of democracy and said the government will take all necessary steps to protect media persons from all threats and violence while discharging their professional duties.

“Tunisian journalists seek new angles,” News24, May 3, 2011.
<http://www.news24.com/Africa/News/Tunisian-journalists-seek-new-angles-20110503>
The fall of the police state in the Tunisian uprising in January has left journalists seeking new sources and points of reference for their work, demanding a right to the free press celebrated in Tuesday's World Press Freedom Day.

“East Turkestan: World Press Freedom Day - WUC Condemns Ongoing Violation Of Uyghur’ Freedom Of Expression,” UNPO, May 3, 2011.
<http://www.unpo.org/article/12584>
On the occasion of World Press Freedom Day, celebrated annually on the 3rd of May, the World Uyghur Congress (WUC) condemns the ongoing violation of the right to freedom of expression of the Uyghur people in East Turkestan and draws the attention of the international community to the fate of imprisoned Uyghur media workers.

“Burundi journalists demonstrate for freedom,” AFP, May 3, 2011.
<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5idhDLPqc1KPSYPIPB16pOQVLv6EA?docId=CNG.a3f8092c66918f0cedb929502b657e94.7f1>
About 100 journalists marched here Tuesday to press for the release of a jailed colleague, the decriminalisation of press offences and to mark World Press Freedom Day.

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“U.S. Consulate Celebrates World Press Freedom Day,” Wafa - Palestine News Agency, May 3, 2011.

<http://english.wafa.ps/index.php?action=detail&id=16028>

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem held a reception in Ramallah on Tuesday to celebrate World Press Freedom Day. Public Affairs Officer, Frank J. Finver, addressed the audience of journalists, who had come from different cities of the West Bank to attend the reception

“Afshin Ellian: no human rights without press freedom,” Radio Netherlands, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.rnw.nl/english/article/afshin-ellian-no-human-rights-without-press-freedom>

“Where there are no journalists, human rights will be violated.” Afshin Ellian, who came to the Netherlands 22 years ago as a refugee from Iran, knows all too well what press freedom means. Speaking about the 3 May celebration of World Press Freedom Day, he says, “World Press Freedom Day is much more important than International Workers’ Day.”

“Leaders of Libya, Syria, Yemen, Bahrain criticized as 'press predators',” The Canadian Press, May 3, 2011.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5geHuzTS_G61RoRsPb0uZdM_ir6wg?docId=6741957

The Paris-based media advocacy group says its 2011 list, published on Tuesday's World Press Freedom Day, criticizes governments that repress the media, including violence against journalists and hostility toward civil liberties.

“Media Council Should Be Regulated By Media Practitioners, Says Former Editor-In-Chief,” Bernama, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.bernama.com.my/bernama/v5/newsindex.php?id=583676>

Maybe, in Malaysia it will be good for the media in the long run," he told Bernama after moderating a forum themed, '21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers', held in conjunction with World Press Freedom Day at Universiti Selangor (Unisel), here Tuesday.

“In Bahrain, World Press Non-Freedom Day,” Global Voices, May 3, 2011.

<http://advocacy.globalvoicesonline.org/2011/05/04/in-bahrain-world-press-non-freedom-day/>

Today is [World Press Freedom Day](#), a day that is being commiserated more than celebrated in many nations, including Bahrain, where journalists and bloggers are currently under siege by government. Ironically, one of those world leaders celebrating World Press Freedom Day is King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of Bahrain, one of 38 heads of state who have been named “[predators of press freedom](#)” by Reporters Without Borders. He issued a [statement](#) today saying that he believes “a free, impartial and

“World Press Freedom Day 2011,” CBC, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.cbc.ca/strombo/show-news/world-press-freedom-day-2011.html>

Think about how much we all relied on reporters and journalists last night as the election results rolled in. Whether online, on TV or the radio, the reports were prompt, accurate and constant. May 3 is a day to recognize that this is still not a luxury in many parts of the world... [World Press Freedom](#)

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Day is about assessing how free the world press really is and acknowledging where there is still injustice.

“MISA-Zimbabwe World Press Freedom Day Statement,” The Zimbabwean, May 3, 2011.

http://www.thezimbabwean.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=39304:misa-zimbabwe-world-press-freedom-day-statement&catid=52&Itemid=32

This year’s World Press Freedom Day (WFPD) commemorations on 3 May 2011 are indeed of great significance as they come on the backdrop of the 20th anniversary of the 1991 Windhoek Declaration.

“Vigils to be held for Hammerl, journalists on World Press Freedom Day,” Glenda Nevill, The Media Online, May 3, 2011.

<http://themediainline.co.za/2011/05/vigils-to-be-held-for-hammerl-journalists-on-world-press-freedom-day/>

He said that World Press Freedom Day had “its roots in the African journalists who, in the wake of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the crumbling of media restrictions in Eastern Europe, sought similar advances on their continent. They worked with UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) to organize the 1991 seminar in Namibia that produced the landmark Windhoek Declaration on free and independent media, which in turn inspired the United Nations General Assembly two years later to proclaim this observance”.

“How South Asia “frees” its press: World Press Freedom Day,” Sara Nics, Radio Netherlands Worldwide, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.rnw.nl/english/article/how-south-asia-%E2%80%9Cfrees%E2%80%9D-its-press-world-press-freedom-day>

South Asia is not an easy place to be a journalist. In Sri Lanka, almost twenty journalists were killed during the last decade and in Pakistan, at least eleven journalists lost their lives last year alone. Mainstream media is often so repressed that it's no wonder that the blogosphere in this part of the world is blooming.

“Burundi journalists demonstrate for freedom,” AFP, May 3, 2011.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gE6ASyJL_1jGz9NqUgZwgqrvW-2g?docId=CNG.38ca4655f63b9e496ef37d6a16caeeee.aal

About 100 journalists marched in the Burundian capital Bujumbura on Tuesday to press for the release of a jailed colleague, the decriminalisation of press offences and to mark World Press Freedom Day.

“Azerbaijani Press Council holds event on World Press Freedom Day (PHOTO),” [Trend News Agency](http://en.trend.az/news/society/1870424.html), May 3, 2011.

<http://en.trend.az/news/society/1870424.html>

The Azerbaijani Press Council held an event devoted to May 3, World Press Freedom Day, today. Azerbaijan is in the process of developing the press. The president pays special attention to this area.

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“Trade union praises UN world press freedom day motto,” Angola Press, May 3, 2011.

http://www.portalangop.co.ao/motix/en_us/noticias/sociedade/2011/4/18/Trade-union-praises-world-press-freedom-day-motto,7ccfd7ea-7e91-4f6f-88c1-0102c5e318ad.html

Luanda - The Angolan Journalists Trade Union congratulated the United Nations for the motto of the World Press Freedom Day, “The Media in the XXI century: New borders, New Barriers”.

“OSCE media freedom representative, on World Press Freedom Day, calls on participating states,” [The Financial](http://www.thefinancial.com), May 3, 2011.

http://finchannel.com/Main_News/Politics/86203_OSCE_media_freedom_representative_on_World_Press_Freedom_Day_calls_on_participating_States_to_ensu/

The OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, Dunja Mijatović, marked World Press Freedom Day today by urging all 56 OSCE participating States to do more to curb violence against journalists and ensure a safe work environment for the media.

“For Journalists In Belarus, One Of World's Least-Free Countries, Things Only Getting Worse ,” Radio Free Europe, May 3, 2011.

http://www.rferl.org/content/belarus_press_freedom_least_free_countries/24089877.html

Sandwiched between Cuba and Myanmar on Freedom House's annual Freedom of the Press listing, Belarus has little to celebrate on World Press Freedom Day on May 3. And the already dismal situation in the authoritarian country is definitely taking a turn for the worse.

“Photographers' City Hall Flashmob,” Demotix, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.demotix.com/news/679819/photographers-city-hall-flashmob>

On World Press Freedom Day photographers held a flash mob protest at City Hall calling for an end to the growing restrictions on photography in areas normally open to the public, and delivering a letter for Mayor Boris Johnson.

“North Samar “Harambang” media group celebrates World Press Freedom Day today,”

Teresita B. Cardenas, Philippine Information Agency, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.pia.gov.ph/?m=1&t=1&id=30402>

In line with the awareness raising of the importance of the freedom of the press and remind governments of their duty to respect and uphold the right to freedom of expression enshrined under Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Northern Samar “Harambang” media group has celebrated the World Press Freedom Day today at the University of Eastern Philippines, Catarman, Northern Samar.

“Authoritarian regimes eradicate the freedom of the Internet,” [Deutsche Welle](http://www.dw-world.de), May 3, 2011.

<http://www.dw-world.de/dw/article/0,,15045705,00.html>

DW Director-General Erik Bettermann marked World Press Freedom day with a speech in which he noted that the authorities in some countries are becoming more adept at controlling access to the Internet.

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“Kenya rejects new Internet domain,” [Capital FM Kenya](#), May 3, 2011.

<http://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/Kenyanews/Kenya-rejects-new-Internet-domain-12634.html>

Speaking during the 20th anniversary celebrations of World Press Freedom Day on Tuesday, Information and Communication Permanent Secretary Bitange Ndemo said Kenya would not certify the top level domain that was recently approved by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers.

“Yanukovych: independent Ukraine impossible without independent press,” [Interfax](#), May 3, 2011.

<http://www.interfax.com.ua/eng/main/67688/>

Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych is confident that "independent Ukraine is impossible without independent press" and assures that the power will make every effort for journalists to feel free.

“Haiti - Communication : World Press Freedom Day,” [Haiti Libre](#), May 3, 2011.

<http://www.haitilibre.com/en/news-2861-haiti-communication-world-press-freedom-day.html>

Marie Laurence Jocelyn Lassègue, the Minister of Culture and Communication, on the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day, this Tuesday May 3, 2011, has called yesterday Monday, in a speech for the circumstance, to the strengthening of the organizations of journalists to, among others, to better defend their rights and preserve the freedom of expression in the country.

“Press freedom more relevant than ever in digital era: UN,” [Untied Press of Pakistan](#), May 3, 2011.

http://app.com.pk/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=138326&Itemid=2

Freedom of expression remains as important as ever in the digital age, serving as a basis for democracy and human dignity everywhere, senior U.N. officials stressed Tuesday as the Organization observed World Press Freedom Day with a series of events around the globe.

“May Day!” for Malaysia’s press freedom,” [Aliran](#), May 3, 2011.

<http://aliran.com/5443.html>

One Malaysian daily ushered in World Press Freedom Day by booting out the National Union of Journalists president Hata Wahari. Under such trying circumstances in Malaysia’s media industry, Mustafa K Anuar suggests it might be more appropriate to holler, “May Day! May Day!”

“Pacific media organisations meet on World Press Freedom Day,” [Australian News Network](#), May 3, 2011.

<http://australianetworknews.com/stories/201105/3206545.htm?desktop>

Pacific media organisations have gathered in the Samoan capital Apia for an inaugural meeting to mark the annual World Press Freedom Day today. The gathering brings together media organisations such as the AIBD Pacific Media Partnership and the Pacific Alliance for Development Journalists.

“Africa: Shadow of 9/11 Attacks Hangs Over Journalism,” [All Africa](#), May 3, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105021886.html>

The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) marks this year's World Press Freedom Day by focusing on the legacy of the terrorist attacks on 11 September in New York and Washington ten years ago. The Federation plans to launch a major campaign - Journalism in the Shadow of Terror- to

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consider the impact of those terrible events and to call for a reversal of the tide of legal and official intimidation of journalism and attacks on civil liberties that has followed the events of 2001

“UN rights expert hails 'power' of Internet,” AFP, May 2, 2011.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jVr8yIQwA4_r-OzStzP1OF4zjIzw?docId=CNG.3340ad36c18eb1a55e88203c4e216556.711

A UN human rights expert has marked World Press Freedom Day by hailing the epoch-making power of the Internet and the role online social networking has played in uprisings in the Middle East. "As one activist tweeted during the protests in Egypt, 'we use Facebook to schedule the protests, Twitter to coordinate, and YouTube to tell the world'," said Frank La Rue, UN special rapporteur on freedom of opinion and expression.

“Shikapwasha to grace World Press Freedom Day Conference,” Lusaka Times, May 2, 2011.

<http://www.lusakatimes.com/2011/05/02/shikapwasha-grace-world-press-freedom-day-conference/>

Information and Broadcasting Services Minister Ronnie Shikapwasha will today grace the World Press Freedom Day (WPF) National Stakeholders Conference to be held at Mulungushi International Conference Centre (MICC) in Lusaka.

“Belarus named among world’s 10 worst countries for free media,” Naviny.by, May 2, 2011.

http://naviny.by/rubrics/english/2011/05/02/ic_articles_259_173473

The 10 worst-rated countries are Belarus, Burma, Cuba, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, according to the Associated Press. Around the world, one in six people live in countries with a free press, Freedom House said, and those with access to a free and independent media declined to the lowest level in over a decade. According to the watchdog, significant declines in press freedom occurred in Egypt, Honduras, Hungary, Mexico, South Korea, Thailand, Turkey and Ukraine.

“World Press Freedom Day statement / UNAMID Chief notes need for a free and responsible press in and on Darfur,” Star Africa, May 2, 2011.

<http://www.starafrika.com/en/news/press-releases/article/world-press-freedom-day-statement-unam-163528.html>

The Joint Special Representative (JSR) for the African Union-United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID), Ibrahim Gambari, today encouraged the development of a free press in the region as a means of promoting peace and reconciliation.

“Press Pack: EU support to press freedom and dialogue,” ENPI, May 2, 2011.

http://enpi-info.eu/mainmed.php?id=25028&id_type=1&lang_id=450

With World Press Freedom Day celebrated across the world on 3 May, the ENPI Info Centre has put together a press pack highlighting the EU’s support to press freedom and dialogue in the Neighbourhood.

“Freedom of expression in Southeast Asia,” Korea Times, May 2, 2011.

http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/opinion/2011/05/137_86270.html

As World Press Freedom Day is celebrated on May 3, people across the Southeast Asian region continue to be imprisoned for peacefully expressing opinions and ideas on the state institutions that

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govern over them. This violates human rights commitments made by these states at the international level.

“Uganda Government News: UN urges government to respect human rights,” UG Pulse, May 2, 2011.

<http://www.ugpulse.com/articles/daily/news.asp?about=UN+urges+government+to+respect+human+rights&ID=19287>

As the media prepares its self for the world press freedom day slated for 3rd May 2011, the UN special reporter on human rights defenders Margret Sekajja has called upon the government to protect the media.

“Rwanda: Why Journalists Are Cheating the Public,” All Africa, May 2, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201105021121.html>

Internationally, the focus will be on new media frontiers, and the opportunities and challenges that come with them. But in Rwanda, organizers of the event have adopted a theme that resonates more with the reforms currently sweeping through the industry, including the recently approved media self-regulation, which has a potential to drastically change the country's media landscape.

“Sunday View: 21st Century media, new media, new barriers,” Charles Ray, The Standard (Zimbabwe), May 1, 2011.

<http://www.thestandard.co.zw/opinion/29520-sundayview-21st-century-media-new-media-new-barriers.html>

World Press Freedom Day, observed annually across the world on May 3, was established by the United Nations to celebrate the principle of press freedom and to commemorate those who died in trying to exercise it. For these reasons, the United States has partnered with Unesco to host the official global commemoration of World Press Freedom Day in the US for the first time.

“Shamu must not outlaw reforms,” News Day, May 1, 2011.

<http://www.newsday.co.zw/article/2011-05-01-shamu-must-not-outlaw-reforms>

The Zimbabwean media joins the rest of the world to commemorate World Press Freedom Day tomorrow with a sense of trepidation

“Egypt activists found media freedom coalition,” [Al-Masry Al-Youm](http://www.almasryalyoum.com/en/node/419408), May 1, 2011.

<http://www.almasryalyoum.com/en/node/419408>

The launch of a National Coalition for Media Freedom, to coordinate the efforts of media players and activists interested in the independence of the Egyptian media, was announced Sunday. The founders have approved "the media freedom declaration", which will be delivered through a press conference at the Journalists Syndicate on 3 May, which is World Press Freedom Day.

“An irreversible gain in freedom of expression,” Sunday Times, May 1, 2011.

http://www.sundaytimes.lk/110501/Timestwo/t2_14.html

Everyone in the Arab world, including its present leaders, recognise that major change is needed, is urgent and cannot be resisted much longer. The courage of the young people campaigning across the region for their political and economic rights, and perhaps above all for their dignity, has won widespread admiration all over the world.

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“UN chiefs criticise threats to freedom of expression,” IPP Media, April 30, 2011.

<http://www.ippmedia.com/frontend/index.php?l=28626>

United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay and UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova together have bemoaned emerging new threats that pose formidable challenges to freedom of expression.

“Ombudsmen Connect the Public And Newspaper Staff,” All Africa, April 29, 2011.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201104290883.html>

Providing the human connection between the public and newspaper staff can be tough, but Ted Diadiun, the reader representative for the Plain Dealer newspaper in Cleveland, Ohio, finds the work stimulating, because even angry callers show they care deeply about the newspaper. Diadiun shares his experiences here as part of our celebration of World Press Freedom Day and exploration of media law and self-regulation in lieu of litigation.

“GJA releases programme for the celebration of World Press Freedom Day,” Ghana News Agency, April 29, 2011

[also ran in Business Ghana]

http://www.ghananewsagency.org/s_social/r_28204/social/gja-releases-programme-for-the-celebration-of-world-press-freedom-day

The Ghana Journalists Association (GJA) will celebrate the 2011 World Press Freedom Day with a symposium and flag-raising at the Ghana International Press Centre on Tuesday, May 3.

“Celebrate World Press Freedom Day in May,” Media Update, April 29, 2011.

<http://mediaupdate.co.za/?IDStory=36670>

Thousands of newspapers worldwide will commemorate World Press Freedom Day on Tuesday, 3 May, by publishing thoughtful editorial and provocative advertising materials from the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA). There is still time to join them.

“Sri Lankan publisher to deliver press freedom talk,” Irish Times, April 29, 2011.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2011/0429/1224295673648.html>

A Sri Lankan newspaper publisher whose brother was shot dead in 2009 will deliver a public lecture to mark World Press Freedom Day in Dublin next month.

“Algeria to examine decriminalization of press offenses,” Peoples Daily Online, April 29, 2011

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90777/90855/7365467.html>

Algerian Minister of Communication Nacer Mehal said on Thursday that the government will examine lifting criminalization on press offenses, in accordance with the President Abdelaziz Bouteflika's decision to amend the press code.

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“When Mideast Journalists are Forced to Keep the News to Themselves,” CIC Scene, April 29, 2011.

<http://www.cicweb.ca/scene/2011/04/when-mideast-journalists-are-forced-to-keep-the-news-to-themselves/>

Honest Reporting Canada has just released this new video to mark World Press Freedom Day, an event that seeks to raise awareness of the importance of freedom of the press and to remind governments, specifically in the broader Middle East, the Arab world, and North Africa, of their duty to respect and protect the journalists, and not to target and intimidate the media.

“Canadian Journalists for Free Expression Presents: Access Denied,” Newswire, April 29, 2011.

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/April2011/29/c8015.html>

Canadian Journalists for Free Expression (CJFE) presents a discussion about the state of access to information in Canada on May 10, sponsored by NOW Magazine. CBC Radio One's The Current's Anna Maria Tremonti will host, with expert panellists Ottawa Deputy Bureau Chief Dean Beeby of the Canadian Press, former Information Commissioner John Reid and investigative journalist with CTV's W5, Paula Todd.

“Comment: Maldives on path to Right to Information Act,” Venkatesh Nayak and Balaji Chandramohan, Mini Van news, April 28th, 2011.

<http://minivannews.com/politics/comment-maldives-on-path-to-right-to-information-act-19476>

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“World Press Freedom Day,” D. Brent Hardt, Caribarena, April 28, 2011.

<http://www.caribarena.com/antigua/world/103-world/97285-world-press-freedom-day.html>

Social media users are playing a starring role in the drama unfolding in the Middle East and North Africa. In many countries in the region including Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Yemen, Bahrain and Syria. The Internet is serving as a catalyst for journalists, activists, and citizens alike to connect with each other and share their stories and calls for change with the world.

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“IFEX unveils special website for World Press Freedom Day,” IFEX, April 27, 2011.

http://www.ifex.org/international/2011/04/27/ifex_wpfd_site/

A [new IFEX website](#), available in English (and French and Spanish from 29 April), showcases exactly what our 88 members are doing and thinking about on World Press Freedom Day. You'll find out how it is being commemorated around the world, and how you can get involved in your own community.

“Total” company sponsors E/R GJA celebration,” Ghana News Agency, April 27, 2011.

http://www.ghananewsagency.org/social/r_28144/social/total-company-sponsors-e-r-gja-celebration

The management of Total Two Petrol filling station, in Koforidua, on Wednesday, donated an amount of GH¢400.00 and 20 crates of soft drinks to the Eastern Regional branch of the Ghana Journalists Association (GJA). The cash and items are for the organization of this year's World Press Freedom Day in Koforidua.

“US embassy, journalists trade-union hold video conference,” Angola Press, April 27, 2011.

http://www.portalangop.co.ao/motix/en_us/noticias/sociedade/2011/3/17/embassy-journalists-trade-union-hold-video-conference_b48b5eb0-1136-49f4-8d0c-27f20ed6a55a.html

Luanda - The embassy of the United States of America to Angola and the Journalists Trade-union will hold on Thursday in Luanda, a video conference on World Press Freedom's Day, to be marked on 3 May. Taking place in the conference hall of this Embassy, the event will be animated in the form of round table, by the US lecturer, Elizabeth Bryant, from Paris (France), according to a communiqué delivered to Angop.

“NewsDay Zimbabwe Targeted By Thieves?” News Day, April 27, 2011.

http://www.newstime.co.za/SouthAfrica/NewsDay_Zimbabwe_Targeted_By_Thieves/24676/

NewsDay, an independent Zimbabwean daily newspaper critical of President Robert Mugabe, are confirming Wednesday that their Harare offices were broken into on Monday night. According to reports thieves stole computer hard drives and a laptop belonging to the editor Brian Mangwende all of which contained vital information. NewsDay's chief executive, Raphael Khumalo, said that components and hard drives were removed from the computers of 11 reporters.

“Voluntary Media Council of Zimbabwe (VMCZ) statement on the raid on NewsDay offices by unknown criminals,” The Zimbabwean, April 27, 2011.

http://www.thezimbabwean.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=39192:voluntary-media-council-of-zimbabwe-vmcz-statement-on-the-raid-on-newsday-offices-by-unknown-criminals&catid=69:sunday-top-stories&Itemid=30

The Voluntary Media Council of Zimbabwe (VMCZ) strongly condemns the illegal entry into NewsDay offices and the theft of a laptop belonging to the paper's editor Brian Mangwende by unknown people on Monday night. The unknown criminals vandalised computers and also got away with hard drives and other components from computers used by senior editorial staff at the independent daily. VMCZ views the break in at the NewsDay offices as an attack on the freedom of the press in Zimbabwe and as an act that is aimed at crippling the newspaper, in an attempt to stop it from fulfilling its mandate of informing the citizenry.

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“Press for justice,” The Hindu, April 27, 2011.

<http://www.thehindu.com/life-and-style/nxg/article1773024.ece>

The World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA) is committed to defending and promoting a free and independent press worldwide everyday, but particularly on 3 May, World Press Freedom Day. This year's theme is the importance of a free press for democracy, whether emerging or well established. “Silence kills democracy...But a free press talks”.

“Malawi journalists step up fight for press freedom,” Rex Chikoko, African Review, April 26, 2011.

<http://www.africareview.com/News/Malawi+journalists+step+up+fight+for+press+freedom/-/979180/1150900/-/sab2t6/-/>

Although the World Press Freedom Day (WPFDD) annually falls on May 3, Malawi journalists started commemorating the day on April 23, 2011 and declared that they will join the case in which the country's rights agency has taken government to court over media freedom.

Malawi passed a Bill, which empowers minister of Information to ban any publication that is deemed not in public interest, but Malawi Human Rights Commission sued the government for breaching freedom of the press, which is enshrined in the Constitution.

“Malawi's journalists kick-start Press Freedom Commemoration,” Gregory Gondwe, Biz Community, April 26, 2011.

<http://www.bizcommunity.com/Article/129/466/59022.html>

Although the World Press Freedom Day Commemoration falls on 3 May every year, Malawi media started commemorating the day on 23 April 2011. Journalists in the southern region of Malawi started the commemoration in the country's commercial city of Blantyre with a march along the Chipembere Highway and Haile Selassie Road from Kamuzu Stadium before ending it at the Blantyre Sports Club, where the debate took place.

“Fear Among Journalists Hindering Freedom: Analysts,” Sok Khemara, VOA Khmer, April 25, 2011.

<http://www.voanews.com/khmer-english/news/Fear-Among-Journalists-Hindering-Freedom-Analysts-120605319.html>

As Washington prepares for a series of events to mark World Press Freedom Day next month, Cambodian journalists and media analysts say heavy restrictions on media remain. The US will host the Unesco-supported event from May 1 to May 3, in a number of functions that focus on 21st Century media and its challenges, especially in social media. Cambodia, meanwhile, continues to struggle with traditional media rights.

“Film festival, workshop to mark World Press Freedom Day,” Sunday Times, April 24, 2011.

http://www.sundaytimes.lk/110424/News/nws_18.html

A four-day film festival is part of a programme organised by the Sri Lanka Press Institute to mark World Press Freedom Day, which falls on May 3. The programme centres on the theme press freedom and the media. In addition to the film festival, there will be a workshop on “21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers”, and an inter-school oratorical competition on the same topic. The competition will be held in all three languages.

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“Iranian journalist Ahmad Zeidabadi to receive 2011 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize,” CIMA, April 21, 2011

<http://cima.ned.org/tools-and-resources/whats-happening-media-development/iranian-journalist-ahmad-zeidabadi-receive-201>

Imprisoned Iranian journalist Ahmad Zeidabadi is the laureate of this year’s UNESCO Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize. He was selected by an independent international jury of 12 media professionals. A former editor-in-chief of the Azad newspaper and contributor to the Tehran-based daily Hamshahari, the BBC Persian service, and the Persian/English news site Rooz, Ahmad Zeidabadi is also a member of the Association of Iranian Journalists, and the elected president of one of Iran's largest student organizations, the Iranian Alumni Association. He is also a professor of political science, and has lectured at numerous academic institutions.

“Press Council to Mark World Press Freedom Day,” Press Council, April 21, 2011.

<http://www.presscouncil.ie/press-releases/press-council-to-mark-world-press-freedom-day-2195.html>

Commenting on the visit, Press Council Chairman Daithí O Ceallaigh said: “Press Freedom Day is marked across the world in commemoration of figures like Mr Wickrematunge, who have suffered at the hands of brutal regimes in the name of the freedom of the press. This freedom is something we all too often take for granted, and Mr Wickrematunge’s visit should serve as a reminder – a stark reminder – of the very advantaged position we enjoy in this regard in Ireland, compared to many other nations.”

“Gearing towards World Press Freedom Day,” Ackel Zwane, Swazi Observer, April 15, 2011.

<http://www.observer.org.sz/index.php?news=23759>

As we move towards the most auspicious day in the freedom of nations, World Press Freedom Day, it is essential for some of us to look back and decide whether there is indeed anything to commemorate. This year the World Association of Newspapers (WAN) has suggested that all newspapers must print a ‘white space’ in the front pages to symbolise what would be missing without a free press. It is agonising to learn that as the world moves towards consolidating a free press, elsewhere governments are taking a complete turn against the noble exercise.

“Capturing the Arab Awakening” - Al Jazeera's Tony Burman, Newswire, April 20, 2011.

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/releases/archive/April2011/20/c5464.html>

Canadian journalist Tony Burman will describe the challenges facing media outlets, including his own Al-Jazeera English (AJE) network, in capturing the revolutionary events of the "Arab Awakening" at the 13th annual Canadian World Press Freedom Awards luncheon in Ottawa, May 3, World Press Freedom Day. Mr. Burman is now based in Washington as the head of strategy for the Americas for the Qatar-based Al Jazeera's television network. Burman says that many TV sets in the White House, State Department, and the Pentagon were fixated on AJE's coverage of the uprisings in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and elsewhere - receiving widespread praise in U.S. media circles. The former editor-in-chief of CBC News guided AJE's growth in North America, including its launch on every major cable and satellite platform in Canada, with the worldwide audience reaching 220 million households.

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“Democratic abuses in Azerbaijan,” The Guardian, April 20, 2011.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/apr/20/democratic-abuses-in-azerbaijan>

Fatullayev's case symbolises the rapid deterioration of media freedom in the country. Imprisoned even after a European court ruling in his favour, his continued persecution reveals a government unwilling to tolerate criticism. For journalists, civil activists and those using social networks to organise protests, the situation is becoming increasingly dangerous, with a spate of arrests and attacks in recent weeks. Human rights organisations have also faced closure. In the runup to World [Press Freedom](#) Day on 3 May, it is vital that the international community takes notice of the situation in [Azerbaijan](#).

“Turkey should list number of jailed journalists,” Yonca Poyraz Doğan, Sunday's Zaman, April 19, 2011.

http://www.sundayszaman.com/sunday/newsDetail_getNewsById.action?newsId=241526

Representatives from a France-based reporters' organization yesterday in İstanbul voiced their concerns that, while there are too many journalists in prison in Turkey, the government does not provide a comprehensive list regarding the number of jailed journalists. Bihr pointed out that Turkey ranks 138th in the press freedom index this year, as there are about 2000 cases against journalists, including Büşra Erdal and İsmail Saymaz, who face a record number of cases, mostly due to their disclosure of information regarding ongoing cases.

“Looking Forward to World Press Freedom Day 2011,” Ethiopian Review, April 15, 2011.

<http://www.ethiopianreview.com/index/20111/80178>

The United States welcomes the establishment of the World Press Freedom Day 2011 website, and hopes that individuals around the world take time to reflect upon and discuss the important role a free press has in open, democratic societies and aspirants. All of us benefit from the incredible sacrifices journalists and citizen reporters make in the quest for freedom of expression.

“State has not approved ZAMEC launch – Ronnie,” Lusaka Times, April 15, 2011.

<http://www.lusakatimes.com/2011/04/15/state-has-not-approved-zamec-launch-%E2%80%93-ronnie/>

CHIEF Government spokesperson Ronnie Shikapwasha has said the launch of Zambia Media Council (ZAMEC) has not been approved by Government. Lieutenant-General Shikapwasha said this on April 14 after MISA Zambia held a press briefing to announce that the launch of ZAMEC will be held on World Press Freedom Day (May 3).

“UPND challenges media,” Muvitv, April 15, 2011.

<http://www.muvitv.com/?p=11431>

UPND Vice President, Richard Kapita has challenged the media to reflect on its relations with his Party during the World Press Freedom Day commemorations on 3rd May.

In an interview with Muvi TV News in Kitwe, Mr. Kapita has claimed the UPND has suffered attacks from some sections of the media. Mr Kapita has to this effect called for balanced and fair coverage of political parties ahead of the general elections.

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“World Press Day to mark Launch of ZAMEC,” Zambia Chronicle, April 14, 2011.

<http://zambianchronicle.com/?p=7091>

MISA-Zambia Chairperson, Daniel Sikazwe has urged the media in Zambia to rise and address the challenges posed by the rapid pace of political, social and economical change that is taking place in the country. And MISA Zambia has disclosed that it will launch the Zambia Media Council (ZAMEC) during the World Press Freedom Day next month.

“ZAMEC to be launched on Press Freedom Day,” Lusaka Times, April 14, 2011.

<http://www.lusakatimes.com/2011/04/14/zamec-launched-press-freedom-day/>

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“Students salute First Amendment rights,” Times Daily, April 14, 2011.

<http://www.timesdaily.com/article/20110414/NEWS/110419924/1011/NEWS?Title=Students-salute-First-Amendment-rights>

University of North Alabama senior Briana Balentine knew the First Amendment before she took an independent study class this spring. It took working intimately with the five aspects of the First Amendment to give her a deeper appreciation for what the component of the Bill of Rights means. In addition to the column wraps, UNA has planted a Liberty Tree on campus, and the Department of Communications will sponsor two speakers later this month. Darnell said the wraps will remain through World Press Freedom Day on May 3.

“Tahar Fattani: Algeria needs strong press,” Fidet Mansour, Zawya, April 12, 2011.

<http://www.zawya.com/story.cfm/sidZAWYA20110412060329>

Magharebia: Is your group planning to hold a protest action to mark World Press Freedom Day? What messages would you like to convey to the authorities and newspaper owners? Fattani: The protest day was decided at the first meeting. All of the journalists were in favour of holding "a day without the press" on May 3rd. However, we agreed that all protest actions must be approved by the majority of journalists. At the moment, we are waiting for the report of the committee of the 11 journalists and the responses of the authorities concerned so that we can discuss the action that we will take. These subjects will be discussed on Tuesday so that we can decide on the protest actions.

“Workshop sets stage for free press day - by Mathias Haufiku,” New Era, April 12, 2011.

<http://www.newera.com.na/article.php?articleid=38263&title=Workshop%20sets%20stage%20for%20free%20press%20day>

The Media Institute of Southern Africa and Base FM last week held a one-day workshop to produce public announcement spots on the Windhoek Declaration. The day-long meeting took place at the Katutura Multi-Purpose Youth Centre. The free press index measures violations of press freedom in the world, efforts by authorities to respect and ensure respect for this freedom, the level of independence of the public media and the ability of the media to investigate and criticize, stated Kaapanda. During the opening of the workshop, UNESCO representative Alaphia Wright outlined the importance of the conference that gave birth to World Press Freedom Day in 1991 following a joint conference between UNESCO and the United Nations Department of Public Information.

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Press freedom in eastern Libya sparks media boom,” AFP, April 9, 2011.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gviG1Fn9VEqbK8Ua4P23AK9Q9YYQ?docId=50ae1afe48b041d6b66b8a22fc8728da>

The rules for Libyan media were absolute: Don't print, broadcast or post anything bad about leader Moammar Gadhafi. Libyan journalists who crossed the line risked prison or death. Less than two months after the anti-Gadhafi uprising broke out, journalists in the rebel-held east are happily shaking off the old rules and creating a media boomlet. At least half a dozen new publications have appeared in the de facto rebel capital of Benghazi, and a former state-run radio station now broadcasts the rebel cause.

“Jailed Iranian Journalist Awarded UNESCO Media Prize,” Radio Free Europe, April 8, 2011.

http://www.rferl.org/content/jailed_iranian_journalist_wins_unesco_media_prize/3551579.html

The jailed Iranian journalist Ahmad Zeidabadi has won the UN cultural organization's press freedom award. UNESCO said on April 7 it chose Zeidabadi, the former editor in chief of "Azad" newspaper and a contributor to the BBC's Persian service, as the recipient of its Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.

“Jailed Iranian Journalist Wins World Press Freedom Prize,” RTT News, April 8, 2011.

<http://www.rttnews.com/Content/GeneralNews.aspx?Id=1594282&SM=1>

ailed Iranian journalist Ahmad Zeidabadi has won the 2011 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom prize. He was selected by an independent international jury of 12 media professionals.

“The Latest from Iran (8 April): A Prize for An Imprisoned Journalist,” Scott Lucas in EA Iran, Middle East and Iran, April 8, 2011.

<http://www.enduringamerica.com/home/2011/4/8/the-latest-from-iran-8-april-a-prize-for-an-imprisoned-journ.html>

0550 GMT: We begin with the news that imprisoned journalist Ahmad Zeidabadi [has been awarded](#) this year's UNESCO Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize. The UN organisation announced, after an international jury of 12 media professionals selected Zeidabadi, a “The final choice of Ahmad Zeidabadi pays a tribute to his exceptional courage, resistance and commitment to freedom of expression, democracy, human rights, tolerance, and humanity. Beyond him, also the Prize [will be awarded to] the numerous Iranian journalists who are currently jailed.”

“Event: World Press Freedom Day,” David Hayward, BBC, April 7, 2011.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/journalism/blog/2011/04/event-world-press-freedom-day.shtml>

Several journalists have been killed and dozens kidnapped, arrested, beaten or expelled from countries in the region, or have disappeared. State controls on the media and surveillance of the internet are still pervasive. To mark World Press Freedom Day 2011, members of the UK National Commission for UNESCO and the UK Press Freedom Network are hosting a public meeting in London where reporters and media workers from the frontline will tell their stories.

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“Jailed journalist Zeidabadi awarded UNESCO Press Freedom Prize,” Tehran Review, April 7, 2011.

<http://tehranreview.net/articles/8279>

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“EEJA to Observe Press Freedom Day in Ethiopia,” Business Ethiopia, April 7, 2011.

http://newbusinessethiopia.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=469:eeja-to-observe-press-freedom-day-in-ethiopia&catid=12:internal-politics&Itemid=5

EEJA Director, Argaw Ashine has stated that the Conference (EAMC-2011) is being organized in collaboration with Government Communication Affairs Office (GCAO), more than 150 media professionals, civil society representatives, Members of Parliament, opposition party representatives. Scheduled for May 3rd next month on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day, the event aims at eliciting a discussion with various prominent speakers concerning the last two decades of Ethiopian media landscape. High level government officials are invited as guests of honor.

“Iranian journalist Ahmad Zeidabadi to receive 2011 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize,” Roxana Saberi, April 7, 2011.

<http://www.roxanasaberi.com/blog/iranian-journalist-ahmad-zeidabadi-to-receive-2011-unesco-guillermo-cano-world-press-freedom-prize/>

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“Algerian state radio strips top officials of duties,” EJC, April 7, 2011.

http://www.ejc.net/media_news/algerian_state_radio_strips_top_officials_of_duties/

Like Algerian civil servants, the protesters were demanding that an increase in their wages be backdated to January 2008 rather than June 2010, and journalists were also calling for a “special status.” In its statement, the SNJ said demanded the “immediate reintegration” of the dismissed personnel and called for “an end, without delay, to this plot of intimidation directed at journalists.” A general strike has been called for May 3, which is World Press Freedom Day.

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“EEJA to Observe Press Freedom Day in Ethiopia,” New Business Ethiopia, April 7, 2011.
http://newbusinessethiopia.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=469:eeja-to-observe-press-freedom-day-in-ethiopia&catid=12:internal-politics&Itemid=5

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“Newspapers World-Wide to Commemorate World Press Freedom Day,” wan-ifra.org, April 5, 2011.

<http://www.wan-ifra.org/press-releases/2011/04/05/newspapers-world-wide-to-commemorate-world-press-freedom-day>

What do the Nobel Committee, Google, a Tunisian novelist and a Mexican journalist on the front lines of a drug war all have in common? They all have contributed to a package of editorials, essays and other materials being offered to newspapers world-wide to commemorate World Press Freedom Day on 3 May.

“Algerian state radio strips top officials of duties,” Zawya, April 5, 2011.

<http://www.zawya.com/story.cfm/sidANA20110405T112317ZFU54>

Algerian state radio has stripped top news officials of their duties after an illegal demonstration by about 30 employees, mainly journalists, its director general Tewfik Khelladi said Tuesday. The National Union of Journalists (SNJ) announced in a statement that the news director of the news channel Chaîne 2, Mohand Said Bensekhria, "has been sacked" and that the chief editor of Chaîne 1, Hassiba Kecheroud, was "relieved of his duties" on Monday.

“World Press Freedom Day 2011 To Focus On 21st Century Media,” INO News, April 5, 2011.
[also ran in Quote.com, RTT]

<http://news.ino.com/headlines/?newsid=40520110291>

World Press Freedom Day 2011 will be observed in more than 100 countries on May 3. Highlight of the worldwide World Press Freedom Day 2011 celebrations will be a three-day conference in Washington, DC, beginning on May 1, which will explore new innovations to advance press freedom in the 21st century.



Appendix – U.S. Government Communications

"Defending Press Freedom in the 21st Century" as Part of World Press Freedom Day,"

Remarks of Posner, Brimmer, Schiff, Killion, and Bokova, posted by U.S. Department of State, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/rm/2011/162572.htm>

Brimmer: It is also a critical avenue for promoting global respect for universal values, which is an enduring American interest and one we pursue across the United Nations system including at UNESCO. So the United States host UNESCO World Press Freedom Day for the first time.

"World Press Freedom Day Conference, 21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers,"

Sec. Clinton video message to attendees and transcript, U.S. Department of State, May 4, 2011.

<http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2011/05/162508.htm>

Greetings to everyone at the World Press Freedom Day conference, which the United States is proud to host this year for the first time. I would also like to congratulate Ahmad Zeidabadi, this year's winner of the World Press Freedom prize.

"Statement by the President on World Press Freedom Day," White House, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/05/03/statement-president-world-press-freedom-day>

On this World Press Freedom Day, the United States joins with people around the world in reaffirming the fundamental freedoms of expression, assembly, and association that provide the foundation for media to operate freely and keep citizens informed.

"World Press Freedom Day," Sec. Clinton press statement, U.S. Department of State, May 3, 2011.

<http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2011/05/162507.htm>

On this May 3 as we observe World Press Freedom Day, we take time to honor those who promote and protect the freedom of expression, and pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives while giving voice to those who may not have the opportunity to express themselves freely -- including the journalists recently killed while bravely covering the crisis in Libya.

"Ambassador Rice on World Press Freedom Day 2011," USUN press release, May 3, 2011.

<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/texttrans/2011/05/20110503120254su1.093256e-02.html>

The United States has a long tradition of honoring this freedom, and we are pleased this year to host the global World Press Freedom Day conference for the first time, together with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. This year's focus on the expanding frontiers of 21st century media is well suited to our age of enormous political and cultural transformation

"USAID Commemorates World Press Freedom Day," press release, USAID, May 3, 2011

<http://www.usaid.gov/press/releases/2011/pr110503.html>

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May 3rd marks World Press Freedom Day and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has been supporting the development of independent media for more than twenty years. A free and independent media has the power to elevate citizen concerns, hold governments accountable, break down stereotypes, give voice to dissenting views, challenge the status quo and speak truth to power.

“Defending Press Freedom in the 21st Century,” Media Note, U.S. Department of State, May 2, 2011.

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2011/05/162345.htm>

This event is being organized in coordination with the World Press Freedom Day events taking place in Washington, DC, May 1-3, 2011 at the Newseum and National Press Club. It will also mark the first anniversary of the Daniel Pearl Press Freedom Act, which expands the State Department’s annual human rights reports to include information about attacks on journalists.

“Looking Forward to World Press Freedom Day 2011,” Judith McHale, DipNote, April 14, 2011.

http://blogs.state.gov/index.php/site/entry/world_press_freedom_day_2011/

The United States welcomes the establishment of the World Press Freedom Day 2011 website, and hopes that individuals around the world take time to reflect upon and discuss the important role a free press has in open, democratic societies and aspirants. All of us benefit from the incredible sacrifices journalists and citizen reporters make in the quest for freedom of expression.

“Freedom of Expression in the Americas,” Arturo Valenzuela, U.S. Department of State, April 5, 2011.

<http://www.state.gov/p/wha/rls/rm/2011/160047.htm>

And while our agenda remains inclusive and seeks points of convergence even in difficult cases, we remain steadfast in our commitment to core principles and recognition of key values that are the very essence of democracy. We hope to reinforce these concepts in the activities planned to commemorate World Press Freedom Day in Washington, D.C., May 1-3, 2011. The sponsor of this event is UNESCO, the only United Nations agency that has the mandate to promote freedom of expression and its corollary, freedom of the press. The central theme of this commemoration will be "21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers."

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