

FEDERICO MAYOR CONDEMNS MURDER OF ALGERIAN NEWS AGENCY EXECUTIVE

Paris, 6 November - UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor today condemned the murder of an executive of the official news agency Algerie Presse Service (APS).

Ahmed Khalfoun, APS financial director, was shot dead Saturday evening near his home in the Bir Khadem southern suburb of Algiers, according to media reports.

“The murder of a press organization executive cannot weaken the determination of the Algerian media to support freedom of thought and expression in their country,” Mr Mayor declared. “It must encourage us to raise our voices even more in support of dialogue and democratic ideals. I address my sincere condolences to the family and colleagues of Ahmed Khalfoun,” he added.
