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FEDERICO MAYOR CONDEMNS THE MURDER OF A JOURNALIST AND A STUDENT IN ALGERIA

Paris, 19 June - The Director-General of UNESCO, Federico Mayor, today condemned the murders of a student and a journalist during the past few days in Algeria.

According to news reports, Ahmed Tachouket, 30, a journalist at a local radio station in Constantine, was kidnapped from his home on Saturday. His body was found on Sunday morning in a dormitory on the outskirts of the city, situated in eastern Algeria. His throat had been cut. Tachouket is the fortieth journalist to be killed in Algeria since May 1993.

The same sources report that Abdelaali Ould Hocine, 22, a student at the Institute for Marine Sciences and Land Use in Algeria, was shot in the head as he came out of his residence after revising for his final examination. A 12-year-old child who witnessed the incident was seriously wounded.

“Once more, the victims of violence in Algeria are young, a student and a journalist, eager to learn and communicate,” declared Mr Mayor. “We strongly condemn these terrorist acts. It is erroneous to believe that a solution to social exclusion and despair can be found by mercilessly attacking those whose only crime is to think and act differently.”
