

UNESCO DIRECTOR-GENERAL CONDEMNS MURDER OF ALGERIAN JOURNALIST

Paris, 5 December - UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor condemned the murder today of a young Algerian journalist.

Khadidja Dahmani, a 28-year-old employed by the weekly journal Al-Chourouk El-Arabi, died this morning of gunshot wounds near his home in the Algiers suburb of Baraki, according to press reports.

"I vigorously condemn this murder, which comes just two days after the assassination of two other Algerian media employees," Mr Mayor said. "The terror waged against the Algerian community of journalists must not silence these professionals, who play a vital role in the establishment of democracy. At a time when Algeria is taking the path toward dialogue, we salute the courage of these men and women who work for the freedom of expression and thought in their country. I express my deepest condolences to the family and colleagues of Khadidja Dahmani," he added.
