



DIRECTOR-GENERAL DEPLORES MURDER OF ALGERIAN NEWSPAPER MANAGER

Paris, 15 October - UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor today deplored the murder of the manager of an Algerian newspaper.

Mokrane Hamoui, manager of an Arab-language newspaper in Algiers, Echourouk, was shot dead today as he was leaving his home in Algiers, media reports said.

"I deplore the senseless murder of still another staff member of a media organization in Algeria," Mr Mayor said. "But that will not affect UNESCO's continuing support of a free and independent press in Algeria. There can be no democratic society without the free flow of information, and many courageous journalists and media staff members are dedicated to making this possible. I extend my deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Mr. Hamoui."
