UNESCO DIRECTOR-GENERAL FEDERICO MAYOR CONDEMNS THE MURDER OF ARGENTINEAN JOURNALIST

Paris, 27 January - UNESCO Director-General Federico Mayor today condemned the murder of the Argentinean press photographer José Luis Cabezas.

"As the Director-General of UNESCO, an Organization mandated to defend the free flow of ideas by word or image, I condemn this murder of a media professional, a murder that nothing can justify," Mr Mayor said, addressing his "sincere condolences to José Luis Cabezas' family and colleagues."

According to press reports, José Luis Cabezas, 35, who worked as a photojournalist for the Argentinean weekly Noticias, was found murdered Saturday near the seaside town of Pinamar, where he was on an assignment. The Association of Argentinean Press Enterprises (ADEPA) called the murder "the most serious case to have affected press freedom in Argentina since the re-establishment of democracy in 1983."

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