



Set My People Free Intervention

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Working Session 4: Safety of Journalists

Last week in Geneva the UN was working on abolishing capital punishment as punishment for a crime or murder.

Sadly we have capital punishment applied on journalists to silence them. like what happened against Charlie Hebdo journalists, Veronica Guerin, Daphne Caruana Galizia' and many others.

There is no justification for killing someone for his/her opinion.

Extermination of journalists is the most violent act against freedom of expression.
It's a powerful and inhuman weapon for censorship to silence dissidents.
It is a black mail and witch hunt.

These men and women are our heroes. Their only crime is that they wanted to report the truth. They wanted to make the world a better place by their reporting.

Solidarity to stand for their freedom of expression is key specially for their colleagues and the media.

Sadly we do not do that. What happened in the case of Charlie Hebdo? BBC and CNN refused to publish the cause of the crime, photos or the cover page of the Charlie Hebdo edition after the murder. There is no justification to murder someone for his/her point of view.

Black mail and witch hunt lead to journalism without integrity.
Journalism without integrity is distractive.

Recommendation:

@Not to forget the victims and condemn the act of extermination to silence them.

@Demand justice for the victims and the perpetrators to be brought to justice.

@Solidarity, solidarity and solidarity with the assaulted journalists for their stand for freedom of expression and opinion from other journalists, the public and state actors.

@Share the burden they carried to uphold freedom of expression and stand for what they stood for. They can not murder all of us.

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