



IAB CONDEMNS THE MURDER OF COLOMBIAN JOURNALIST AND BROADCASTER

The International Association of Broadcasting – IAB - condemns and strongly rejects the murder of the Colombian journalist and broadcaster, Luis Peralta Cuéllar, who was killed in El Doncello, in Caquetá province, last February 14th.

Peralta Cuéllar was director owner of radio Linda Stereo 95.1, an affiliate of Caracol Radio and had received threats because of his journalistic work denouncing corruption, and also there was an attempted attack against the facilities of his station in 2010.

As for the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the OAS, condemned the murder while reiterating that Principle 9 of the Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression of the IACHR states:

“The murder, kidnapping, intimidation of and/or threats to social communicators, as well as the material destruction of communications media violate the fundamental rights of individuals and strongly restrict freedom of expression. It is the duty of the state to prevent investigate such occurrences, to punish their perpetrators and to ensure that victims receive due compensation”.

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