



IAB CONDEMNS SERIOUS ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST A BROADCASTER AND JOURNALIST IN ARGENTINA

The International Association of Broadcasting - IAB - strongly rejects and condemns the serious acts of violence committed against Argentine broadcaster and journalist Sergio Gabriel Hurtado and his family.

Mr. Hurtado was taken by surprise at home with his wife and two children on the morning of December 11, by two criminals who threatened them with a gun.

Hurtado, Director of "FM Luna" in San Antonio de Areco, Buenos Aires province, said the attack "is a message" referring to the repeated reports he had made on the problem of drug trafficking in the city.

As stated in the Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, "violence, intimidation or threats to social communicators, violate fundamental rights of individuals and strongly restrict Freedom of Expression".

IAB stands in solidarity with Mr. Hurtado and his family.

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