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**IAB PRESS RELEASE ON THE ATTACK AGAINST A TEAM OF JOURNALISTS
OF CRONICA TV IN ARGENTINA**

The International Association of Broadcasting - IAB - condemns and rejects the attack against a team of journalists of Crónica TV, occurred in the town of Villa Pinerol, in Caseros, Buenos Aires, on December 17.

A journalist and two cameramen were attacked with punches, kicks and stones, while covering a demonstration by workers for unfair dismissal and breaks. The attackers also destroyed the equipments that were being used for covering the news story and the film material.

As stated in the Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights: "violence, intimidation, threats to social communicators and 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 and investigate such occurrences, to punish their perpetrators and to ensure that victims receive due compensation. "

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The International Association of Broadcasting - IAB is an organization founded in 1946 that represents over 15.000 private radio and television stations and its goal is the defense of private and free broadcasting as well as the effectiveness of Freedom of Expression and Opinion.