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IAB PRESS RELEASE ON THE ATTACKS AGAINST JOURNALISTS IN BRASIL

The International Association of Broadcasting - IAB - condemns and rejects the attacks against journalists of TV Globo and CBN occurred in the city of San Pablo last June 2nd.

Herminio Bernardo, CBN reporter, was beaten by demonstrators during a protest of the Movement of Homeless Workers (MTST) against the suspension of the housing contracts program My House, My Life.

On the same day, a Globo TV news team was also harassed by a group of demonstrators, who expelled reporters from where they were covering the news, in front of the offices of the Presidency of the Republic.

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

IAB urges Brazilian authorities to take the appropriate measures to protect journalists while they are fulfilling their duty to inform the people.

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