

IAB PRESS RELEASE ON NEW ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST MEDIA IN BRAZIL

The International Association of Broadcasting – IAB expresses deep concern and rejection in the light of further violence against media in Brazil, which occurred last Friday, June 10.

In the Municipality of Palmas, a group of protesters threw different objects at the facilities of Anhanguera TV channel, affecting the station staff present there.

At the same time, in Fortaleza, capital of Ceará, a group of people entered the Headquarters of TV Verdes Mares without authorization yelling insults against the channel.

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.

The International Association of Broadcasting - IAB is an organization founded in 1946 that represents over 17.000 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.