

IAB PRESS RELEASE ON ATTACKS ON JOURNALISTS IN CHILE

The International Association of Broadcasting - IAB - rejects and condemns the attacks on journalists of National Television of Chile, which took place in Recoleta, Santiago de Chile, during the coverage of the march commemorating the victims of the dictatorship on September 11.

Journalist Ignacio Guzman and cameraman Patricio Carrasco were beaten by a group of hooded men who, during the protest march, were causing damage to public and private property. In addition, some of the equipment they were working with was stolen and destroyed.

Journalists and communicators from other TV channels were also assaulted under similar circumstances.

As our Institutional Member of Chile, ANATEL stated, actions against workers of the media is an attack on freedom of information, essential element for the operation of democratic systems.

IAB urges local authorities to carry out a prompt investigation in order to identify and punish those responsible for this serious incident.

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