

## IAB PRESS RELEASE ON THE ATTACK AGAINST JOURNALIST IN BRAZIL

The International Association of Broadcasting - IAB - condemns and rejects the attack against journalist Larissa Carvalho of TV Globo Minas, which took place in Riberão das Neves, Metropolitan Region of Belo Horizonte, in the early hours of January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Carvalho was making a live coverage of the riot that has been taking place in Antônio Dutra Ladeira prison, when she was surprised by a woman, allegedly related to one of the prisoners, who pushed her and threw her to the ground. The attacker was quickly arrested by the military police.

IAB stands in solidarity with the assaulted journalist, with TV Globo Minas and all the professionals and media gathered in ABERT on view of this new act of violence in Brazil and points out that, as it is established in Principle 9 of 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.*"

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