

IAB CONDEMNS ALARMING SERIES OF HOMICIDES IN MEXICO

The International Association of Broadcasting (IAB) deplores and condemns the succession of murders committed against journalists in the United Mexican States.

Three journalists were murdered in March this year, the most recent being the case of Miroslava Breach Velducea, occurred on Thursday, March 23.

Breach Velducea, who had over 30 years of journalistic career where she stood out for her denunciations against drug trafficking, was riddled with bullets in front of her home when she was about to take one of her children to school in Chihuahua.

Along with Miroslava Breach, Ricardo Monluí Cabrera, director of the newspaper El Político de Xalapa and Cecilio Pineda Birto, director of the newspaper La Voz de la Tierra Caliente and a contributor to El Universal of the City of Mexico, are also on the list of journalists who were victims of homicide in the current month.

In this regrettable context, IAB recalls Resolution 15/2016 adopted by its Board of Directors meeting in Lima, Peru, on May 12, 2016, which established:

“To reiterate the deepest rejection to any form of coercion, intimidation and attacks against journalists and media and to require from the States to adopt necessary measures to eradicate this kind of criminal behavior.

To fight against impunity of these severe cases, requiring proper investigation of the facts and punishment of those responsible.

To urge parliamentarians in the three Americas to legislate in this area, establishing special penalties and punishments for such crimes”.

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