



# Better Ethics Will Contribute To Journalists' Safety

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# Life of a Journalist

*I come from one of the freest and rowdiest countries where 51 journalists have been killed ...we're battling for survival ... Freedom can be part of the problem where gossip and gore masquerade as news. What is alarming is that the public doesn't mind if the price is low and it's entertaining ...I wonder if democracy in the Philippines is really helping the press with unabated killings? - Red Batario, Director, Center for Community Journalism & Development, Philippines*



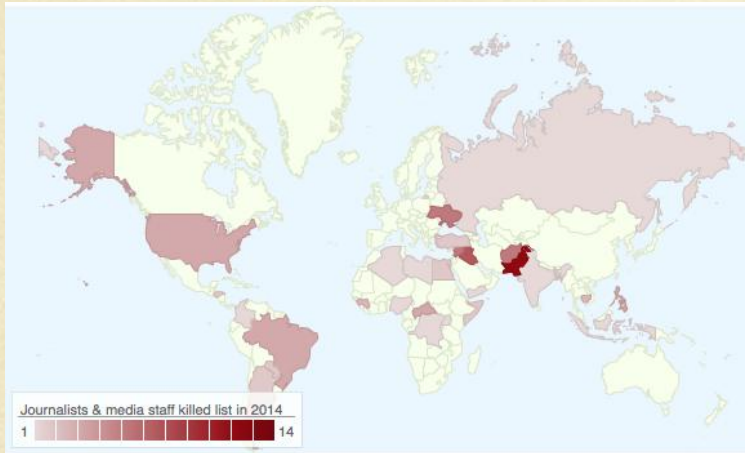


# Code of Ethics

## International Federation of Journalists

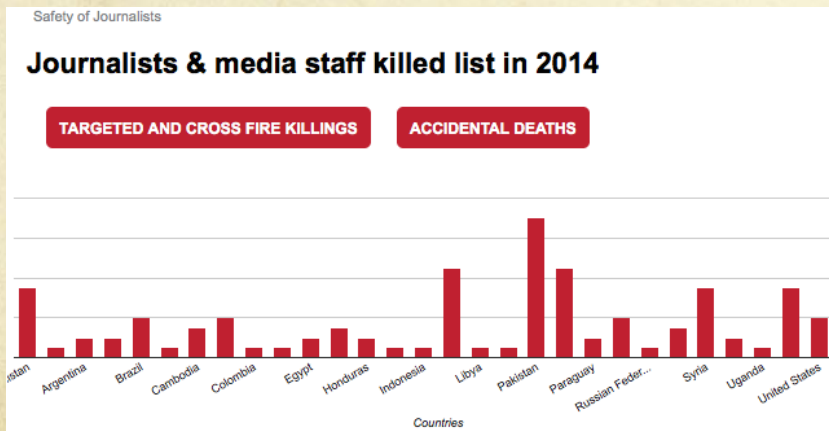
1. Respect for truth - right of the public to truth is the first duty of the journalist.
2. In pursuance of this duty, the journalist shall at all times defend the principles of freedom in the honest collection and publication of news, and of the right of fair comment and criticism.
3. The journalist shall report only in accordance with facts of which he/she knows the origin. The journalist shall not suppress essential information or falsify documents.
4. The journalist shall use only fair methods to obtain news, photographs and documents.
5. The journalist shall observe professional secrecy regarding the source of information obtained in confidence.

# Journalists Killed in 2014



101 as to end of October

- Pakistan 10
- Iraq 8
- Afghanistan 7
- Palestine 6
- Ukraine 5
- Syria 5
- Somalia 4
- Philippines 4



Source: IFJ



# Infamous Episodes

- Right to Protect' (R2P) formula espoused by the Brussels-based International Crisis Group (ICG)
- Was supposed to protect the people from Gaddafi's forces
- But, it has brought in anarchy to the country

*Libya's journalists are still among the leading victims of the political turmoil and violence that have been a constant ever since Col. Gaddafi's overthrow in the 2011 revolution -*  
**Reporters Without Borders (RWB)**

# Tragedy of Libya

**Not seeing news  
from Libya any more?  
He did try though.**





# Wikileaks' Crime

*For two years, an exaggerated, costly police presence around the Ecuadorean embassy in London has served no purpose other than to flaunt the power of the state. Their quarry is an Australian charged with no crime, a refugee from gross injustice whose only security is the room given him by a brave South American country. His true crime is to have initiated a wave of truth-telling in an era of lies, cynicism and war*

***- Australian Journalist John Pilger***

# Wikileaks' Crime

*The Americans are pursuing Assange because WikiLeaks exposed their epic crimes in Afghanistan and Iraq: the wholesale killing of tens of thousands of civilians, which they covered up; and their contempt for sovereignty and international law, as demonstrated vividly in their leaked diplomatic cables.*

***- Australian Journalist John Pilger***