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## MEDIA UPDATE

### Director-General condemns killing of two media workers in Pakistan, Arshad Ali Jaffari and Aftab Alam

Paris, 14 September—The Director-General of UNESCO, Irina Bokova, today denounced the killing of two media workers in Pakistan on 9 September, and called for an investigation into both cases.

“I condemn the killing of Arshad Ali Jaffari and AftabAlam,” the Director-General said. “Violence and fear must not be allowed to prevent journalists and media workers from doing their work. The safety of journalists and media workers is an essential condition for the press to keep the public informed. It is important that the authorities investigate these cases and bring those responsible for them to trial.”

Arshad Ali Jaffari, a satellite broadcast engineer for *Geo News TV*, was killed in Karachi when gunmen fired on a broadcast van in which he was working.

A few hours later in the same city, AftabAlam was shot while driving his car near his home. Alam had reported for a number of news outlets including *Geo News TV* and *Samaa TV*.

The Director-General of UNESCO issues statements on the killing of media workers in line with Resolution 29 adopted by UNESCO Member States at the Organization’s General Conference of 1997, entitled “Condemnation of Violence against Journalists.” These statements are posted on a dedicated webpage, [UNESCO condemns the killing of journalists](#).

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