



Claude Verlon

Radio France Internationale
November 1, 2013, in Kidal, Mali

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Verlon, 55, was on his second assignment in Kidal since reporting on the first round of Mali's presidential election in July, according to news reports. He joined RFI in 1982 and had traveled with news crews in Afghanistan, Lebanon, Iraq, and around Africa, according to RFI.



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She was 57. She covered African affairs for RFI for over 25 years, RFI reported. She reported on the conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea, as well as civil wars in Angola, Sierra Leone, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, from where she was expelled in 2006 in retaliation for her reporting. Dupont was affectionately called "Gigi" by her colleagues and had been promoted to the station's editorial board in September, according to RFI.



Mohamed Mohamud

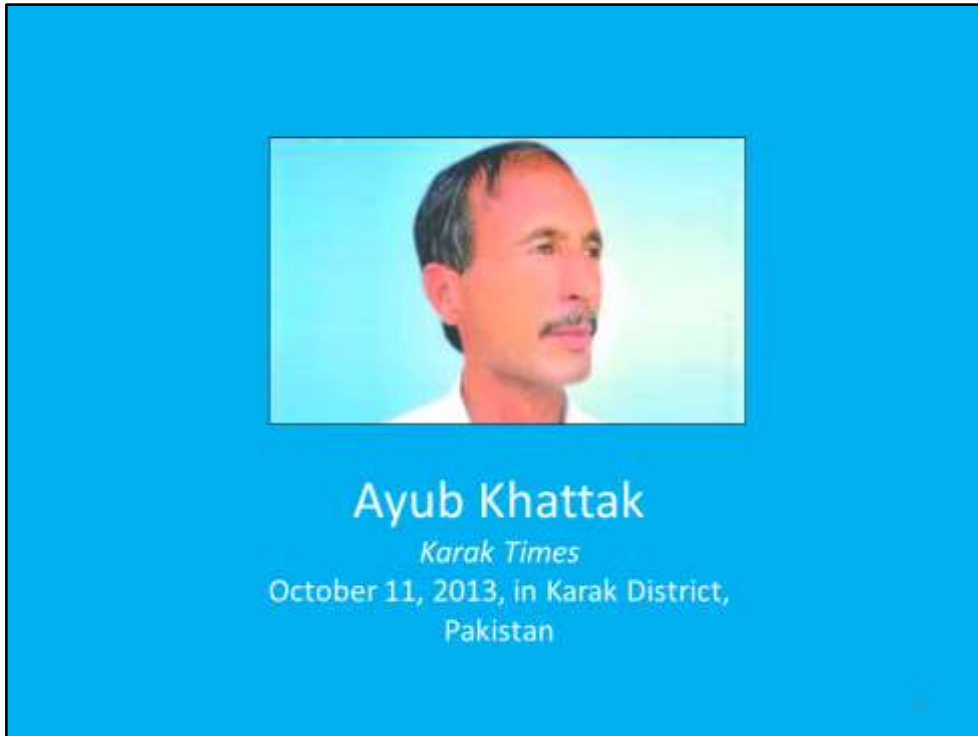
Universal TV
October 26, 2013, in Mogadishu, Somalia

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Unidentified gunmen shot Universal TV reporter Mohamed Mohamud, 26, outside of his home on October 22, 2013, in Wadajir district of the capital, Mogadishu, local journalists told CPJ. He was shot six times in the neck, chest, and shoulder as he drove to work, the journalists said. Mohamed, also known as "Tima'ade," died of internal bleeding around 10:30 p.m on October 26.

Mohamed was an outspoken reporter who often covered social and security issues in Mogadishu, local journalists said. It's not clear who carried out the attack, although a Twitter account claiming to represent the Somali insurgent group Al-Shabaab claimed responsibility for the shooting..

Mohamed is survived by a wife and daughter.



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Khattak, a reporter for the Karak Times in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's southern Karak district, was shot dead outside his home, according to news reports and the Freedom Network, a Pakistani press freedom watchdog organization. Eyewitness accounts said two unidentified assailants riding a motorcycle waited outside Khattak's home, fired at him when he appeared, and then fled the scene, the reports said.

Khattak's colleagues said he had recently published a story on the sale of illegal drugs and a local gang of drug peddlers, according to news reports. Khattak had worked as a journalist since 2004, and had received threats in the past after his reports exposed criminal elements in the region.



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It was unclear why the journalists were targeted. An unidentified Al-Sharqiya journalist [told](#) Agence France-Presse that recent reports by the station on security operations in Mosul had angered anti-government militants.

The channel's news director, Ali Wajih, [told](#) The Associated Press: "This is not new for Al-Sharqiya. This is usual for Iraq, that they kill journalists."



Mohammed Karim al-Badrani

Al-Sharqiyah
October 5, 2013, in Mosul, Iraq

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[Reports](#) said that the journalists were filming a report on a market in the Al-Sarjkhana area in the run-up to the holiday of Eid al-Adha.



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Al-Hafiri, a videographer and citizen journalist, died from injuries he received on September 27, 2013, while covering clashes in a western suburb of Damascus, according to local activists and news reports. The media office of the Syrian Revolution Command Council in Damascus Suburbs (SRCC), where al-Hafiri worked, told CPJ that he was hit by shrapnel from a tank shell while filming clashes in the town in Al-Bahariyah.

Al-Hafiri underwent multiple surgeries for ruptures in his liver, spleen, colon, and intestines, as well as shrapnel in one of his lungs, but died two days later, the SRCC media office said.

Al-Jazeera correspondent Mahmoud Zaibak told CPJ that he was with al-Hafiri on the day he was wounded. He said al-Hafiri had been filming clashes in Al-Bahariyah since that morning. He said he left quickly because of intense bombardment in the area, but that al-Hafiri stayed to document the unrest.

The SRCC media office is comprised of a group of citizen journalists who upload news updates, photos, and video footage of local events around the suburbs of Damascus onto their Facebook page.



Édison Alberto Molina

Puerto Berrío Stereo
September 11, 2013, in Puerto Berrío, Colombia

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Unidentified gunmen shot Molina four times in the face as he was headed home on his motorcycle from the radio station with his wife, according to news reports. His wife was slightly wounded, but Molina died at a local hospital, the reports said.

Molina, 40, hosted a Wednesday-night radio program, called "Consultorio Jurídico" (The Law Office), on community radio station Puerto Berrío Stereo. Orlando González, director of Puerto Berrío Stereo and Molina's co-host, told CPJ that Molina often used the call-in program to accuse the government of corruption. He said Molina had received several threats in recent months, including a plastic bag filled with black dirt and unidentified bones that arrived the week before he was killed.



Rajesh Verma

IBN 7
September 7, 2013, in
Muzaffarnagar, India

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Unidentified assailants fatally shot Rajesh Verma, a part-time stringer for the TV news channel IBN 7, in the chest while he was covering confrontations between Hindus and Muslims in the small city of Muzaffarnagar, according to Ajesh Mohan, senior assistant editor at IBN 7, and local news reports.

Officials said the clashes were also fueled by a false video circulated last week that purportedly showed the two men being lynched. At least 28 people were killed and more than 90 individuals arrested in the violence.



Fernando Solijon

DxLS Love Radio
August 29, 2013, in Iligan City, Philippines

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Two gunmen on a motorcycle shot Solijon while he was walking to his car after having dinner with a friend at around 10:30 p.m. in Bur-un village of Iligan City, in Lanao del Norte province of Northern Mindanao region, according to news reports. The news accounts said the assailants shot him several times at close range in the head, abdomen, and shoulder. Police investigators recovered a number of shells from a .45 caliber handgun from the scene, according to news reports.

Solijon, a radio commentator with DxLS Love Radio of Iligan City, was declared dead on arrival at a local hospital. During his regular radio program, Solijon frequently criticized local politicians. DxLS anchor Bobby Bariga told the Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility, a local press freedom group, that Solijon had discussed a purchase by Iligan City Mayor Celso Regencia of an expensive house and car during his last call-in broadcast on the day of his death. Bariga said an anonymous caller threatened Solijon, saying on air: "Your coffin's already made."