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## Journalists under threat

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Since the beginning of the war in Iraq just over a year ago, nearly forty media workers have been killed and many more have been injured. Thirty-eight journalists, cameramen, photographers and translators have been killed and international journalists' organisations have accused the US military of failing to investigate the deaths properly.

In the Occupied Territories, cameramen have been killed and other journalists have been beaten with no credible explanation from Israeli forces.

On 8 May, journalists around the world marked the first anniversary of the US attack on the Palestinian Hotel in Iraq, in which two journalists were killed, in a day of mourning and protest called by the International Federation of Journalists. The IFJ General Secretary, Aidan White, said that the action was a protest against secrecy and impunity. "But most of all it is a demand for justice on behalf of the families, friends and colleagues of those who have died. They have a right to know the truth."

Journalists and media organisations are increasingly worried that they are being deliberately targeted by the military, not just in Iraq, but in conflict situations around the world. Some of these organisations are campaigning at the UN Commission on Human Rights for greater protection for journalists.

Amnesty International, together with the Geneva Association of United Nations Correspondents (ACANU), the Foreign Press Association in Switzerland (APES), IMPRESSUM (The Swiss Journalists) and the Swiss Press Club, are hosting a side event at the Commission on Monday, 19 April.

In a feature for **news.amnesty**, Hedayat Abdel Nabi, President of the ACANU, writes about their concerns and the campaign that they are launching to protect journalists in zones of conflict -

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