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## UNESCO Director-General condemns killing of journalist Victor Alfonso Culebro Morales in Mexico

Paris, 5 July 2024 - Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO, has condemned the killing of journalist Victor Alfonso Culebro Morales in the region of Chiapas, Mexico on 28 June.

*"I condemn the killing of Victor Alfonso Culebro Morales and call for the perpetrators of this crime to be brought to justice. Journalists play a vital role in informing populations, and effective protection mechanisms must be put in place to ensure their safety."* said **Audrey Azoulay, UNESCO Director-General**.

Victor Alfonso Culebro Morales was an online journalist and Director of the online news portal, *Realidades*, on Facebook, dedicated to covering security issues, criminal disputes on tourism and the displacement of families in the region. His body was reportedly found with signs of torture on the side of a highway, after having been reported missing the day before.

UNESCO promotes the [safety of journalists](#) through global awareness-raising, capacity building and by coordinating the implementation of the [UN Plan of Action](#) on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity.

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*"Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed" – UNESCO Constitution, 1945.*

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