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UNESCO Director-General deplors the death of journalist Makawi Mohamed Ahmed in Sudan

Paris, 12 July 2024 - Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO, has deplored the death of journalist Makawi Mohamed Ahmed in the village of Wad Al-Noura in Al Jazirah state, Sudan on 5 June.

"I deplore the death of Makawi Mohamed Ahmed. I call for a thorough investigation into the circumstances of his death, and for the perpetrators to be brought to justice. Journalists and media workers are essential channels of information during a conflict and their safety must be ensured by all parties," said **Audrey Azoulay, UNESCO Director-General.**

Makawi Mohamed Ahmed was a reporter for the state-owned *Sudan News Agency (SUNA)*. He was reportedly killed with his brother by members of an armed group during a large-scale attack on the village of Wad Al-Noura, which reportedly killed 100 people.

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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