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## FACT SHEET

### Philippines: The Killings Continue

The Philippines is distinct from other countries in the Asia-Pacific region in that most killings of journalists are carried out by hired killers in targeted attacks.

- 140 journalists and media workers have been killed in the Philippines since 1986.
- At least 75 journalists and media workers were killed during the 9-year tenure of the Government of Gloria Arroyo (whose presidency ended in June 2010). This toll does not include the Ampatuan town massacre in November 2009.
- 6 journalists were killed from January 1 to November 22, 2009. Of these, 4 were targeted attacks.
- 7 journalists were killed in 2008, all in targeted attacks.
- 4 journalists have been murdered in 2010. Three of the four murders occurred in the period between presidential elections in May and the inauguration of President Benigno Aquino III on June 30.
- Only 4 convictions for the murders of journalists in the Philippines have been secured in the 140 killings since 1986.
- A total of 196 suspects, mostly police officers and members of local militias, are facing trial for the Ampatuan town massacre.
- Andal Ampatuan Jr is the main defendant in the trials, accused of organising the massacre. He is the son of Andal Ampatuan Sr, patriarch of the powerful Ampatuan clan and former governor of Maguindanao province.
- The Ampatuan family was closely allied with the Arroyo Government.
- Ampatuan Jr's lawyers were accused of using disruptive tactics to delay the start of the trials. The trials finally started in Manila in September 2010, five months behind schedule.
- Task Force 211 was set up within the Philippines Department of Justice in November 2007 to investigate murders of journalists, trade unionists and human rights defenders.
- Outside of Iraq, the Philippines has recorded the most killings of media personnel this century.
- More than 80 children have lost a parent as a result of murders of media personnel. Their education is supported by an NUJP assistance program.
- See *Massacre in the Philippines* at <http://asiapacific.ifj.org/assets/docs/203/037/15d11cb-013d725.pdf>



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## Media Workers Killed In The Ampatuan Town Massacre

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For details, see *Massacre in the Philippines: International Solidarity Mission Rapid Assessment* at: <http://asiapacific.ifj.org/assets/docs/203/037/15d11cb-013d725.pdf>

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