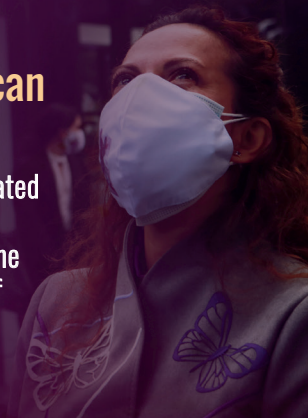


Why is the Colombian press strengthened by the reparation measures of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (I-A Court)?

On October 18th, 2021, the I-A Court released a historic judgment* related to the analysis of sexual violence as a way to silence female journalists. The court found the Colombian State responsible for not guaranteeing the rights of journalist **Jineth Bedoya Limaln** 2000, Jineth was a victim of kidnapping, torture and sexual abuse while she was researching human rights violations inside the *La Modelo* prison in Bogotá.



HOW DOES THE I-A COURT RECOGNIZE THE RISKS TO THE PRESS?



The court noted **the persistence of the context of violence against the press since the 90's**. Since attacks against journalists are therefore sadly predictable, the State must adopt and ensure prevention measures.

There is a **more severe risk** for female journalists. Sexual violence is a persistent practice to **silence the press**.



The I-A Court pointed out serious, precise and consistent evidence about **the participation of the Colombian State in the criminal events against Jineth**.



The Colombian State did not diligently investigate the threats and sexual violence against Jineth. **Such impunity has consequences for Bedoya and for the Colombian press in general.**



* Compliance with I-A Court judgements is compulsory for Member States.

COLLECTIVE MEASURES DEMANDED BY THE JUDGMENT



To create a **fund to sponsor protection, prevention and assistance for female journalists** who are victims of any type of violence. Disproportionate impacts on female journalists must be recognized and mitigated by necessary and integral policies.

To create a **civil servant training and awareness program regarding cases involving violence** against women, in order to offer suitable attention for women at risk, avoid re-victimization, and reduce impunity in crimes against the press.



A **database to compile all information about violence against journalists**, including gender-based violence against female journalists, in order to monitor the phenomenon of violence against the press and to promote improvements in public policies.



The **No Time For Silence Memory Center** - the first memory center in the world dedicated to victims of sexual violence. It will also honor the work of female journalists.