

# **VIOLENCE AGAINST JOURNALISTS IN MEXICO / VIOLENCIA CONTRA LOS PERIODISTAS EN MÉXICO (2004-2008)**

## **Killed/ Asesinados:**

- 19.03.04: Roberto Javier Mora García**
- 22.06.04: Francisco Ortiz Franco**
- 31.08.04: Francisco Arratia Saldierna**
- 08.04.05: Raúl Gibb Guerrero**
- 31.10.05: Hugo Barragán Ortiz**
- 08.08.06: Enrique Perea Quintanilla**
- 21.11.06: Roberto Marcos García**
- 08.12.06: Raúl Marcial Pérez**
- 16.11.06: José Manuel Nava Sánchez**
- 30.11.06: Adolfo Sánchez Guzmán**
- 10.11.06: Misael Tamayo Hernández**
- 16.01.07: Saúl Noé Martínez Ortega**
- 08.12.07: Gerardo Israel Garcia Pimentel**
- 07.02.08: Bonifacio Cruz Santiago**
- 07.02.08: Alfonso Cruz Cruz**
- 05.02.08: Francisco Ortiz Monroy**
- 23.06.08: Candelario Pérez Pérez**
- 26.07.08: Miguel Ángel Gutiérrez Ávila**
- 09.10.08: Miguel Ángel Villagómez Valle**
- 13.11.08: José Armando Rodríguez Carreón**

## **Disappeared/ Desaparecidos**

- 02.04.05: Alfredo Jiménez Mota**
- 20.11.06: José Antonio Garcia Apac**
- 20.01.07: Rodolfo Rincón Taracena**
- 14.02.08: Mauricio Estrada Zamora**

Your Excellency, Señor Felipe Calderón Hinojosa,

I am writing to express my deep concern at the situation for writers in Mexico, one of the most dangerous countries in the world to work as a journalist. From 2004 to 2008, 20 writers – 19 print journalists and one author – were murdered, while four more journalists disappeared. Few if any of these crimes have been punished.

International PEN believes that these journalists were likely targeted in retaliation for their critical reporting, particularly on drug trafficking. While organised crime groups are responsible for many attacks, state agents, especially government officials and the police, are reportedly the main perpetrators of violence against journalists, and complicit in its continuance.

According to the UN, unsolved killings of and attacks against journalists in Mexico are contributing to a climate of impunity that restricts freedom of expression. I therefore ask you to ensure that a full, prompt and impartial investigation is carried out into all unsolved murders and disappearances of writers and journalists, and that the culprits are brought to justice.

Yours respectfully,

Name/ email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lic. Felipe Calderón Hinojosa  
President of Mexico

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*(Please send via your nearest diplomatic representative of Mexico)*

