

World's Press condemns murder of Indian journalist

PARIS, FRANCE, DARMSTADT, GERMANY: Following the killing of a high profile reporter in Mumbai, the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA) and the World Editors Forum have called on Indian authorities to provide better protection for journalists investigating organised crime.



Jyotirmoy Dey, a journalist and special investigations editor with the afternoon daily *Midday*, was shot dead earlier this month as he returned home from work.

Dey regularly reported on organised crime and had recently received threatening phone calls after publishing a series of articles about the "Oil Mafia" and the illicit trade in diesel fuel. Four men on motorcycles reportedly followed the journalist before gunning him down as he rode home through the Powai district of Mumbai.

"We are seriously concerned that during the past 20 years, 43 journalists have been murdered in your country, and respectfully remind you that it is the duty of the state to provide an environment in which journalists are able to carry out their professional duties without fear of violence," the global press organisations said in a letter to Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

The full letter can be read at <http://tinyurl.com/5wpuw5x>.

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