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- Montevideo, Uruguay

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BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION  
- Toronto, Canada

## WBU Statement on 2024 World Press Freedom Day

Toronto, CANADA – May 3, 2024 – On World Press Freedom Day, the World Broadcasting Unions encourage everyone to pause and consider the vital work done by journalists around the globe. Every day, reporters risk their personal safety, their physical freedom, and even their lives to share stories of their communities and of humanity worldwide.

War, the catastrophic effects of the climate crisis, and other civil strife increase these dangers. As the representative organization of broadcast networks across the globe, we condemn the disregard for media insignia and all deliberate attacks on journalists in these and any other context intended to suppress the truth.

Today, we reflect on the important role of media freedom in supporting the public good with facts. Accurate information is essential to informed decision-making, especially in the face of rising disinformation.

We applaud all those who pursue the truths we watch, hear and read, and honour the memory of those who have tragically died in the course of this work.

### About WBU:

[The World Broadcasting Unions \(WBU\)](#) was established in 1992 as a coordinating body at the international broadcasting level. Since then, the WBU has provided global solutions on key issues for its member unions. The North American Broadcasters Association (NABA) acts as secretariat for the WBU.

\*\*\* ASBU abstains from this statement since it does not mention the unprecedented level of censorship, harassment, killing and violence against journalists in Gaza.

WBU's statement on Gaza may be found [here](#).

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