

# The Scarlet Committee: Topic B Primary Sources

## The Protection of Journalists

*Here are the primary sources that your moderator or legal chair thought would be helpful in gaining an understanding of the topic. These are by no means all of the sources available, just sources we wanted to highlight.*

### **Source #1: UN Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity**

This UN plan of action highlights several things, including three pages detailing the current situation faced by journalists around the world. The plan of action sets out concise list of proposed actions.

These actions range from strengthening current UN mechanisms to raising awareness and so forth.

[https://en.unesco.org/sites/default/files/un-plan-on-safety-journalists\\_en.pdf](https://en.unesco.org/sites/default/files/un-plan-on-safety-journalists_en.pdf)

### **Source #2: 2018 World Press Freedom Index**

Every year, Reporters Without Borders, an international NGO releases an index. The index scores 180 countries, the lower the score, the better the press freedom in that country. Norway leads the list with a score of 7.63 and North Korea caps the bottom with a score of 88.87.

<https://rsf.org/en/ranking>

### **Source #3: The Committee to Protect Journalists Database**

CPJ is another international NGO that compiles a list of journalists killed or imprisoned in the field.

The database categorizes the journalist's deaths into different categories, and differentiates on whether or not the killings had a true motive or not. The CPJ's database goes all the way back to 1992.

[https://cpj.org/data/killed/?status=Killed&motiveConfirmed%5B%5D=Confirmed&type%5B%5D=Journalist&start\\_year=1992&end\\_year=2018&group\\_by=year](https://cpj.org/data/killed/?status=Killed&motiveConfirmed%5B%5D=Confirmed&type%5B%5D=Journalist&start_year=1992&end_year=2018&group_by=year)

### **Source #4: Journalists Safety Indicators**

This UNESCO published document serves as a way to assess the progress of journalist safety against the UN plan of action at the top of this list. The document provides a range of key indicators as well as various means of verification. It also provides helpful context surrounding the issue.

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0026/002608/260892E.pdf>

### **Source #5: Woman's Work**

This article provides a first hand account of the life of a freelance war correspondent. Francesca Borri details her time spent in Syria. She skillfully outlines the daily perils faced by freelancers in areas of conflict.

[https://archives.cjr.org/feature/womans\\_work.php?page=all](https://archives.cjr.org/feature/womans_work.php?page=all)

### **Source #6: Resolution 7/36**

This resolution is a mandate from the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression. The resolution reaffirms the right of everyone to hold opinions without interference, and other similar rights. The resolution was affirmed by 32 countries.

[http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/E/HRC/resolutions/A\\_HRC\\_RES\\_7\\_36.pdf](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/E/HRC/resolutions/A_HRC_RES_7_36.pdf)