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2006-2007 ANNUAL REPORT

Canadian Journalists for Free Expression

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JOURNALISTS KILLED IN 2006

6 Jan.	Prahlad Goala, regional correspondent	INDIA	1 Aug.	Riyad Atto, newspaper editor	IRAQ
20 Jan.	Rolly Canete, radio journalist	PHILIPPINES	2 Aug.	Grégoire de Bourgues, editorial adviser	KAZAKHSTAN
23 Jan.	Hamza Hussein, sport journalist	IRAQ	7 Aug.	Ismail Amine Ali, freelance journalist	IRAQ
24 Jan.	Subramaniam Sugirdharajan, correspondent	SRI LANKA	7 Aug.	Mohammed Abbas Hamed, newspaper editor	IRAQ
2 Feb.	Wu Xianghu, deputy editor	CHINA	9 Aug.	Milton Fábian Sánchez, radio journalist	COLOMBIA
14 Feb.	José Luis León Desiderio, radio host	ECUADOR	9 Aug.	Enrique Perea Quintanilla, crime magazine editor	MEXICO
23 Feb.	Atwar Bahjat, tv reporter	IRAQ	20 Aug.	Sinnathamby Sivamaharajah, magazine editor	SRI LANKA
26 Feb.	Ilia Zimine, tv correspondent	RUSSIA	22 Aug.	Atilano Segundo Pérez, radio commentator	COLOMBIA
7 Mar.	Monsef Al-Khalidi, tv reporter	IRAQ	6 Sept.	Mohamed Taha, journal editor	SUDAN
9 Mar.	Jaime Arturo Olvera Bravo, photographer/correspondent	MEXICO	9 Sept.	Abdel Karim Al-Roubai, print journalist	IRAQ
10 Mar.	Ramiro Téllez Contreras, radio host	MEXICO	9 Sept.	Eduardo Maas Bol, radio journalist	GUATEMALA
11 Mar.	Amjad Hameed, tv station director	IRAQ	12 Sept.	Hadi Anawi Al-Joubouri, freelance journalist	IRAQ
13 Mar.	Muhsin Khudhair, magazine editor	IRAQ	13 Sept.	Safaa Ismail Inad, print journalist	IRAQ
20 Mar.	Gustavo Rojas Gabalo, radio commentator	COLOMBIA	14 Sept.	Ogulsapar Muradova, radio correspondent	TURKMENISTAN
26 Mar.	Kamal Manahi Anbar, trainee journalist	IRAQ	18 Sept.	Ahmed Riyad Al-Karbouli, tv correspondent	IRAQ
2 Apr.	Orlando Mendoza, print journalist/editor	PHILIPPINES	7 Oct.	Karen Fischer, freelance journalist	AFGHANISTAN
5 Apr.	Jorge Aguirre, photographer	VENEZUELA	7 Oct.	Anna Politkovskaya, newspaper journalist	RUSSIA
22 Apr.	Qussay Kahdban, radio journalist	IRAQ	7 Oct.	Christian Struwe, freelance journalist	AFGHANISTAN
29 Apr.	Herliyanto, freelance reporter	INDONESIA	10 Oct.	Azad Mohammed Hassan, radio reporter	IRAQ
5 May	Saoud Mazahem Al-Hadithi, tv reporter	IRAQ	12 Oct.	Abderrahim Nasrallah Al Shumari, tv station director	IRAQ
5 May	Abdel Magid Al Mohammadaoui, freelance journalist	IRAQ	12 Oct.	Nawfal Al Shumari, tv station deputy director	IRAQ
7 May	Mouazaz Baroud, technician	IRAQ	13 Oct.	Raid Qais Al Shammari, radio/tv journalist	IRAQ
22 May	Fernando Batul, radio commentator	PHILIPPINES	16 Oct.	Ali Halil, tv station security guard	IRAQ
29 May	Paul Douglas, cameraman	IRAQ	25 Oct.	Saad Mehdi Shalash, print journalist	IRAQ
29 May	Munir Sangi, cameraman	PAKISTAN	27 Oct.	Brad Will, documentary film-maker/reporter	MEXICO
31 May	Ali Jaafar, sports anchorman	IRAQ	29 Oct.	Nakshin Hama Rashid, tv presenter	IRAQ
8 June	Arun Narayan Dekate, print journalist	INDIA	31 Oct.	Abdelmajid Ismael Khalil, freelance journalist	IRAQ
13 June	Ibrahim Seneid, print editor	IRAQ	2 Nov.	Qussai Abass, print journalist	IRAQ
16 June	Hayatullah Khan, print journalist	PAKISTAN	3 Nov.	Ahmed Al Rachid, tv reporter	IRAQ
19 June	Macel Alave-Vigo, radio presenter	PHILIPPINES	10 Nov.	Misael Tamayo Hernández, newspaper editor/owner	MEXICO
19 June	George Vigo, print journalist	PHILIPPINES	13 Nov.	Mohammed Al Ban, cameraman	IRAQ
23 June	Martin Adler, photographer	SOMALIA	15 Nov.	Luma Abdallah Al Karkhi, newspaper reporter	IRAQ
29 June	Ossama Qadeer, cameraman	IRAQ	15 Nov.	Fadia Mohammed Ali, print journalist	IRAQ
1 July	Lakmal Silva, freelance journalist	SRI LANKA	16 Nov.	José Manuel Sánchez Nava, columnist	MEXICO
8 July	Bapuwa Mwamba, print journalist	D. R. CONGO	21 Nov.	Walid Hassan, tv actor/comedian	IRAQ
18 July	Xiao Guopeng, print editor	CHINA	21 Nov.	Roberto Marcos García, print journalist	MEXICO
18 July	Armando Pace, radio host	PHILIPPINES	22 Nov.	Raad Jaafar Hamadi, print journalist	IRAQ
23 July	Layal Nagib, photographer	LEBANON	30 Nov.	Adolfo Sánchez Guzmán, tv reporter	MEXICO
23 July	Ayfer Serçe (Silan Aras), journalist	IRAN	4 Dec.	Nabil Ibrahim Al-Dulaimi, radio news editor	IRAQ
24 July	Ajuricaba Monassa, freelance journalist	BRAZIL	8 Dec.	Raúl Marcial Pérez, print editorialist	MEXICO
26 July	Yevgeny Gerasimenko, print journalist	RUSSIA	12 Dec.	Aswan Ahmed Lutfallah, cameraman	IRAQ
1 Aug.	Adel Naji Al Mansouri, tv correspondent	IRAQ	29 Dec.	Akil Sarhane, sports journalist	IRAQ

Message from President & Executive Director



2006 was one of the worst years for violence against journalists around the world. This awful truth only fuels CJFE's resolve to continue to advocate for journalists and ensure their important work continues in safety as they provide us with information, indispensable to any democracy.

It has been a very busy and successful year for CJFE. Three brave and accomplished journalists were honoured at our 9th annual International Press Freedom Awards - Hollman Morris from Colombia, Abeer Al-Askary from Egypt and posthumously, Hayat Ullah Khan from Pakistan. Hundreds of people attended to pay tribute to these journalists' work and commitment to free expression.

CJFE was also very proud to be chosen to receive the 2007 Canadian Library Association award for the Advancement of Intellectual Freedom in Canada, an award that recognizes and honours outstanding contributions to intellectual freedom in Canada by individuals or groups.

CJFE continues to take part in international campaigns responding to ongoing threats, intimidation and disappearances of journalists and remains an active member of the International Free Expression eXchange, IFEX. In fact, CJFE has been entrusted to manage this very important network of over 70 free expression groups around the world who monitor free expression around the world and collaborate to challenge those who threaten that right for journalists.

We are very proud of our achievements this year and are indebted to our Board, staff, volunteers and members who contribute so much to the success of the organization and who continue to inspire us in our commitment.

Arnold Amber
President CJFE

Annie Game
Executive Director

Journalists in Distress

The Fund receives requests from around the globe and has disbursed more than \$140,000 since 1999 to colleagues in urgent need. We also facilitate communication between a number of organisations that have Distress Funds, in order to coordinate efforts. Here are the stories of three journalists we helped in 2006.

Ibragimov Zokurjon Sobirovich is an independent journalist from Andijan. He was beaten and harassed by Uzbek authorities for his coverage of events in Andijan, in particular of the massacre on May 15, 2005, of hundreds of civilian demonstrators by government troops. Following this persecution, Sobirovich fled the country. He then lived in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan until he received permission to resettle in Sweden from UNHCR in May this year. CJFE provided Sobirovich with a grant to help him with his basic living expenses in Kyrgyzstan until he is able to migrate legally.

Siriki Diabate is an Ivorian journalist who has been detained, beaten, and threatened for his work. He was eventually forced to flee to Ghana for his own safety. As the sole provider for his wife and young daughter, Diabate's situation was precarious because he was unable to find regular employment in Ghana. He has received grants for rent, food, and the first year of a journalism course in Accra. CJFE has given Diabate two grants this year. The first was to help him with basic subsistence while he lived inside the camps in Ghana and the second to help him rent a house so he could stop living in the unsafe camps. Siriki Diabate was recently able to find asylum in the U.S.A.

Hassan Chérif Kala is a Chadian TV journalist now living in Canada. He fled to Canada in 2000 after suffering harassment and repeated detainment by political authorities in Chad. His wife and two children are currently living in Paris, France where they have been granted refugee status. Unfortunately, Kala was not granted refugee status in Canada and has now received a deportation order. His last chance is a PRRA – a Pre-Removal Risk Assessment. His lawyer has also applied under humanitarian and compassionate grounds. CJFE has written letters of support for Kala and has also given him a grant to help him with his legal costs.

Challenges to Free Expression in Canada

Canada enjoys a free media and considerable legal protection for freedom of expression. Nevertheless, Canadian journalists who pursue sensitive stories have been subjected to physical attacks and legal harassment. The 2006 global press freedom ranking by Reporters Without Borders placed Canada not first but 16th – tied with Bolivia. Clearly there is room for improvement.

ISSUES OF GREAT CONCERN TO CJFE INCLUDE:

Ontario Journalist Attacked: Pakistan Post journalist Jawaad Faizi was attacked in Mississauga, Ontario, on April 17, 2007. According to Faizi, two men armed with cricket bats smashed his car windows and attacked him causing injuries to his arms and head. They told him to stop writing against Islam, against the Pakistan-based religious organization Idara Minhaj-ul-Quran, and against its leader, Allama Tahir-UI-Qadri. CJFE remains extremely concerned about this incident and the potential for intimidation of journalists who write about issues of religion and faith.

The Derek Finkle Case: CJFE has obtained legal status as an intervener before the Ontario Superior Court in this case. Prosecutors are demanding access to the research materials used by Derek Finkle for “No Claim to Mercy”, a book about accused murderer Robert Baltovich published in 1994. CJFE has joined the Canadian Association of Journalists, the Writers’ Union of Canada and the Professional Writers Association of Canada in attempting to quash the Crown’s request.

Impunity in Canada – the unsolved murder of Tara Singh Hayer: The 1998 murder of journalist Tara Singh Hayer did not take place in a remote Punjabi village. Hayer was killed in his garage in Surrey, British Columbia. More than eight years later, his murder remains unsolved. Since 2006, the investigation has intensified, with extra officers assigned to the case. The RCMP has stated: “We will continue to investigate it and we are always optimistic that we are going to have some success.”

by Paul Knox, Chair of the Canadian Issues committee

Journalists in Exile

Despite ongoing struggles, 2006 has been a rewarding year for the Journalists in Exile (JEX) and its members.

Members of **Journalists in Exile** put another difficult year behind them. The struggle to find employment in their profession is still the main challenge for many members. However, 2006 has been a rewarding year for the group and some of its members which has seen some exciting new initiatives..

In a collaborative project with CJFE, the group designed the very first website for journalists in exile (www.jexcanada.com) a unique initiative that was launched on World Press Freedom Day. The website has become a place for journalists to share ideas, point visitors to members' blogs, and give them the opportunity to write, publish and gain their long lost confidence.

Also, a few members of the group were part of the first class of the Canadian Journalism for Internationally Trained Writers program at Sheridan College. This exciting one-year program aims to build a bridge between students' international training and experience and the challenges they will face in the Canadian workplace.

A number of exiled journalists are currently hired by Canadian public and private media or international broadcasters and the group hopes that such models will persuade other Canadian media leaders to grant opportunities to more members of this diverse and talented group.

by Maryam Aghvami, JEX President

IFEX: 15 Years of Solidarity

The **International Freedom of Expression eXchange** (IFEX) was formed in 1992 and for the past 15 years has played a key role in addressing threats to free expression. CJFE, one of the founding members, manages IFEX on behalf of its over 70 members worldwide. IFEX exposes violations and raises awareness of the dangers faced by individuals in many countries who report the news or criticize powerful figures. IFEX's work helps build the foundations of healthy democracies by protecting the rights of journalists and others to hold those in power accountable.

IFEX has four core programmes that focus on:

- Information and Awareness Raising to Protect the Rights of Journalists - IFEX operates the world's most comprehensive free expression information service through its daily Alerts, weekly Communiqué and website.
- Free Expression Capacity-Building for Development to strengthen small, fledgling free expression organisations in the South and support regional networks initiatives in Southern Africa, West Africa, Southeast Asia, the Middle East and North Africa, and Central Asia.
- Facilitating Advocacy and Joint Campaigning for the protection and promotion of free expression through member-led initiatives.
- Institutional Strengthening to ensure that a strong, vibrant and innovative international free expression community is fostered.

Even though the global state of free expression has not vastly improved small victories have been won around the world and over the past 15 years IFEX has made a number of outstanding achievements:

- IFEX now has 71 members (plus five interim members) in 53 countries.
- The IFEX Communiqué and websites are available in English, French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic
- IFEX has almost 20,000 subscribers in 147 countries and receives around 6.6 million page views per month at its website www.ifex.org.
- IFEX distributed almost 2,800 alerts last year.
- IFEX has developed a Campaigns Programme in the past two years in Tunisia, Nepal and Latin America, and supporting developing campaigns in Africa and Central Asia and launched a monthly bulletin, IFEX Advocacy Action News.
- The IFEX Clearing House started with three staff people in Toronto and now has a staff of 11, and regional consultants and coordinators in Egypt, Thailand and Kazakhstan.
- More than 100 people will attend IFEX's 13th General Meeting in Montevideo, Uruguay in October 2007, making it the largest meeting about free expression in the world.

Financial Highlights

For the year ended December 31, 2006

We are pleased to present the Statement of Operations for Canadian Journalists for Free Expression ("CJFE") for the year ended December 31, 2006.

CJFE's Board of Directors is committed to careful stewardship of CJFE's financial resources. During the year, CJFE demonstrated financial responsibility and ensured that due diligence is a key component in the conduct of its financial affairs.

The Board of Directors, through the Finance Committee is responsible for determining that management fulfills its responsibilities in the preparation of the financial statements. The committee ensures the financial and operational controls adequately protect and safeguard the assets and the reputation of CJFE. The committee is composed of three volunteers, one of whom is the Chair.

In fulfilling its primary role of the financial oversight, the Finance Committee meets with CJFE's management to review the financial statements and the accounting policies that CJFE follows. The committee also meets with CJFE's external auditors, Prentice Yates & Clark Chartered Accountants, to review the results of the annual audit of the financial statements.

The complete financial statements, including the notes to the financials statements and the auditor's report, are available by calling our office at 416-515-9622.

Mike Forzley, CA
Chair, Finance Committee

Statement of Operations	CJFE	IFEX	2006	2005
			Total	
Revenues				
Foundations and agencies	\$121,100	\$1,498,849	\$1,619,949	\$1,322,618
Other	6,003	0	6,003	37,871
Membership fees	6,605	32,307	38,912	39,758
Total Revenues	\$133,708	\$1,531,156	\$1,664,864	\$1,400,247
Expenses				
Salaries & benefits	\$75,154	\$545,929	\$621,083	\$453,917
Organisational development	8,636	267,912	276,548	217,750
Overhead costs	24,238	185,526	209,764	221,973
Travel	7,491	174,916	182,407	117,917
Consultants/contracts	318	132,195	132,513	257,243
Translation/interpretation	0	82,940	82,940	40,642
Events/workshops/training	11,463	18,192	29,655	14,270
Other	6,352	100,072	106,424	76,173
Total Expenses	\$133,652	\$1,507,682	\$1,641,334	\$1,399,885
<i>Surplus</i>	<i>\$56</i>	<i>\$23,474</i>	<i>\$23,530</i>	<i>\$362</i>

Canadian Journalists for Free Expression also tracks expenses by program area. Program expense totals are summarized below:

CJFE Program Expenses	2006	2005
CJFE general	\$82,541	\$90,105
Journalists in Distress	20,362	9,886
Int'l Press Freedom Awards	19,542	0
Advocacy	11,206	0

Thank you

“No matter how independent we may be in our individual work, we are all linked in a profession that strives to expose the truth, and unravel the intricacies of what is happening around us. And though difficult enough, at times, in our own country, it is next to impossible in others, without the help of organizations such as CJFE.

- Anna Maria Tremonti, host, CBC's The Current and CJFE member

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“Great battles for free expression will be won, not in the courts but in committee rooms and protest-meetings, by editorials and letters and through the courage of citizens everywhere.”

Elliot Richardson, American judge



Rally for kidnapped reporter Alan Johnson, May 2007

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