



**ENPA – the European Newspapers Publishers’ Association and
WAN-IFRA – the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers
call on European politicians and officials to support journalists in exile
and step up the international fight for freedom of expression on this year’s**

WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY 3 MAY 2010

ENPA and WAN-IFRA together are making a special appeal on World Press Freedom Day to European politicians and officials to focus more attention to the plight of exiled journalists.

In 2009, 99 journalists were killed, 136 jailed and 573 arrested worldwide. Journalists who face death threats, attacks, harassment and imprisonment, simply for doing their jobs, are often forced to flee their country and live in exile, denying them the right to inform and the people the right to be informed.

Many countries where these conditions have signed Partnership and Cooperation Agreements with the European Union or applied for its formal membership, including Turkey, Russia, Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan. The unacceptable situation in these countries regarding freedom of expression needs to be publicly rejected.

ENPA and WAN-IFRA call on all supporters of freedom of expression and freedom of the press to participate in promoting conditions that will enable journalists in exile to return to their home countries and carry out their essential profession as guardians of democracy and freedom, free from intimidation.

More information and material on World Press Freedom Day can be found on the following site: <http://www.worldpressfreedomday.org> .

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