



JE SUIS
CHARLIE

After the “Charlie Hebdo slaughter” in Paris the president of the “European Journalists Association-The Communication Network”(EJ) Paolo Magagnotti has strongly condemned the atrocious terrorist attack on innocent victims committed to freedom, expressed heartfelt condolences to their relatives and feels close to the French media people and all French citizens.

The terrorist assault is a severe, inexpressible attack and threat to the freedom of expression, which is a cardinal, inalienable principle and right in a democratic civil society, Magagnotti said, and added:

What has happened in Paris today is an attack against all Europe and the entire civilized world and it is to hope that all nations which have at heart the future of a free world will join their efforts to fight against groups and counties which want to subdue those who don’t share their belief.

The member states of the European Union need to put aside their national short-sighted ambitious and egoisms and give to the EU Institutions a real, concrete power necessary to provide a safety future for the European people and to contribute in guaranteeing peace and stability worldwide.

Following the statement of its president Paolo Magagnotti issued after the barbaric attack in Paris on the “Charlie Hebdo” with the cold-blooded killing of ten talented colleagues and two policemen further condemn the violent frontal attack on free expression and media freedom and against the fundamental principles of democracy, against the basic and universal values first among which is human life.

This despicable crime aims to intimidate not only journalists but also the whole international democratic community and to force them to give up their active defense of their humanistic and democratic values and ideals and to capitulate to the fear of medieval barbarity and religious fanaticism.

This tragedy reminds us the bitter truth that there are still powerful forces in our world for whom these principles and values have no meaning whatsoever and that global terrorism remains a horrible threat. We can counter it only by uniting all forces and resources of the international community, otherwise we will all fall in a world out of control with dramatic consequences for the entire humanity.

The despicable killings in Paris again confirm that the journalistic profession is among the most dangerous in the world and that journalists need special protection because they attract upon themselves the malice of all those enemies of the democratic achievements of the human civilization.

The EJ assures all French journalists of its full solidarity with them in this tragic moment. We are confident that proud French journalism will overcome this terrible loss and shock and will uphold the principles and values of free democratic journalism which they have championed throughout the glorious French history.

All EJ journalists hope that the brutal killers of their colleagues from Charlie Hebdo with their editor-in chief Stephane Charbonnier and of the policemen will be captured as soon as possible in order to stand trial and experience the full force of the law.

ISLAMIST TERRORIST HIT AT THE HEART OF FRANCE

In the last few months, French authorities have foiled several unpublicized attempts at terrorist attacks across the country, and more can unfortunately be expected as retaliation for French interventions in Africa and the Middle East.

The bloody attack on CHARLIE HEBDO is a frontal blow to our Western civilisation and a blatant denial of the fundamental principles of democracy and freedom of speech and opinion, with total disregard for human life. No words are strong enough to qualify this tragedy and no sentence will be harsh enough to punish the culprits.

The press, journalists and cartoonists, are obvious targets who are constantly spearheading the fight against obscurantism and intolerance. What happened will only strengthen their conviction that the fight for basic human rights must go on more than ever.

On the every evening of the assassinations, French people spontaneously organized mass demonstrations of support in key cities to support our world's values, carrying placards of "JE SUIS CHARLIE" (I am Charlie) and showing pens, symbol of the free press.

From today, all medias including TV stations are displaying the same sign in defence of our core values.

CHARLIE HEBDO, symbol of the freedom of the press must continue to publish and
TERRORISTS NO PASARAN !

Our thoughts go to the families of those slaughtered and injured , we share their grief and hope their sacrifice will not be in vain.

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