

Assam scribes demonstrate in front of press club



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The journalist fraternity of Assam today demonstrate their angers [against](#) the relentless brutal assaults and killing of scribes across the country in front of Guwahati Press Club. The protest demonstration that started at 12 noon and continued till 1 pm. Representatives of various journalist organizations, while meeting at the local press club yesterday, observed that the media persons based in different parts of India should get united demanding justice for all the slain journalists and also raise voices for a national action plan for the safety & security of newsmen across the country.

It may be mentioned that the present month has witnessed a number of cases relating to the physical attacks on the scribes in various parts of the country, where Uttar Pradesh (Jagendra Singh) and Madhya Pradesh (Sandeep Kothari) had lost two journalists to assailants. On the other hand, a rural reporter of Assam (Prashanta Kumar) survived an assassination bid by the suspected armed militants.

The UP also witnessed two major incidents of physical assaults on media persons (Deepak Mishra and Haidar Khan). Earlier Assam also reported few bizarre incidents where local journalists were mishandled by policemen (to a lady television reporter), businessmen (to Mukut [Roy](#)), unruly youths (to Partha Sakia) and a media baron (to Hildol Gogoi) in separate incidents.

India in 2014 lost two active journalists namely Tarun Kumar [Acharya](#) from Ganjam district of Odisha (formerly Orissa) and MVN Shankar from Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh to the assailants. According to New York based Committee to Protect Journalists, 61 journalists were killed last year across the globe, where the motive explained that they were targeted because of their activities as media persons. The deadliest countries in 2014 include Syria (17), Ukraine (5), Iraq (5), Somalia (4), Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory (4), Brazil (3), Afghanistan (3), Pakistan (3), Paraguay (3), Mexico ([2](#)), India ([2](#)), Yemen (1), Myanmar (1), Libya (1), Democratic Republic of the Congo (1), South Africa (1), Philippines (1), Bangladesh (1), Guinea (1), Central African Republic(1) etc.

This year till the third week June, 32 journalists were killed around the world, where India's neighbour Bangladesh recorded three gory incidents (slaughtering of secular bloggers namely Ananta Bijoy [Das](#), Washiqur Rahman Babu and Avijit [Roy](#)). Other deadliest countries till date (this year) include France ([8](#)), South Sudan (5), Syria (4), Yemen (4), India ([2](#)), Brazil (1), Iraq (1), Guatemala (1), Ukraine (1), Democratic Republic of the Congo (1), Mexico (1) etc.

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