

JFA expresses shock at Bihar scribe's murder



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[Journalists'](#) Forum Assam ([JFA](#)) expresses shock at the murder of a Bihar based journalist and the mysterious death of a Jharkhand based scribe within 24 hours. The Assam based media [rights](#) body reiterated its old demand for a national action plan to safeguard the media persons and ensure justice to the media [victims](#).

Local media reports confirm that a working journalist (Brajesh Kumar Singh, 28) was shot dead at Salakhni village under Samastipur district of north Bihar on 3 January evening by some unidentified goons.

Brajesh, who received serious injuries on his head, died on the spot.

Earlier on [2](#) January, another young journalist of Hazaribag in Jharkhand (Hari Prakash, 31) was [found](#) dead at a field near Kud village. Hari, also a law graduate, used to work for a Hindi daily and he was untraced for three days. According to his [father](#) Jitan Mahato, Hari was missing since 30 December and he never returned home. Mahato, in a FIR to the police, claimed that his son was abducted and murdered by Hari's known friends.

“It is very surprising that Bihar has slowly turned into a killing ground for journalists. The State has lost three scribes to assailants in the last nine months. Last year Bihar lost two journalists namely Rajdeo [Ranjan](#) (13 May) and Dharmendra Kumar Singh (12 November) to perpetrators,” said a statement issued by [JFA](#) president Rupam Barua and secretary Nava Thakuria.

The [JFA](#) also urged Bihar [chief](#) minister Nitish Kumar to come [clean](#) with adequate plans for security and justice to the journalist victim families. It also requested the government to adequately compensate the families of murdered journalists.

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