

CANADIAN JOURNALISTS *for* FREE EXPRESSION

Annual Report 2007-2008



Farzana Wahidy, AINA

Welcome From CJFE's PRESIDENT

For the first time in doing these annual reports to the membership I can make a straight-forward optimistic statement: As an organization CJFE has had a very good year.

It was a year in which we tackled a number of organizational and structural issues, held a number of good events, intervened in some important Canadian freedom of expression cases, and secured a new agreement to continue to manage the world's leading freedom of expression news network (IFEX). On top of all that we have begun to seriously and successfully grapple with our fundraising challenges.

We had two extremely successful CJFE public events. The first was our International Press Freedom Awards banquet where we drew an overflow crowd to celebrate our 10th such banquet and cleared about \$100,000 for our activities. And recently in May, to celebrate World Press Freedom Day, we brought Alan Johnston, the BBC journalist who was held hostage for four months in Gaza last year, to Toronto for a wonderful evening before an enthusiastic crowd at the Glenn Gould studio. Johnston provided insights into his ordeal which dealt with the universal issue of how someone copes psychologically with the ultimate life and death struggle he faced.

Equally important we began strategic planning review processes both for CJFE and for the IFEX network. The plans that will emerge will lead to a better understanding of where we are and what we should be doing to develop our capacity for the promotion and defence of freedom of expression. At the same time we have gained expert advice from people well versed in fundraising to help us obtain more revenue which will allow us to do more in the years to come.

I have no doubt that this past year has set the stage for a much healthier, more effective and important CJFE.



Arnold Amber shown here with from left to right: CMG President Lise Lareau, BBC journalist Alan Johnston, CBC journalist Anna Maria Tremonti, and on right, International Development Research Centre Chairperson, Barbara McDougall

ARNOLD AMBER
CJFE PRESIDENT

2007-2008

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Board members Alison Armstrong, Alice Klein and Morteza Abdolalian talk with BBC journalist Alan Johnston and CBC journalist Anna Maria Tremonti on April 30, 2008

A Message From CJFE's EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I had heard the lore of the IFEX (International Freedom of Expression eXchange) General Meetings but had never attended one until October 2007 when more than 120 free expression advocates from around the world gathered in Montevideo, Uruguay, at the IFEX General Meeting (GM). I wasn't sure what to expect but this diverse group of committed free expression advocates brought the concept of 'exchange' to a whole new level, and not just in decibels!

It was dynamic; participants examined the most pressing threats to free expression: impunity, media concentration, criminal press laws and Internet censorship. They attended training workshops, regional caucuses and business meetings, taking advantage of the opportunity of being with fellow IFEX members to share experiences and ideas and develop joint campaigns and activities.

Just before the GM, the world watched as the Burmese military brutally attacked the peaceful protest of Buddhist monks in Rangoon; attacks that left many dead, including Japanese photojournalist Kenji Nagai. The outrage was harnessed by conference participants and channeled into the Burma Action Group to support protesters and journalists in their struggle against another military crackdown in the country. I see this as a perfect example of the strength of this community and the effectiveness of our campaigns.

This network becomes a stronger voice for free expression with every new member and has grown exponentially over the last 15 years to 81 members. We all left Montevideo with renewed energy and commitment to continue our important work. Advocating for human rights around the Beijing 2008 Games, organizing an international mission to Nepal, and examining free expression violations across Africa are just a few examples of collaborations that were developed by participants.

We left Montevideo with a unanimous decision by IFEX members giving CJFE the exciting mandate to continue in its role managing the IFEX out of Toronto for the next four years.

In June 2009 the IFEX GM will be held in Oslo, Norway as part of a Global Forum on Free Expression. This exciting event will bring journalists together with free expression advocates from every sector: media, the arts and other actively engaged practitioners working to defend and promote freedom of expression. We are confident that, like our last GM, this forum will serve to inspire all those who attend and take one more step in building our network.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Game". The signature is fluid and cursive.

ANNE GAME
CJFE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IFEX campaigns

Acting Together to Defend Free Expression

Half of the world's nations violate the principles of Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. To help defend this basic right IFEX, managed by CJFE in Toronto, supports members in organizing joint campaigns that target abuses in a particular country, or focus on thematic issues, such as defamation laws or Internet censorship. IFEX also issues a number of joint actions and letters of appeal to pressure governments into acting for free expression, either by freeing a jailed journalist or some other type of action that promotes justice for free expression. In 2007, the Clearing House issued 48 joint actions.

Since 2004, 18 IFEX members have been working together in the **Tunisia Monitoring Group (TMG)** through coordinated missions and follow-up advocacy activities in North America and Europe. The biggest victory in 2007 was **the freeing of Mohammed Abbou, a Tunisian human rights activist and lawyer who was wrongfully imprisoned.**

The **International Press Freedom and Freedom of Expression Mission to Nepal**, a coalition effort coordinated through International Media Support (IMS) has been active since 2005. Leading up to the elections, IFEX members in Nepal continue to work with international members and other organizations to protect and promote free expression throughout the country.

Together with members and partners in Latin America, IFEX is raising public awareness about corrupt **Poderes Paralelos [Parallel Powers]** – illegal groups such as militias and mafias – that suppress free expression and threaten journalists and independent media throughout the region.

Twenty-two IFEX members and partners are collaborating through the Burma Action Group, which is particularly concerned about violations that took place during the recent crackdown, such as the arrest and continued detention of members of the Burmese media and other activists, the reported suspension of private journals and newspapers in Rangoon, the Burmese government's cutting of Internet access, and the plight of media forced into exile.

A unique aspect of the IFEX network is its agility and ability to respond quickly to urgent incidents when individual journalists and media organizations are threatened or attacked. An important part of this response is the new Rapid and Organised Action Response (ROAR). In 2007 IFEX used ROAR to issue joint actions on cases in the Gambia, Pakistan, Bahrain, Azerbaijan, Syria, Uzbekistan, Eritrea, Turkey and Egypt.



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ARTICLE 19: UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers

the **DEREK FINKLE** case

Protection of a Journalist's Work Product

As CJFE's 2007 summer intern, I had the unique opportunity to attend the Derek Finkle trial at the Ontario Superior Court, in which CJFE participated as an intervener. Over three court sessions, I watched some of Toronto's top legal figures engage in a charged discussion of the protection of a journalist's work product – an issue that has sadly become one of the greatest threats to free expression in Canada.

The case centred around journalist Derek Finkle, who was issued a subpoena in October 2006 ordering him to hand over all of his research material for a book he had written in 1998 about the Robert Baltovich murder trial. With the original ruling overturned and a new trial called, the Crown hoped to find incriminating evidence against Baltovich in Finkle's book – obviously a rich source of interviews and commentary. Asserting his loyalty to the principles of journalism, Finkle challenged the subpoena.

The opportunity to attend these proceedings and write a special report about the case was typical of my varied experience with CJFE, which also included helping out at CJFE fundraising events and researched nominations for the International Press Freedom Awards. Not only did I gain valuable work skills, but I also expanded my knowledge about press freedom issues.

The Finkle trial raised important questions about the relationship between the justice system and free expression, with the needs of the court balanced against the rights of the press. Ultimately, the court ruled in Finkle's favour – heralded by CJFE as a decisive victory for the state of free expression.

To view the full report on the Derek Finkle case visit:
www.cjfe.org/specials/derekfinkle/derekfinkle.pdf

by Amy Smart



THE DECISION

On June 28, 2007, Justice David Watt sustained the motion to quash the subpoena. Among the reasons he gave for his decision, Watt said that the Crown had failed to justify their request with enough specific information and was unsuccessful in proving the likelihood of material evidence. He chastised the Crown for thinking that they could take “a breathtaking sweep” of Derek Finkle’s decade-worth of research materials, and then dig through it for evidence. “Fishing season is over,” he declared.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN CANADA

A cornerstone of CJFE's work is the monitoring of free expression attacks and violations both in Canada and around the world. Despite Canada's healthy democracy, there are several areas of concern, a reminder that Canada's press freedom ranking by Reporters without Borders at 18 should be taken seriously.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF SOURCES

In Ontario and Quebec, there appears to be a growing number of cases of journalists subpoenaed by the courts to reveal their confidential sources or to hand over their notes. So far, the news from court has been mostly good, but this trend is extremely worrying.

In Ontario, in June 2007, courts dismissed the subpoena for Derek Finkle to turn over his research; on March 3, 2008, the courts sided with Lon Appleby's request not to turn over his notes; and Ken Peter's contempt of court verdict was finally overturned on March 17. In Quebec, journalist Karine Gagnon won a victory in June 2007 not to reveal her confidential sources. But *La Presse* journalists Joel-Denis Bellavance and Gilles Toupin were not so lucky on January 18, 2008, when they were ordered by the courts to identify the source of a leak in a terrorism case. The newspaper is planning to appeal.

VIOLENCE TOWARDS ETHNIC JOURNALISTS

Toronto-based journalist and Journalist in Exile (JEX) member Innocent Madawo received threatening phone calls in January 2008 in relation to an article about Zimbabwe politics. Toronto police were informed of the threats, but were unsuccessful in tracing the call.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

On May 3, 2008, the Harper government discontinued the Coordination of Access to Information Requests System (CAIRS) database. The CAIRS database provided the public access to information requests filed with the government. CAIRS quickly became an important tool for journalists.

CANADIAN FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOR) REQUESTS FALL SHORT

According to the Canadian Newspaper Association's 2007 Freedom of Information Audit, almost half of all public information requests are not met. Overall, government agencies released 59% of information requested.

Also of concern was the news blackout regarding the trial of Ontario individuals suspected of involvement in a terrorist plot. Although journalists are allowed to attend the court proceedings they were not permitted to report on what occurred. On March 4/5, 2008, the CBC, CTV, the *Toronto Star* and the Associated Press filed appeals against the blackout.

POLICE AS AGENT PROVOCATEURS

In August 2007, CJFE voiced concern when three police officers disguised themselves as demonstrators during the protest at the North American leaders summit in Montebello, Que. In a video one of the officers was shown holding a rock.

CANADIAN JOURNALISTS INJURED OVERSEAS

On August 22, 2007, Radio Canada cameraman Charles Dubois lost his leg in a roadside bomb attack in Afghanistan. Another Radio-Canada journalist Patrice Roy, suffered severe nervous shock.

CJFE REMEMBERS

Journalists Killed in 2007

5 Jan.	Ahmed Hadi Naji, cameraman	IRAQ
10 Jan.	Lan Chengzhang, print reporter	CHINA
11 Jan.	Fessehaye "Joshua" Yohannes, editor & publisher	ERITREA
12 Jan.	Khoudr Younes al-Obaidi, freelance	IRAQ
14 Jan.	Yassin Aid Assef, print correspondent	IRAQ
15 Jan.	Falah Khalaf Al Diyali, print journalist	IRAQ
19 Jan.	Hrant Dink, print editor	TURKEY
19 Jan.	Jean-Rémy Badiou, photographer	HAITI
28 Jan.	Munjid Al Tumaimi, freelance photographer	IRAQ
8 Feb.	Robson Barbosa Bezerra, freelance photographer	BRAZIL
9 Feb.	Samuel Enin, radio news editor	GHANA
16 Feb.	Ali Mohammed Omar, radio newscaster	SOMALIA
17 Feb.	Rahman Qul, print editor	AFGHANISTAN
19 Feb.	Hernani Pastolero, print editor-in-chief	PHILIPPINES
19 Feb.	Abderrazak Hashim Ayal, radio editor	IRAQ
24 Feb.	Jamal al-Zubaidi, print editor	IRAQ
2 Mar.	Ivan Safronov, military correspondent	RUSSIA
4 Mar.	Mohan Hussein al-Dhahir, print editor	IRAQ
6 Mar.	Jamal Uddin, print correspondent	BANGLADESH
7 Mar.	Yussef Sabri, cameraman	IRAQ
16 Mar.	Miguel Pérez Julca, radio commentator	PERU
16 Mar.	Hussein al-Jaburi, print editor	IRAQ
19 Mar.	Hamid al-Duleimi, TV producer	IRAQ
31 Mar.	Edward Chikomba, cameraman	ZIMBABWE
5 Apr.	Thaer Ahmad Jaber, TV director	IRAQ
5 Apr.	Husain Nizaer, trainee journalist	IRAQ
6 Apr.	Amado Ramírez Dillanes, TV correspondent	MEXICO
6 Apr.	Khamaail Khalaf Mohsin, radio reporter	IRAQ
6 Apr.	Othman al-Mashhadani, print reporter	IRAQ
8 Apr.	Ajmal Nakshbandi, freelance journalist	AFGHANISTAN
12 Apr.	Iman Yussef Abdallah, radio journalist	IRAQ
16 Apr.	Subash Chandraboas, print editor	SRI LANKA
18 Apr.	Carmelo Palacios, print reporter	PHILIPPINES
23 Apr.	Saúl Noé Martínez Ortega, print reporter and editor	MEXICO
28 Apr.	Mehboob Khan, photographer	PAKISTAN
29 Apr.	Selvarajah Rajivarnam, print reporter	SRI LANKA
3 May	Mario Rolando López Sánchez, radio producer	GUATEMALA
5 May	Mohammed Abdullahi Khalif, radio reporter	SOMALIA
5 May	Luiz Carlos Barbon Filho, radio columnist	BRAZIL
6 May	Dmitry Chebotayev, freelance journalist	IRAQ
9 May	Imad Abdul-Razzaq al-Obaid, news agency writer	IRAQ
9 May	Ageel Abdul Qader, news agency writer	IRAQ
9 May	Raad Mutashar, news agency owner and director	IRAQ
13 May	Suleiman Abdul-Rahim al-Ashi, print editor	PALESTINE
15 May	Issam Mohammad Awad al-Joujou, online journalist	PALESTINE
16 May	Abshir Ali Gabre, radio editor	SOMALIA
16 May	Ahmed Hassan Mahad, radio reporter	SOMALIA
16 May	Alix Joseph, radio manager	HAITI
17 May	Alaa Uldeen Aziz, cameraman	IRAQ
17 May	Saif Laith Yousuf, TV soundman	IRAQ
20 May	Ali Khalil, print editor	IRAQ
21 May	Dodie Nunez, photojournalist	PHILIPPINES
23 May	François Latour, radio presenter	HAITI

26 May	Aidan Abdallah Al-Jamiji, TV journalist	IRAQ
28 May	Abdul Rahman al-Issawi, news agency reporter	IRAQ
28 May	Mahmoud Hassib al-Qassab, print editor-in-chief	IRAQ
30 May	Nazar Abdulwahid al-Radhi, radio correspondent	IRAQ
31 May	Saif Fakhry, cameraman	IRAQ
2 Jun.	Noor Hakim Kahn, print correspondent	PAKISTAN
5 Jun.	Zakia Zaki, radio director	AFGHANISTAN
7 Jun.	Sahar Hussein Ali al-Haydari, print correspondent	IRAQ
9 Jun.	Mohammed Hilal Karji, TV correspondent	IRAQ
11 Jun.	Aref Ali Filaih, print correspondent	IRAQ
13 Jun.	Serge Maheshe Kasole, radio editor	D.R. OF CONGO
15 Jun.	Filaih Wadi Mijthab, print reporter	IRAQ
17 Jun.	Noor Ahmed Solangi, print reporter	PAKISTAN
24 Jun.	Zeena Shakir Mahmoud, print journalist	IRAQ
25 Jun.	Vicente Sumalpong, radio announcer	PHILIPPINES
25 Jun.	Rahim Al-Maliki, TV journalist	IRAQ
26 Jun.	Hamed Sarhan, print reporter	IRAQ
28 Jun.	Sarmad Hamdi Al-Hassani, TV journalist	IRAQ
28 Jun.	Louai Souleimane, print journalist	IRAQ
30 Jun.	Geruncio Oscar Mondejar, radio commentator	PHILIPPINES
3 Jul.	Javed Kahn, cameraman	PAKISTAN
5 Jul.	Jorge Alejandro Castañeda Martínez, photographer	GUATEMALA
12 Jul.	Namir Noor-Eldeen, photographer	IRAQ
13 Jul.	Khalid W. Hassan, print reporter and interpreter	IRAQ
16 Jul.	Mustafa Gaimayani, print editor	IRAQ
16 Jul.	Majeed Mohammed, sport reporter	IRAQ
27 Jul.	Adnane al-Safi, TV and radio reporter	IRAQ
1 Aug.	Nilakshan Sahapavan, student editor	SRI LANKA
2 Aug.	Chauncey Bailey, print editor	UNITED STATES
9 Aug.	Patrick Kikuku Wilungula, photographer	D.R. OF CONGO
11 Aug.	Mahad Ahmed Elmi, radio director	SOMALIA
11 Aug.	Ali Iman Sharmarke, radio director	SOMALIA
22 Aug.	Tito Alberto Palma Godoy, radio reporter	PARAGUAY
24 Aug.	Abdulkadir Moallim Kaskey, radio correspondent	SOMALIA
3 Sept.	Amir Al-Rashidy, cameraman	IRAQ
5 Sept.	Javier Darío Arroyave, radio director	COLOMBIA
27 Sept.	Kenji Nagai, photographer	MYANMAR
5 Oct.	Birendra Kumar Shah, journalist	NEPAL
14 Oct.	Salih Saif Aldin, journalist	IRAQ
15 Oct.	Dhi Abdul-Razak al-Dibo, journalist	IRAQ
18 Oct.	Azar Abbas Haidri, reporter	PAKISTAN
18 Oct.	Carlos Salgado, radio journalist	HONDURAS
19 Oct.	Muhammad Arif, cameraman	PAKISTAN
19 Oct.	Bashir Nur Gedi, radio manager	SOMALIA
28 Oct.	Shehab Mohammad al-Hiti, editor	IRAQ
27 Nov.	Isaivizhi Chempiyan, radio journalist	SRI LANKA
27 Nov.	Suresh Linbiyo, radio technician	SRI LANKA
27 Nov.	T. Tharmalingam, radio staff	SRI LANKA
8 Dec.	Gerardo Israel García Pimentel, print journalist	MEXICO
10 Dec.	Miguel Ángel Amaya Pérez, radio announcer	GUATEMALA
14 Dec.	Shafeya Al-Moussawi, photographer	IRAQ
19 Dec.	Rafael Bruno, photographer	COLOMBIA
24 Dec.	Fernando "Batman" Lintuan, journalist	PHILIPPINES

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The 2007 INTERNATIONAL



CJFE PAYS TRIBUTE TO TEN YEARS OF COURAGE IN JOURNALISM

11-year old Liban Abdulle films Mohamed Elmi, co-founder of HornAfrik

On November 24, 1998, Canadian Journalists for Free Expression held its first ever International Press Freedom Awards (IPFA) dinner. That first night celebrated the courage of journalists from Nigeria, Burma and Canada. In the ten years since, CJFE's award winners have come from every part of the globe, representing journalists who have demonstrated a commitment to freedom of expression and who have overcome tremendous difficulties to present the news.

The 2007 International Press Freedom Awards were hosted by CTV journalist Janis Mackey Frayer and CBC journalist Carol Off. The 500 people in attendance were introduced to three outstanding IPFA winners. Farida Nekzad joined us from Afghanistan while both Sahar Al-Haideri, and Ali Iman Sharmarke, winner of the Tara Singh Hayer award, received their awards posthumously.

On the evening of November 1, 2007, in front of a packed house we heard an emotional acknowledgment of the courage and dedication of these journalists which included an inspiring acceptance speech by Farida Nekzad and a taped message from the husband of Sahar who accepted the award on her behalf at an event held earlier at the Canadian Embassy in Damascus, Syria.

In preparation for the event, Humber College students Nick Kyonka and Agata Waliczek led volunteers from three journalism schools in developing a special tribute to mark the occasion. Each place setting held a unique biography of one of the more than 500 journalists or media workers killed over the last decade just for doing their job.

In a room filled with journalists and free expression advocates it was a young boy, 11-year old Liban Abdulle, who quietly stepped up to the podium and grabbed the attention of all present by reading from a letter he had written to his 'Uncle', the deceased Ali Sharmarke. Off to the side stood Liban's father, Sahal Abdulle, who was in the car with his friend Ali when it was bombed, and luckily had survived the blast. The following is an excerpt of Liban's letter:

You can think of journalists as educators, teachers and maybe even preachers. Just remember there's nothing more important than education and if we educate ourselves about the world it would make it a better place to live for all of us.

We couldn't say it better.

PRESS FREEDOM *Awards*



Presenters, Co-Chairs and Award winners gather at the 2007 International Press Freedom Awards dinner



Former Chair Maureen O'Neil hosts the International Development Research Centre table with Media Host Anna Maria Tremonti and journalists from around the world



CJFE president Arnold Amber, IPFA winner Farida Nekzad, CJFE Executive Director Anne Game and Liban Sharmarke accepting the Tara Singh Hayer award for his stepfather

photos by Jake Peters

THE RECIPIENTS

FARIDA NEKZAD is the editor-in-chief and managing news director of the Pajhwok News Agency and vice-president of the Asian Media Commission. Farida's work is regularly interrupted by death threats and she must change her work routine daily to throw off potential attackers. Nonetheless, Farida remains committed to her work at the only independent news agency in Afghanistan and to training and supporting other men and women working as journalists.

SAHAR AL-HAIDERI, an Iraqi journalist, began her career as a journalist with the fall of Saddam in 2003. She exposed human rights violations by Islamic extremists, wrote about physical and emotional attacks on women, and reported on everyday life in Iraq. As a result of her outspoken views and unflinching reporting she was often a victim of threats and moved with her husband and daughters to Damascus in 2006. During a return visit to her home city of Mosul, she was shot on June 7, 2007, by four unidentified gunmen.

ALI IMAN SHARMARKE was a Canadian citizen who had come to Canada in the 1990s but returned to his homeland of Somalia in 1999 to help rebuild the media in the war-shattered country. He was one of the three founding members of the radio station HornAfrik. He was killed August 11, 2007, when his car drove over a remote-controlled landmine, as he was returning from the funeral of another journalist, Mahad Ahmed Elmi.

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DEFAMATION LAW IN CANADA



In 2007, two cases highlighted defamation law in Canada. In one case the media defendant's defence was based on fair comment and in the other, privilege.

In a case that was heard by the Supreme Court of Canada on December 4, 2007, the CJFE and a host of other media interveners joined together to argue that a decision from the British Columbia Court of Appeal, which reversed the trial judge's decision in *Mair v. Simpson*, should itself be reversed.

The appeal stems from a proceeding brought by Kari Simpson, as a result of a radio broadcast editorial, made by Rafe Mair, in which he is alleged to have defamed Simpson, a well-known leader of a movement against teaching the "gay lifestyle" in schools.

The media interveners have argued that the Supreme Court must "clarify and strengthen the common law protection" for fair comment and "make it possible for those engaging in it, and publishing and broadcasting it, to know from the beginning what the defence of 'comment' under the common law of libel actually protects."

A judgment is expected in the next few months.

In the other case, that of *Cusson v. Quan*, the Ontario Court of Appeal has adopted a new defence in defamation cases, that of "public interest responsible journalism." First enunciated by the British House of Lords in *Reynolds v. Times Newspapers Limited*, and subsequently, in *Jameel v. Wall Street Journal Europe*, this new defence would give journalists some comfort in knowing that if their story relates to a matter of public interest and was prepared and published responsibly, this defence would be available to them.

The case stems from a series of articles published in the *Ottawa Citizen*, in which the role of OPP officer Danno Cusson, who offered his services during 9/11, was called into question by both his superiors and New York City police.

The case is to be heard by the Supreme Court of Canada in the near future.

by Anita Mielewczyk

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION INDEX



Journalists killed in 2007: **105**

Number of journalists killed in Iraq – the deadliest country in the world for journalists in 2007: **47**

Number of people arrested on suspicion of the murder of reporter Anna Politkovskaya on August 27, 2007: **10**

Largest Canadian award ever against the media in defamation case (*Grant v Toronto Star*, February 2007): **\$1,475,000**

Largest Canadian punitive damages award in a defamation case (*Grant v Toronto Star*): **\$1,000,000**

Journalists killed in Somalia, the second-deadliest country for the media in 2007: **7**

Number of women who now work as journalists in Afghanistan: **300**

Days that BBC Journalist Alan Johnston was held hostage in Gaza: **114**

Number next to Sahar Al-Haideri's name on a 'hit list' of infidels by Islamic extremists: **4**

Years the murder of Canadian journalist Tara Singh Hayer has remained unsolved: **10**

Number of children orphaned by the murders, two-years apart, of journalist Hayat Ullah Khan and his wife: **5**

Canada's ranking in Reporters Without Borders 2007 Press Freedom Index: **18th**

Ranking of the United States in the 2007 Press Freedom Index: **48th**

Number of police believed to have disguised themselves as protestors at the Montebello, Quebec demonstrations in: **3**

Free expression organizations from around the world that are members of IFEX: **81**

Journalists and media workers killed on the job in the last 10 years: about **1,000**

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

We are pleased to present the Statement of Operations for Canadian Journalists for Free Expression (“CJFE”) for the year ended December 31, 2007.

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	2007	2006
			Total	
Revenues				
Foundation and agencies	\$150,825	\$1,377,632	\$1,528,457	\$1,619,949
Other	4,835	—	4,835	6,003
Membership fees	—	33,805	33,805	38,912
Total Revenues	155,660	1,411,437	1,567,097	1,664,864
Expenses				
Salaries & benefits	86,946	524,535	611,481	621,083
Organisational development	2,700	85,049	87,749	276,548
Overhead costs	37,336	246,256	283,592	209,764
Travel	3,599	202,738	206,337	182,407
Consultants\contracts	159	92,548	92,707	132,513
Translation\interpretation	50	71,649	71,699	82,940
Events\workshops\training	13,316	23,656	36,972	29,655
Other	7,562	132,612	140,174	106,424
Total Expenses	\$151,668	\$1,379,043	\$1,530,711	\$1,641,334
<i>Surplus</i>	<i>3,992</i>	<i>32,394</i>	<i>36,386</i>	<i>23,530</i>

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

CJFE Program Expenses	2007	2006
CJFE general	\$82,661	\$82,541
Journalists in Distress	32,244	20,362
Int’l Press Freedom Awards	25,166	19,542
Advocacy	8,407	11,206
International \ National Projects	3,190	—

CJFE VOLUNTEERS

We are deeply grateful to all the wonderful volunteers who have helped keep CJFE running over the last year. They have assisted us with mailings, list serves, extended stints in the office and at events such as Leaks, Lies and Liabilities, A Mighty Heart, Speakeasy, Word on the Street and the International Press Freedom Awards. We also would like to thank the many volunteers who serve on CJFE committees and juries. CJFE salutes all of you!

Maryam Aghvami	Jane McElhone
Sally Armstrong	Mike Odongkara
Michael Bocru	Niyi Oduwole
Grant Buckler	Carol Off
Loreli Buenaventura	Mark Polley
Rebecca Carnevale	Giselle Portenier
Robert Chaplick	Susan Reisler
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Juan de Dovitis	Joe Schlesinger
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