
DJ Safety Fund

Helping media workers in need

In solidarity with media workers all over the world members of the Danish Union of Journalists provide peer-to-peer support in cases of work-related injuries, persecution and death.

Since 2011 more than 275 media workers have received assistance.



Caption from a promotion video on the Safety Fund showing journalists who have benefitted from support.

The DJ Safety fund is used in cases where:

- Individual journalists are targeted or victimised as a direct result of their work;
- A journalist has been killed or rendered otherwise incapable of sustaining his/her family;
- A journalist needs immediate protection as a result of a direct threat (relocation, safe houses, evacuation out of the country or region);
- Urgent legal or medical assistance is required;

Support is given only in the short-term, and no longer than 6 months, covering the immediate needs of the individual or his/her close relatives.

The Fund cannot be used as humanitarian support to journalists in cases where individuals are affected by natural disasters.

Peer-to-peer support from Danish media

- The Safety Fund managed by IMS for the Danish Union of Journalists provides support for journalists victimised as a direct result of their journalistic work. The support is made possible through donations made by members of the Danish Union of Journalists in solidarity with their international colleagues under threat.
- The union's various specialised groups, employee associations and geographical districts donate €60-70,000 every year to the DJ Safety Fund, administered by International Media Support since 2011

International safety coordination

- IMS carefully vets all assistance cases and coordinates support with other member of the Journalists in Distress (JID) Network, a group of 18 international organisations that provide direct assistance to journalists and media workers whose lives or careers are threatened because of their work. Each organisation has its own mandate and criteria for emergency assistance.
- The JID Network was established in 2006 to allow member organisations with freedom of expression mandates to more easily share information, coordinate joint efforts and avoid duplication.
- The JID Network does not engage in joint advocacy.



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