



**INTERNATIONAL PEN
WRITERS IN PRISON COMMITTEE
DAY OF THE IMPRISONED WRITER**

15 NOVEMBER 2008

**Writers and Journalists Killed Since Day of Imprisoned Writer
15 November 2007**

International PEN has recorded the killings of 38 writers and print journalists during the 12 months since the last Day of the Imprisoned Writer 15 November 2007. They were either directly targeted for their writings, or where it is thought that this was the reason behind their deaths. In few, if any, cases have the persons who carried out the murders been brought to justice. Mexico, Iraq and Pakistan, as in recent years, remain the countries where to be a writer or journalist is a dangerous profession.

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| 1. | 23 November | Pakistan | Zubair Ahmed Mujahid | Journalist |
| 2. | 8 December | Mexico | Gerardo Israel Garcia Pimentel | Journalist |

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| 3. | 12 January | Nepal | Pushkar Bahadur Shrestha | Journalist |
| 4. | 23 January | Guatemala | Hugo Arce Barrillas | Journalist |
| 5. | 28 January | Somalia | Hassan Kafi Hared | Internet |
| 6. | 21 March | Russia | Ilyas Shurpayev | Journalist |
| 7. | 5 February | Mexico | Francisco Ortiz Monroy | Journalist |
| 8. | 7 February | Mexico | Bonifacio Cruz Santiago | Journalist |
| 9. | 7 February | Mexico | Alfonso Cruz Cruz | Journalist |
| 10. | 12 February | Iraq | Hisham Mijawet Hamdan | Journalist |
| 11. | 23 February | Iraq | Shihab Al-Tamimi | Journalist |
| 12. | 24 February | Ecuador | Carlos Navarrete | Journalist |
| 13. | 1 April | India | Md Muslimuddin | Journalist |
| 14. | 7 April | Philippines | Benefredo Acabal | Journalist |
| 15. | 8 April | Bulgaria | Georgi Stoev | Writer |
| 16. | 14 April | Pakistan | Khadim Hussain Sheikh | Journalist |
| 17. | 4 May | Iraq | Sirwa Abdel Wahab (fem) | Journalist |

18.	10 May	Guatemala	Jorge Merida Pérez	Journalist
19.	21 May	Iraq	Haidar Hashim Al-Husseini	Journalist
20.	2 June	Venezuela	Pierre Fould Gerges	Journalist
21.	7 June	Somalia	Nasteh Dahir Farah	Journalist
22.	23 June	Mexico	Candelario Pérez Pérez	Journalist
23.	1 July	Philippines	Robert 'Bert' Sison	Journalist
24.	11 July	Cambodia	Khim Sambo	Journalist
25.	22 July	Iraq	Soran Mama Hama	Journalist
26.	1 August	Thailand	Athiwat Chaiyanurat	Journalist
27.	11 August	Pakistan	Mohammad Azim Leghari	Journalist
28.	25/26 July	Mexico	Miguel Ángel Gutiérrez Ávila	Author
29.	17 August	Nigeria	Paul Abayomi Ogundeji	Journalist
30.	29 August	Pakistan	Abdul Aziz Shaheen	Journalist
31.	30 August	Russia	Magomed Yevloyev	Journalist
32.	8 September	Sri Lanka	Radhika Devakumar	Journalist
33.	27 September	Thailand	Jaruek Rangcharoen	Journalist
34.	5 October	Thailand	Wallop Bounsampop	Editor
35.	9 October	Mexico	David García Monroy	Journalist
36.	9/10 October	Mexico	Miguel Angel Villagómez Valle	Editor
37.	23 October	Croatia	Ivo Pukanic	Editor
38.	8 November	Pakistan	Qari Mohammad Shoaib	Journalist