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UNESCO'S CHIEF AUDREY AZOULAY CONDEMNS KILLING OF JOURNALISTS KILLED IN UKRAINE

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Zakrzewski was a veteran warzone photographer who had covered many conflicts including those in Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria. Kuvshynova was a 24-year old-local journalist. She had been working with Fox News for one month prior to her death.

UNESCO promotes the safety of journalists through global awareness-raising, capacity building and a range of actions, notably in the framework of the UN Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity.

Last year, UNESCO published a policy brief on the safety of foreign correspondents to raise attention to the specific risks and threats they face. Source: UNESCO

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