



**9 journalists killed in 2025: Ecuador 2, Honduras 1, Mexico 2, Peru 4
1 missing in Guatemala**

Mitzar Bato Castillejos, host of *Radio Latín Plus* and director of the social media news outlet *Bato a Informarte Noticias* in the Ucayali region of **Peru**, was the victim of an armed attack on December 12 and died on December 26 because of his injuries.

Fernando Núñez, journalist and director of the news portal *Kamila TV*. A lawyer and recording secretary of the National Association of Journalists, Chepén chapter. He was killed on December 6, 2025; his brother David was injured in the attack on the North Pan-American Highway, in the La Libertad region, **Peru**.

Robinson del Pezo, a digital communicator and founder of the page *La Voz del Pueblo vuelve por ti mi provincia*, was killed on November 20, 2025, in the canton of La Libertad, Santa Elena Province, **Ecuador**.

Fernando Álvarez, founder and administrator of the digital outlet *FernandoTV*, where he covered local news and citizen complaints. He was killed on October 28, 2025, in Guayas Province, **Ecuador**.

Miguel Ángel Beltrán, journalist on digital platforms; on TikTok he identified himself as “El Capo” and on Facebook as *La Gazzeta Dgo*. He reported on violence and organized crime in Durango. He disappeared on October 23; his body was found two days later in the town of Río Chico, along the Durango–Mazatlán highway, **Mexico**.

Javier Hércules Salinas, journalist with the channel *A Todo Noticias (ATN)* in Copán. Since 2023, he had been under protective measures from Honduras’s National Protection System. He was killed on June 1, 2025, in Santa Rosa de Copán, Copán Department, **Honduras**.

Raúl Celis López, journalist with *Radio Karibeña* in Iquitos, host of the program *Hora Zero*. He was killed on May 7, 2025, in Iquitos, Loreto Department, **Peru**.

Milton Polanco, journalist with Noticias RDS, *Radio La Peligrosa*. His whereabouts have been unknown since February 7, 2025, in the municipality of Jutiapa, Jutiapa Department, **Guatemala**.

Gastón Medina Sotomayor, owner and director of *Cadena Sur TV*. Killed on January 20, 2025, in the city of Ica, **Peru**.

Calletano de Jesús Guerrero, deputy director of *Global México*. Killed on January 17, 2025, in the municipality of Teoloyucan, State of Mexico, **Mexico**.