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Press Freedom BAROMETER

2005

63	Journalists killed
	Journalists killed in: - 2004 (53) - 2003 (40) - 2002 (25)
5	Media assistants killed
126	Journalists imprisoned
3	Media assistants imprisoned
70	Cyberdissidents imprisoned

PHILIPPINES - 7 journalist(s) killed

George Benaogan, *DYDD Bantay Radio*

Journalist George Benaogan, who presented a weekly programme on DYDD Bantay Radio, a local station, was shot dead by an unidentified gunman on 1 December 2005 in Talisay City, on the southern island of Cebu.

His colleagues said he had recently received death threats in SMS messages. In August 2004, he narrowly escaped a murder attempt by persons who were never identified.

Police investigating the murder said they thought it was motivated by allegations he had made in his radio programme and in columns he wrote for local newspaper Bantay Balita in which he had accused local figures including customs officials of being involved in corruption.

Other cases

- ▲ 24 03 2005 - **Marlene Garcia Esperat**, *Midland Review*
- ▲ 2 02 2005 - **Edgar Amoro**, *Radio DXKP*
- ▲ 4 05 2005 - **Klein Cantoneros**, *DXAA*
- ▲ 10 05 2005 - **Philip Agustin**, *Starline Times Recorder*
- ▲ 3 07 2005 - **Rolando "Dodong" Morales**, *DXMD*
- ▲ 20 11 2005 - **Roberto Ramos**, *Katapat*