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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

Marlene Garcia Esperat , *Midland Review*

Newspaper columnist Marlyn Garcia Esperat of the weekly Midland Review was shot dead in her home in front of her 10-year-old daughter by two gunmen on the eve of Easter on 24 March in Tacurong, on the southern island of Mindanao.

Aged 45, Marlyn Garcia Esperat was receiving police protection. But, shortly before her murder on 24 March, she allowed her police bodyguards to go home for Easter. The local police said two men burst into her home at around 7:30 p.m. and shot her in the head.

Marlyn Garcia Esperat waged a crusade against corruption and was known for scathing commentaries.

Other cases

- ▲ 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*
- ▲ 1er 12 2005 - **George Benaogan**, *DYDD Bantay Radio*