

Iraqi media man killed

An Iraqi translator working for foreign media was killed in Baghdad by gunmen, a media watchdog said Sunday.

'Unknown gunmen shot dead a translator working for Reuters and two of his brothers Wednesday by gunmen in the Jesr Diyala area in southern part of the capital,' the Journalistic Freedom Observatory (JFO) said in a statement.

The JFO statement did not identify the victim following the victim's family request.

A day after, two of Reuters' Iraqi staff were also killed during clashes between insurgents and the US troops in Baghdad's southeastern neighborhood of al-Amin.

Nameer Noor al-Deen, 22, who worked as a photographer and his driver Saeed Shmagh, 42, were killed during the clashes but the cause of death was not clear, although witnesses talked about an explosion in the area where they killed, Reuters's Baghdad office said in a statement.

The Iraqi police reported the incident but did not confirm the cause of death, saying, 'The death might be caused by a US aerial bombing or a mortar attack.'

The latest deaths bring to seven the number of Reuters employees killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003.

On Friday, another journalist working for the New York Times was also killed in Baghdad's southern neighborhood of Saidiyah, according to the watchdog.

The slain journalist was identified as Khalid Hassan, also known as Khalid Samin, 23, has been working for the US daily for four years.

More than 230 Iraqi media workers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in 2003, according to the Iraqi Union of Journalists count.

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