

Who can approach us?

Please get in touch with us if you ever get caught in an emergency caused by your journalistic work and you need help. Our service offer is aimed at all media representatives:

- journalists,
- photographers,
- camera operators,
- bloggers,
- media assistants,
- trainee journalists.

An accurate description of your situation and samples of your journalistic work will help us to evaluate your request and respond accordingly.

»I am very grateful for the support and assistance that Reporters Without Borders provided for me in Berlin. With their help I was able to take a big step forward in my life and in my career, and I will use this chance to work in a safe country.«

Itai Mushekwe, journalist and recognised refugee from Zimbabwe

In many countries around the world, media representatives are being threatened and have to flee abroad. The German branch of RWB considers actively helping these people as one of its central missions. © ddp images



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**REPORTER
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FÜR PRESSEFREIHEIT



Help for Journalists in Need

**Protection
 against persecution and
 repression.**

Reporters Without Borders: Investigating, Accusing, Supporting.

Reporters Without Borders

- document violations of press freedom worldwide,
- alert the public whenever media representatives are being threatened,
- fight censorship and restrictive press laws,
- champion more security for and better protection of media representatives.

The organisation was founded in France in 1985. Since 1994, the German branch has been operating out of Berlin. In December 2009, a new desk »Help for Journalists in Need« was established providing support for media representatives and their families locally. The German branch pays particular attention to the CIS countries and Eastern Europe.

»I support Reporters Without Borders as I am convinced that neither democracy nor justice will ever have a chance without courageous journalists searching for the truth even though they may be risking their own lives.«
Henning Mankell, writer



RWB, together with Amnesty International, at the global day of action for a democratic change in Egypt in Berlin in 2011. © Leoni Hellmayr / RWB

Help for Journalists in Need

Media representatives are being persecuted and imprisoned all over the world. *Reporters Without Borders* is fighting for the rights of these people.

If staying in their home country becomes life endangering to those concerned, we try to find a safe host country. If they are imprisoned, we provide legal support. In addition, we arrange for accommodation, medical aid and assistance in lengthy asylum procedures, and support their families.

For example, we have successfully been championing the admission of Iranian journalists and bloggers to Germany. They had to leave their country due to their involvement in protests against the contested results of the presidential elections in 2009.

If independent reporting is being prevented, the freedom of press as well as those promoting it, may be in danger. The German branch of RWB helps them to fight for their rights. © ddp images / AP

Support for Refugees

Reporters Without Borders supports the cause of media representatives who had to leave their country as a consequence of repression and persecution. The support measures include:

- assistance with the asylum procedure, drawing up of statements,
- arranging for legal support,
- case-by-case financial aid (legal fees, costs of German language training etc.),
- organising affirmative action / internships,
- facilitating professional integration,
- creating networks for reporters in exile,
- supporting joint projects (websites etc.).

Reporters Without Borders – a global network for local support

The German association *Reporter ohne Grenzen e.V.* is part of the international organisation *Reporter sans frontières* with headquarters in Paris. In Germany, we cooperate with partner organisations such as *Journalists help Journalists*, *The Hamburg Foundation for Politically Persecuted People*, human rights organisations, refugee boards and counselling centres.