

Oct. 11, 2018

The Embassy of The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
601 New Hampshire Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20037

Dear Ambassador Prince Khalid bin Salman bin Abdulaziz,

We, the 30 undersigned journalism and free press organizations, representing thousands of journalists and their supporters, join the United States government and others in urging a full investigation into the disappearance of Washington Post contributor Jamal Khashoggi after he entered the Saudi consulate in Istanbul on Oct. 2.

Khashoggi, a 59-year-old veteran journalist who has lived in self-imposed exile in the United States, disappeared while on a visit to the Saudi Arabia consulate in Istanbul to get paperwork done to be married to his Turkish fiancée.

The threat of violence, kidnapping or death to any journalist who is seeking the truth and reporting it is dangerous to freedom and democracy around the world. It is of utmost importance that officials do everything in their power to find Khashoggi, return him to his fiancée and family and hold those responsible for his disappearance accountable.

Sincerely,

Society of Professional Journalists
American Society of Journalists and Authors
American Society of News Editors
Associated Collegiate Press
Associated Press Media Editors
Associated Press Photo Managers
Association of Alternative News Media
Association of Food Journalists
Defending Rights & Dissent
Freedom of the Press Foundation
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Journalism Education Association
Local Media Association
Media Freedom Foundation
National Association of Black Journalists
National Association of Science Writers, Inc.
National Federation of Press Women
National Newspaper Association

National Press Club
National Press Photographers Association
National Scholastic Press Association
National Society of Newspaper Columnists
National Writers Union/UAW Local 1981
NewsGuild-CWA
News Media Alliance
Project Censored
Radio Television Digital News Association
Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press
Society of Environmental Journalists
Tully Center for Free Speech