

Role of Media Facing Terrorism on Debate at UNESCO

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Paris, Nov 20 (Prensa Latina) The challenges of the media in dealing with terrorism will focus the debates of a Conference scheduled this Tuesday at UNESCO, the organization stated.

'Terrorism has become one of the most complex issues for the media, presenting difficult ethical questions about reporting conditions, freedom of expression and security,' a statement said.

In that scenario, the text said, 'how can journalists report dramatic and emotion-laden scenes of violence without sensationalism, without playing with the incitement to hatred of terrorists and without reinforcing divisive stereotypes?'

This and other issues will be addressed during the meeting, with the participation of media professionals, representatives of the press regulatory authorities, researchers and representatives of victim associations.

The event is organized by UNESCO and the association that we called 13onze15-Fraternite Verite. The latter is a French non-governmental organization founded after the 2015 Paris terror attacks to support the victims.

The conference will include two roundtable discussions. The first session will address on how media coverage can promote security and respect victims of terrorism.

The second session will focus on how media coverage of these issues can promote tolerance and social cohesion.

France commemorated last week the third anniversary of the November 13, 2015 attacks, in which 130 people were killed and more than 400 were injured.