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JFA expresses shock at Bihar scribe's murder



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Journalists ([/taxonomy/term/2506](#))' Forum Assam (JFA ([/taxonomy/term/2488](#))) expresses shock at the murder of a Bihar based journalist and the mysterious death of a Jharkhand based scribe within 24 hours. The Assam based media rights ([/taxonomy/term/1990](#)) body reiterated its old demand for a national action plan to safeguard the media persons and ensure justice to the media victims ([/taxonomy/term/1810](#)).

Local media reports confirm that a working journalist (Brajesh Kumar Singh, 28) was shot dead at Salakhni village under Samastipur district of north Bihar on 3 January evening by some unidentified goons. Brajesh, who received serious injuries on his head, died on the spot. Earlier on [2](#) January, another young journalist of Hazaribag in Jharkhand (Hari Prakash, 31) was found [dead](#) at a field near Kud village. Hari, also a law graduate, used to work for a Hindi daily and he was untraced for three days. According to his father [Jitan Mahato](#), Hari was missing since 30 December and he never returned home. Mahato, in a FIR to the police, claimed that his son was abducted and murdered by Hari's known friends.

“It is very surprising that Bihar has slowly turned into a killing ground for journalists. The State has lost three scribes to assailants in the last nine months. Last year Bihar lost two journalists namely Rajdeo Ranjan [\(13 May\)](#) and Dharmendra Kumar Singh [\(12 November\)](#) to perpetrators,” said a statement issued by JFA [president Rupam Barua](#) and secretary Nava Thakuria.

The JFA [also urged Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar](#) to come clean [with adequate plans for security and justice to the journalist victim families](#). It also requested the government to adequately compensate the families of murdered journalists.



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