The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) and its regional group, the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ), have condemned the murder of journalist Oles Buzyna, who was gunned down on 16 April 2015 in Kyiv. Both Federations have demanded an immediate and independent investigation into his death.

According to media reports, the Department of Public Relations Research Affairs of Ukraine in Kyiv reported that Buzyna was shot dead at around 12:20 (CEST) in Shevchenko district, near his house. The Interior Ministry, Anton Herashchenko, claimed that the gunmen escaped in a dark blue Ford Focus car with a foreign license plate.

Buzyna was a controversial figure in Kyiv as a journalist, TV presenter and former editor-in-chief of the Russian language Kyiv-based newspaper Segodnia. He was known for his pro-Russia views and was a key witness in a criminal case related to a pro-Russia rally in Kyiv. In 2012, Buzyna stood for Parliament on the Party of the Regions’ ticket.
16 Apr 2015 | Council of Europe Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland: 'Attacks on journalists are unacceptable, whether in conflict or peace. Killing of Oles Buzyna in Ukraine must be fully investigated.'

🔗 Thorbjørn Jagland's tweet on the killing of Oles Buzyna