

Reporters Without Borders

<http://www.rsf.org/brazil-website-publisher-gunned-down-23-11-2012,43720.html>

Americas - Brazil

Contract killing?

Website publisher gunned down after repeated death threats

23 November 2012

Reporters Without Borders is saddened to learn that **Eduardo Carvalho**, the owner and editor of the [Ultima Hora News](#) website, was gunned down in Campo Grande, the capital of the southwestern state of Mato Grosso do Sul, on 21 November.

Carvalho had been getting threats since last year in connection with reports he posted on the site criticizing Mato Grosso do Sul politicians and police officers.

"We offer our condolences to Carvalho's family and friends," Reporters Without Borders said. "Those responsible for this murder must not go unpunished. It brings the number of journalists killed this year in Brazil to 11. In three of these cases, a link has been established with the victim's work while further investigation is needed in four other cases.

"On International Day to End Impunity, we urge the authorities to investigate Carvalho's murder as thoroughly and quickly as possible, especially as there are indications that it was linked to his journalistic work."

A retired military police officer, Carvalho, 52, was fatally shot by two men armed with pistols who were waiting for him when he arrived at his Campo Grande home with his wife. After shooting him three times, the gunmen left on a motorcycle.

Carvalho, who had escaped a previous shooting attack while driving with his daughter, had often reported receiving death threats and said he feared for his life. As a result, he had a permit to carry a gun and a permit to use an armed forces bullet-proof vest but was not wearing it at the time of the attack on 21 November.

On the day of his murder, he had published [a story](#) accusing a military police captain of abuse of authority. In a comment posted on Facebook the day before, he said that, despite the constant threats and harassment, he had "a safe full of new stories, each one more scandalous than the other."

Despite all the threats and the long list of people criticized on the website, the police officers in charge of the investigation say they have not yet identified any suspects or motives. But they have acknowledged that the murder has all the hallmarks of a contract killing.
