

Programme

Opening hearing

2 November 2021

Nieuwe Kerk, The Hague

Time	Programme
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:00	Opening Ceremony <i>Leon Willems, Director of Free Press Unlimited</i>
	Opening Statement Permanent People's Tribunal <i>Gianni Tognoni, Secretary-General of the Permanent People's Tribunal</i>
	Keynote Address <i>Baroness Helena Kennedy of the Shaws QC, member of the High Level Panel of Legal Experts on Media Freedom</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Opening Statement Prosecutor <i>Almudena Bernabeu, Lead Prosecutor of the People's Tribunal on the Murder of Journalists</i>
10:30 – 11:30	Witness testimony: Threats to journalists and the impact of impunity on freedom of expression Journalist Maria Ressa testifies on the threats she faces in reprisal for her work, and the climate for independent journalism in the Philippines. Jeroen Akkermans and Pavla Holcová deliver testimony on the obstacles they encounter in pursuit of justice for their respective colleagues Stan Storimans and Ján Kuciak. Witnesses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Maria Ressa, CEO and President of Rappler● Jeroen Akkermans, correspondent in Germany for RTL Nieuws● Pavla Holcová, investigative journalist and regional editor for Central Europe at OCCPR
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 13:00	Witness testimony: Obstacles to justice and the persistence of impunity Human rights lawyer Karinna Moskalenko will testify on her experiences litigating the case of the 2006 murder of journalist Anna Politkovskaya at the ECtHR, in which Russia was held accountable for failing to investigate the murder. Journalist Matthew Caruana Galizia will deliver testimony on his family's pursuit of justice for his mother, the Maltese journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia, who was murdered in 2017. Hatice Cengiz, the fiancée of Saudi Arabian journalist Jamal Khashoggi, delivers testimony on the obstacles to accountability for the murder of Jamal in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul in 2018. Witnesses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Karinna Moskalenko, human rights lawyer● Matthew Caruana Galizia, journalist and director of the Daphne Caruana Galizia Foundation● Hatice Cengiz, academic and researcher
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	Expert witness testimony - Global trends, causes and consequences of impunity for murders of journalists Irene Khan, Special Rapporteur on freedom of expression for the United Nations, will deliver expert witness testimony on her findings concerning impunity for murders of journalists. Christophe Deloire's testimony covers the findings of Reporters Without Borders (RSF) concerning press freedom and the impact of impunity for press freedom worldwide. Joel Simon delivers testimony on behalf of the Committee to Protect Journalists, which has tracked impunity for attacks on the press since 1992. Fatou Jagne Senghore will deliver expert testimony on the safety of journalists and obstacles to justice with a specific focus on West-Africa. Expert witnesses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Irene Khan, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression● Christophe Deloire, Secretary-General of Reporters Without Borders● Joel Simon, Executive Director of the Committee to Protect Journalists● Fatou Jagne Senghore, Regional director for West-Africa at Article 19
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:00	Expert witness testimony - Legal obstacles to justice for journalists murdered in reprisal for their work Raissa Carrillo is the legal director of FLIP, a Colombian organization dedicated to defending journalists at risk. Caoilfhionn Gallagher QC is a barrister at Doughty Street Chambers specialized in, among others, freedom of expression. Ms Carrillo and Ms Gallagher have represented families and organizations in cases concerning the (investigation of) the murder of a journalist. Nadim Houry is a human rights lawyer and member of the High Level Panel of Legal Experts, and will testify on the findings of his Panel on the legal obstacles to justice for journalists who are murdered in reprisal of their work. Expert witnesses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Raissa Carrillo, legal director of Fundación para la Libertad de Prensa (FLIP)● Caoilfhionn Gallagher QC, barrister at Doughty Street Chambers● Nadim Houry, member of the High Level Panel of Legal Experts on Media Freedom
17:00 – 17:45	Closing Ceremony Permanent People's Tribunal <i>Introduction by the panel of judges of the Permanent People's Tribunal and the formal acceptance of the indictment.</i>