

CDJor Condemns Use of ABIN to Monitor Journalists and Press Organizations

The Coalition in Defense of Journalism (CDJor) strongly condemns the use of the Brazilian Intelligence Agency (ABIN) to monitor journalists, media outlets, and civil society organizations during Jair Bolsonaro's term (2019-2022).

On June 18, following the Federal Supreme Court (STF) secrecy lifting of the Federal Police's final report, further details came to light. According to the report, the journalists monitored included Ricardo Noblat, Alice Maciel, Leandro Demori, Mônica Bergamo, Reinaldo Azevedo, and Vera Magalhães. Outlets such as *Aos Fatos*, *Agência Lupa*, and *piauí* magazine were also named. Reporters Without Borders (RSF) — a member of CDJor — was likewise among those monitored.

So far, no details have been released regarding the scope of the surveillance or the data that may have been collected.

CDJor considers the political instrumentalization of a state intelligence agency to intimidate the press to be extremely serious. The full extent of the surveillance activities remains unclear. It is essential that all information about the monitoring be disclosed and that those responsible are held accountable swiftly, transparently, and independently.

The Coalition expresses its solidarity with all journalists, communicators, and organizations affected and reiterates the call for similar cases to be reported through the Observatory for Combating Violence Against Journalists and Communicators, accessible via the FalaBR platform.

We will continue to closely monitor this case and emphasize the urgent need for concrete measures to ensure the full exercise of press freedom in Brazil.