



JOURNALISM

30th anniversary of World Press Freedom Day

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There are governments that attack the press freedom

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Today, May 3rd, is World Press Freedom Day, a date that this year commemorates its thirtieth anniversary. On a day like today, it is intended to highlight the «freedom to make public any truthful information without censorship and through any media, with the only limitations established by law», as the website states termcat.cat.

Since its proclamation in 1993, this has been the main objective of the United Nations, but despite this, the attacks on all those who are dedicated to the world of journalism and communication do not seem to have stopped to repeat. At the same time, disinformation and misinformation have spread both online and in other media, with serious consequences for the institutions that underpin democracy, the rule of law and human rights.

30 YEARS OF CELEBRATION // The birth of this proclamation originates in the Anniversary of the Winhoek Declaration, where representatives of the African media participating in a seminar organized by UNESCO in the capital of Nambi, drew up a document that compiled the principles of freedom of the press. In this archive, the concept of journalism was expressed as an autonomous press, where neither public nor private authorities have any participation or control, whether economic or political.

This year, with the 30th anniversary of World Press Freedom Day, the slogan «All is well» has been created and invited to be published in the world's media. So, with this slogan we want to invite you to think to what extent the current globalized society is positive and it is proposed that «if we do not speak without censorship about the current situation nowadays, how can we protect human rights?».

BURKINA FASSO // Not all journalists have suffered borderline situations in their work. When we talk about freedom, we usually talk about political or business influences. But there are countries where terrorist groups al-



► Image of the newsroom of El Periòdic de Catalunya, by David Beriain and Roberto Fraile, journalists murdered in Burkina Faso and Rafael Moreno, journalist murdered in Colombia.

so attack freedom of the press, as in Spain a few years ago or as it continues to happen in several countries around the world. In 2021, two Spanish journalists, David Beriain and Roberto Fraile, were murdered in Burkina Faso (Africa), while recording a documentary on poaching of protected species. They were kidnapped, the government reported, by a terrorist group in the Pama nature reserve.

COLOMBIA // To be a victim of this self-restraint and put one's life in danger in order to communicate the truth of the facts to others, what happened to Rafael Moreno is also relevant. A Colombian passionate about journalism, who whenever he had a little time between his multiple jobs, covered news from his surroundings and denounced injustices he discovered in his native Córdoba. Moreno was assassinated a few months ago for his investigation into massive misappropriations of millions of dollars in public contracts. The Colombian was constantly threatened because he stopped investigating this affair, but his motto was «let me be killed, they will not silence me». Despite his regrettable loss, Moreno's great work has not been in vain, and the world of journalism has turned on the case. 30 international media have decided to follow the investigation and complete the Colombian reporter's work in defense of press freedom.

RUSSIA // The coercion towards freedom of the press is not only an affair that happens by the authorship of terrorist organizations that pose a danger on an international scale. Some authoritarian states also suffocate the world of journalism, inside and outside their borders. There are notorious examples like that of Russia, where the government of Vladimir Putin restrains the media from reporting truthful information about the invasion of Ukraine by its own government. The Kremlin forces the media to disseminate information selected by the regime that favors the view of Russian citizens towards a military action where many affairs are happening that the Russian leader does not want to be available to everyone. ≡

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ENERGY

FEDA will invest five million euros to expand the heat network

The agreement was signed yesterday between FEDA and the municipality of Canillo

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Yesterday, at the Motorcycle Museum of Canillo, the signing of the agreement between the Canillo municipality and FEDA Ecoterm that will allow the expansion of the Incles heat network with the investment of 5.5 million euros that will offer a wider, sustainable and efficient service to a wider majority of the population of Canillo. The Incles network will be expanded to different areas of Canillo such as Tarter, Soldeu and the town of Ransol, expanding the network's capacity from the current 30 buildings in which the network has the capacity to supply, up to the eighty buildings that will benefit from this expansion of the thermal energy network, also favoring the process of ecological transition at the same time that energy supply is given to more homes in a sustainable way. The agreement between the municipality of Canillo and FEDA Ecoterm was signed by the Consul Major, Francesc Camp, and the manager of FEDA Ecoterm, Jordi Travé. In addition, the event was attended by the Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Sustainable Development and acting president of FEDA, Silvia Calvó, and the director general of FEDA, Albert Moles.

The agreed agreement will set up a more efficient and sustainable heating system that will allow the network to be extended to the buildings spread over the 3 urban centers of Canillo. The expansion will begin its installation and construction immediately, thus progressing progressively in the different phases on an annual basis until the year 2027. The expansions in the Tarter area will be carried out through the station car park area, on Sant Pere road and Tarter square. As well as, to Ransol, from the Tarter road to the Hotel Clos area and from the turnoff from the same car park to the Ransol roundabout. Finally, Soldeu will be reached by widening the network from the Ransol roundabout to the Caves Manacor, the Pont d'Incles road, the Roc de Sant Miquel street and the center of Soldeu, to Plaça del Piol and the road Marrades del Piol.

From the Municipality of Canillo, there was a need to be able to grant improvements in the energy supply to citizens by developing the thermal energy network, and to fulfill this in a sustainable way in line with the parish's commitment to the ecological transition. The agreement contemplates the modification of the fee assumed by the energy network in the event of the transfer of the land where the cogeneration plant is located, in addition to an extension of the concession to promote suitable investments in order to improve and adapt the necessary infrastructures.

The Canillo heat network origi-



►► Calvó, Camp, Travé and Moles during the signing of the agreement at the Canillo Motorcycle Museum.

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SILVIA CALVÓ

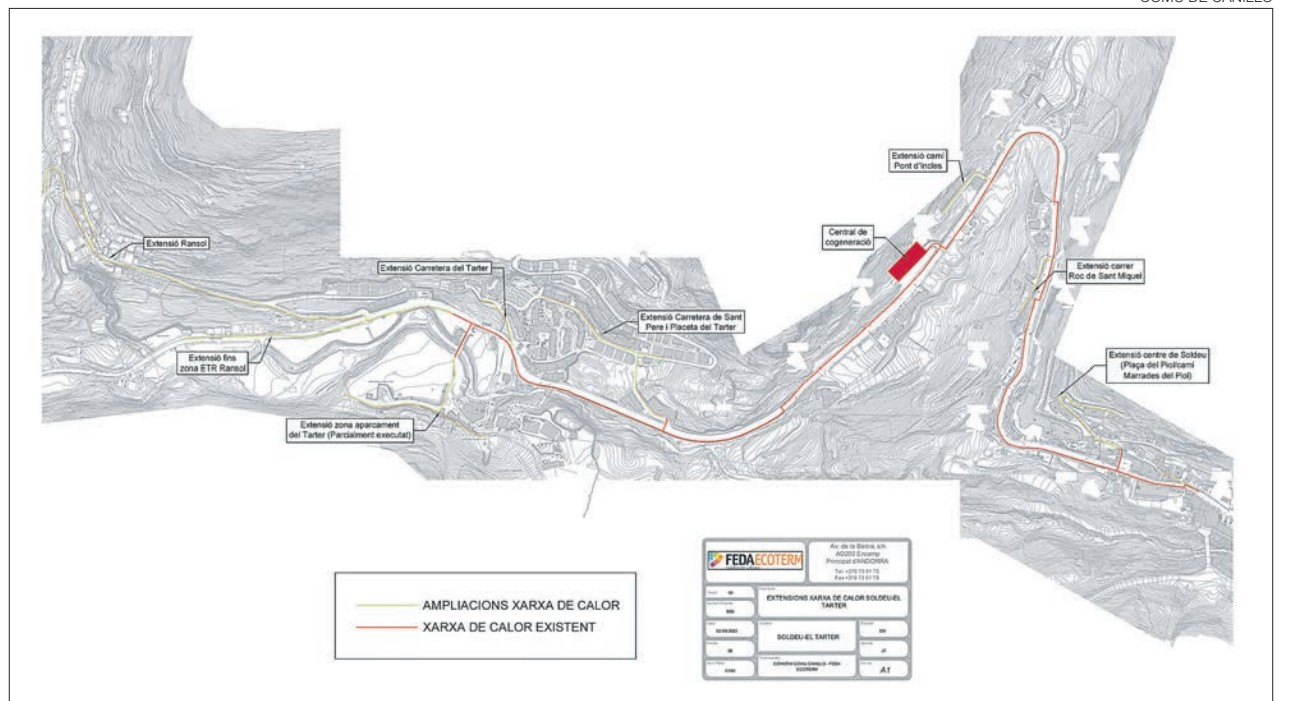
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT

«This initiative is not only good for FEDA, but it is good for the parish of Canillo and good for the country»

ALBERT MOLES

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FEDA

«(At FEDA) we have overcome the fact of having a negative margin and these first three months we will not close with a deficit»



►► Plan of the expansion of the energy network.

nates from the Incles cogeneration plant, which also generates the processing of electricity and thermal energy. The latter is what makes it possible to heat the water that supplies heating and hot water to all the buildings that are connected to the

thermal network, through underground pipes.

Silvia Calvó defined this agreement, which will promote investments in energy infrastructures, as «not only a good for FEDA, but as a good for the parish and for the country».

In addition, the general manager, Moles, cautiously celebrated the good economic figures of the parapublic, since «We have overcome the fact of having a negative margin and these first three months we will not close with a deficit». ≡

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