



AMERICA/HONDURAS - Appeal of the Church for the journalist kidnapped: 28 journalists murdered since 2003

Tegucigalpa (Agenzia Fides) - The Honduran Cardinal Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga, Archbishop of Tegucigalpa, and of the Association dei Media of the Central American country, have strongly condemned the kidnapping of the journalist Alfredo Villatoro and asked the kidnappers to have respect for his life. Villatoro, 47, was abducted by unknown people on Wednesday morning, May 9, on his way to the radio station HRN, where he had been working for twenty years. So far, the police said they have no clues about the crime.

"We condemn the violence and ask God to touch the hearts of the kidnappers to get them back on the path of the Lord, the path of justice, and to respect Villatoro's life," said Cardinal Rodriguez speaking to Radio HRN. He added that all the parishes of Honduras "are united in a single prayer to God for the life of this operator of communication, and so that his kidnappers do not stain our country with more blood." According to information gathered by Fides, the Honduran Human Rights Commission, said that in Honduras since 2003, 28 journalists have been murdered, and 22 of these cases are still unsolved. (CE) (Agenzia Fides 12/5/2012)