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FCCJ Statement on the killing of Percy Lapid in Metro Manila

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan condemns the killing of veteran broadcaster Percival Mabasa, more widely known as Percy Lapid.

According to a [statement*](#) by the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines, "Percy was shot dead by two unidentified suspects on Monday evening in Las Pinas City while driving to work, police said. He was known for his critical commentary on policies and issues concerning the administration of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and his predecessor, Rodrigo Duterte. Percy's murder underscores the threats and risks Filipino media workers continue to face in the country."

"We urge government authorities to bring the perpetrators to justice and put an end to the killings of media practitioners," the statement said.

Lapid was the [second journalist**](#) to be killed in the country since Marcos, the son of the dictator Ferdinand Marcos Sr., took office in late June, according to the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines.

Lapid was the host of the "Lapid Fire", a radio show on DWBL 1242. One of the most recent commentaries on his YouTube channel was on the dangers of red-tagging (the malicious blacklisting of individuals or organizations critical or not fully supportive of the actions of a sitting government). He had, according to the NUJP, been critical of the security risks of offshore gaming operators and the historical distortion of the martial law era under Marcos Sr.

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