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Dear Ambassador,

We have learned of the murder of Brazilian indigenist human rights defender Bruno Araújo Pereira and British journalist Dom Philipis, contributor of The Guardian, after they disappeared in the morning of Sunday, June 5, in the indigenous land of Javari Valley, in the state of Amazonas, Brazil[[1]](#footnote-1).

The two defenders were on their way from the community of Ribeirinha São Rafael to the town of Atalaia do Norte, when the information about their whereabouts was lost. Both were working on a project of the Union of Indigenous Organizations of Vale do Javari (Univaja). According to local reports, searches have not been done adequately.

NOAH, and our international network of organizations defending human rights and the environment, Friends of the Earth, are closely following the events taking place in Brazil, especially in the Brazilian Amazon, which in recent years have increased the threats and violations of the rights of indigenous peoples.

We are aware that there is permanent tension in the area, including threats to the indigenous organisation UNIVAJA and the assassination of the indigenist Maxciel Pereira dos Santos in 2019.

We are contacting you to express our deep grief over the murder of these two human rights defenders.

We request your valuable services so that the responsible institutions and authorities in Brazil, as a matter of urgency:

1. Carry on with the investigations and punish the people responsible for murdering Pereira and Philipis and for invading the Indigenous Land Javari Valley;
2. Guarantee the territorial rights and self-determination of the indigenous peoples in Brazil.

Sincerely,

[Dit navn og evt organisation]

1. <https://terrasindigenas.org.br/pt-br/noticia/216262> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)