

Reuters Journalist Hiro Muramoto Killed in Bangkok Protest

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TOKYO, April 10, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ --Reuters today confirmed the death of Hiro Muramoto, a Tokyo-based Japanese national who worked as a cameraman for Reuters for more than 15 years.

(Photo: <http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20100410/NY84374>)

Muramoto-san had been covering fighting between troops and protesters in the Rajdumnoen Road area that erupted into Bangkok's worst political violence in 18 years.

"Reuters is dreadfully saddened by the death of our colleague Hiro Muramoto, a cameraman who was killed in the Bangkok clashes," said David Schlesinger, Reuters Editor-in-Chief. "Journalism can be a terribly dangerous profession for those being thrust into the center of the action. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Muramoto-san's family. All of us at Thomson Reuters mourn this terrible tragedy."

Twelve people, including three soldiers, were killed and more than 500 people were wounded in the fighting near the Phan Fah bridge and Rajdumnoen Road in Bangkok's old quarter, a protest base near government buildings and the regional U.N. headquarters.

Hiro Muramoto was 43 years old, and is survived by his wife and two children.

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