

Safety courses for covering demonstrations

Objectives - You learn

- to make a risk assessment for covering demonstrations, protests, rallies and public meetings
- to know how to deal with threats and attacks - so you can recall it in heated situations
- to analyse a situation, map the movements and spot the possible dangers
- to make a safety plan for your reporting, so you know what to do – and what not to do!
- to cooperate for safety and look out for each other
- to involve your editor and make a contingency plan, if anything goes wrong

Program

8:30 Breakfast

9:00 Welcome in a flash! – we kickstart the course with a dangerous exercise:

- Group work for exchange of experiences of fear and danger
- Groups chose 1 case for presentation to class

Groups present themselves and their case

- Maximizing Memorizing – we create a Wall Paper on Risks and Safety Tips

Objectives of the training and Program for the day

Bad and biased journalism is unsafe journalism

- A real example from The Gambia

Break

10:30 When a crowd turns hostile

- The Sand Table as a tool – situational analysis of events and alternatives
- Analysis of Kebba's case: Who did What, Where, When, How and Why?

Role play: The December 31 sit-in at West Field – The Jotna movement calla for a press meeting in West Field

- Standard Operative Procedures (SOP): How to internalize safety tips as a new autopilot for safety
- SOP: "Assess, when arriving on the scene"

Break

12.00 Role play: The December 31 sit-in at West Field – "Young Jotnas" threatens journalists at the press meeting

- SOP: "Act, if the tension of the crowd arises"

When security turns against you

- The Sand Table analysis of Kifa's case: Who did What, Where, When, How and Why?

The December 31 sit-in Role Play at West Field – How to prepare to cover the illegal part of the demonstration

- Make analysis of the situation and make a risk assessment.

Lunch

2:30 The December 31 sit-in Role play at West Field is developing, now journalists are under attack:

- SOP: "Act, if you are attacked"
- How to make a Safety Plan
- SOP: "Act, if they use teargas"

- How to make a Contingency Plan

Evaluation