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In a statement released May 7, the Caracas-based Inter-American Journalists Federation (FIP) announced plans to launch an investigation into the May 6 murder of Ismael Jaimes, director of the newspaper La Opinion, headquartered in Barrancabermeja, Colombia. Jaimes' death brings the number of journalists killed in Colombia this year to five. The total since January 1991 was 24. FIP plans to request that Colombia become a signatory to the Geneva Convention's Protocols I and II. The Federation statement said that compliance with the protocols would help to protect "historically neutral sectors" in wars and other violent conflicts, such as priests, journalists, children and the elderly. (Source: Agence France-Presse, 05/07/92)

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