

# REMEMBERING KENJI GOTO



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**The Japanese freelancer, who has been killed by Islamic State, was committed to covering humanitarian issues and the stories of ordinary people caught up in conflict.**

**We are horrified and deeply saddened by the killing of freelancer Kenji Goto by Islamic State.**

Kenji, 47, was an experienced and respected journalist - one of the very few freelancers working in Japan. He had covered conflicts in Afghanistan, Albania, Chechnya, Iraq, Liberia and Sierra Leone before travelling to Syria. In 1996 Kenji set up the news agency [Independent Press](#) which focused on the coverage of humanitarian issues and ordinary people - especially children - caught up in conflict. In addition to his reporting, he made documentaries that aired on NHK and Asahi TV, and authored several books.

Kenji was well known to us at the Trust – a friend and supporter of our work and a regular entrant to the Rory Peck Awards. His death is a huge loss to everyone who knew him. What his family has been through is unimaginable and we hope that everyone will respect their privacy.

Kenji Goto is the third international freelance journalist to be executed by Islamic State.

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