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Jill Carroll, a freelance writer currently on assignment for The Christian Science Monitor, was abducted in western Baghdad on Saturday morning, local tin interpreter was fatally wounded in the kidnapping. Her Iraqi driver escaped unharmed.

At this point, no one has claimed responsibility.

Jill, 28, is an established journalist who has been reporting from the Middle East for Jordanian, Italian, and other news organizations over the past three years. months, the Monitor has tapped into her professionalism, energy, and fair reporting on the Iraqi scene. It was her drive to gather direct and accurate views from leaders that took her into western Baghdad's Adil neighborhood on Saturday morning.

The Monitor joins Jill's colleagues - Iraqi and foreign - in the Baghdad press in calling for her immediate and safe release.

"Jill's ability to help others understand the issues facing all groups in Iraq has been invaluable. We are urgently seeking information about Ms. Carroll and a avenue to secure her release," says Monitor Editor Richard Bergenheim.

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