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A Theodor Heuss Medal for the Year 2023
will be awarded to the Mexican investigative journalist

Marcela Turati

for her courageous commitment to democratic politics
and her factual and conscientiously researched reports
on disappeared persons. For many years, Marcela Turati
has reported on acts of violence perpetrated by drug
cartels and organised gangs, often tolerated and
covered up by state authorities.

Marcela Turati began her journalistic career in the late 1990s
and has since covered issues such as drug trafficking,
corruption and social justice. Her focus is on the issue
of the “disappeared” in Mexico, which has been a major
problem in the country for many years. Lawyers, activists
and reporters are threatened not only by the drug cartels
whose atrocities they document, but also by the authori-
ties who supposedly investigate these crimes. Marcela
Turati, for example, was affected by the Pegasus spying
software.

Following her reporting on the disappearance, murder
and burial in mass graves of 193 victims in the municipality
of San Fernando, the Mexican Public Prosecutor's Office
opened secret investigations into Marcela Turati.

Marcela Turati receives a Theodor Heuss Medal 2023 for
her democratic-political journalistic commitment and for
her courage, at the greatest personal risk, to write down
and speak the truth.

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