France

Three Journalists Summoned for Compromising National Defense Classification

SOURCE OF THREAT: State
CATEGORY: Other acts having chilling effects on media freedom

No state reply yet

A Radio France journalist and two journalists from the collective “Disclose” who revealed the use of French weapons in the war in Yemen, were summoned by the Directorate-General for Internal Security (DGSI) on 14 May as part of the preliminary investigation opened by the Paris Prosecutor-General for "compromising national defence classification", upon a complaint by the French Ministry of the Armed Forces. The reason for the complaint is the publication by Disclose on 15 April of classified documents on the French weapons used in Yemen by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Journalists Geoffrey Livolsi, Mathias Destal and Benoît Collombat were informed about their summons by the DGSI on 23 and 24 April. In a joint statement of 24 April, the editorial offices of Arte Info, Disclose, Konbini and Mediapart criticised proceedings that aim to identify the journalists’ sources.

Additional Information

- Information published by ARTE (in French): "Armes françaises au Yémen : des journalistes convoqués par la justice"
- Article published by Le Monde (in French): "Trois journalistes convoqués par la DGSI pour avoir détaillé l’usage d’armes françaises au Yémen"