On 3 June 2019, a journalist working for the public broadcaster France 3 Normandie was attacked while filming in front of the mosque As-salam in Petit-Couronne, a city near Rouen. The cameraman was alone taking background footage of the mosque for a report on the imam who was facing trial the same day, when suddenly a man, followed by a group of around 20 men, asked him to stop filming. The journalist was hit, thrown on the ground and had his camera broken. He was then locked up in the compound of the mosque, until the police intervened. The journalist was in shock, slightly injured and given five days of medical leave.

One of the alleged assailant was arrested on 3 June and taken into custody. He was then charged with violent robbery in a group on 5 June and set under judicial supervision. According to media report, it would be the president of the association that manages the mosque.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Statement by CGT, CFDT Médias and SNJ of France 3 Normandie-Rouen (in French): "Agression d’un journaliste en Normandie : la presse de plus en plus malmenée"
- Article by RSF: "TV cameraman attacked while filming outside mosque in northern France"
- Article by France 3 Normandie (in French): "Agression d’un journaliste de France 3 Normandie près de Rouen, un homme mis en examen"

**STATE REPLY**

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