On 19 January 2020, Thomas Jacobi, a correspondent of the French La Croix and German broadcaster Deutsche Welle, was attacked by far-right protesters in Athens. He was hit for over four minutes and was bleeding in the face, until police appeared. According to the journalist, he was attacked because the protesters recognized him. It was the second assault on Mr Jacobi, almost a year since members of the Golden Dawn party attacked him, along with two other journalists, also in Athens. The journalist filed a lawsuit.

The Greek government condemned the attack and promised swift investigation.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- CPJ alert: "Far-right demonstrators assault reporter Thomas Jacobi in Greece"
- Press release by Deutsche Welle condemning the attack: "DW journalist attacked by right-wing extremists in Athens"

**STATE REPLIES**

- 11 Feb 2020 | NEW Response from the Greek authorities (Ministry of Justice)

  - Letter from the Permanent Representation of Greece to the Council of Europe
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