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NO STATE REPLY YET

BBC Journalist Lauren Moss Attacked Moments before Going Live

SOURCE OF THREAT: Non-state

CATEGORY: Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists

Lauren Moss, BBC's South East political editor, was attacked by a member of the public just before going live on air on 19 February 2020. The news reporter posted on Twitter that she was preparing to broadcast from Brighton (England) when a man threw a cup of hot chocolate over her and used abusive language against the BBC. Lauren Moss and the cameraman were not hurt in the incident, but she said she was "shaken up and it could have been worse". The BBC confirmed that it reported the case to the Sussex Police, who said they are looking into the incident.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Express news article: "BBC reporter ‘hit with hot chocolate’ just before going on-air - police probe launched"
- EFJ statement: "UK: BBC news reporter attacked moments before going live on air"