On 11 March 2021, the president of the Croatian Journalists Union (SNH), Maja Sever, was threatened with dismissal by her employer, Croatia’s public TV broadcaster HRT, for giving an interview to the Croatian weekly "Nacional" about HRT’s failure to prevent sexual harassment among its staff. Sever had informed her employer about the interview she gave on 9 March, without providing any details about the content of the interview. On 11 March, she received a warning before dismissal.

As a result of sexual harassment suspicions against one of HRT’s managers, Sever had repeatedly asked HRT’s Director-General Kazimir Bačić to set up an independent commission to deal with complaints from alleged victims of harassment among staff. After Bačić refused to establish such a commission, Sever alerted HRT’s Executive Board and the Parliament’s Media Committee, which were both open to the idea of setting up an independent commission. As HRT’s Director-General maintained his position, Sever eventually decided, as President of SNH, to alert public opinion by giving an interview to "Nacional".

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Article published by the Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso Transeuropa: "Croazia: la tv pubblica contro i suoi giornalisti"
- Article published by the news portal Index.hr: "Maja Sever dobila upozorenje HRT-a"