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## 28 Media Workers Detained and Fined for Illegal Border Crossing

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State

CATEGORY ⓘ ▶ Detention and imprisonment of journalists

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On 14 March 2016, Macedonian police arrested around 28 journalists and photojournalists who were accompanying a group of refugees that were illegally trying to enter Macedonia from Greece, Deutsche Welle reports. Referencing to Twitter posts from the detained journalists, Deutsche Welle reports that the media workers were temporarily held and fined 250 Euros for illegally crossing the border. Macedonian media outlet, Nova TV reports that the journalists were fined 510 Euros.

According to the Athens News Agency, the journalists were not exactly aware of their location while following the refugees. At the border, the journalists were reportedly taken to the Macedonian village of Moin and then sent to the police department in the town of Gevgelija. The majority of the journalists detained were from Greece and Germany, while a few were also from Macedonia.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ▼

- ➦ Article published on Deutsche Welle website (in Macedonian)
- ➦ Article published by MKD ( in Macedonian)
- ➦ Report published on Mapping Media Freedom website: "Macedonia: 28 media workers detained and fined for illegal border crossing "

### STATE REPLIES ▼



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➔ Letter from the Ministry of Interior (full document)

➔ Letter from the Ministry of Interior (relevant excerpt)