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## Two Reporters Injured During Storming of Parliament

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Unknown

CATEGORY  ▶ Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists

**PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ, CPJ, Index, INSI, IPI, RSF**

Two Macedonian journalists, Dimitar Tanurov, a reporter for the online Meta news agency, and Nikola Ordevski, a cameraperson with the Makfax news agency, were physically assaulted during the 27 April 2017 protest in Skopje, which later resulted in the storming of the Parliament building by nationalist demonstrators. A total of 21 journalists were threatened and/or barred from reporting at the scene, reported the Association of Journalists of Macedonia (AJM-ZNM). Tanurov wrote on Facebook that protesters attacked him when they saw his press card: "They took my phone, and continued to beat and kick me while I was lying on the floor". Tanurov sustained multiple injuries to his face and head, but was not hospitalised. Nikola Ordevski was hospitalised with a concussion. During a press conference on 28 April in Skopje, the European Centre for Press and Media Freedom (ECPMF), the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ), South East Europe Media Organisation (SEEMO) and Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso Transeuropa (OBCT) called on the Macedonian authorities to investigate the attacks against the 21 journalists and media workers attacked or threatened during the storming of the parliament building.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  [EFJ statement: "Macedonia: two journalists injured during storming of the Parliament"](#)
-  [AJM-ZNM statement \(in Albanian\)](#)
-  [AJM-ZNM statement \(in Macedonian\)](#)
-  [Statement of the Council of Media Ethics of Macedonia \(in Macedonian\)](#)
-  [CPJ statement: "At least two journalists injured as protesters storm Macedonian parliament"](#)

- ➔ [ECPMF-EFJ-SEEMO-OBCT joint statement: "Macedonia: It is high time to stop violence against journalists!"](#)
- ➔ [Index on Censorship report on Mapping Media Freedom: "Macedonia: Reporters injured during storming of parliament"](#)

## STATE REPLIES

-  **31 Aug 2017** | Reply from the Ministry of Interior of "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
  - ➔ [Letter from the Ministry of Interior \(full document\)](#)
  - ➔ [Letter from the Ministry of Interior \(relevant excerpt\)](#)

## RELEVANT COE INSTRUMENTS

- 01 Aug 2017** | Thematic factsheet on media coverage of protests and demonstrations
  - ➔ [Overview of the ECHR case law and other relevant Council of Europe resources related to media coverage of protests and demonstrations](#)
- 01 Aug 2017** | Relevant case-law of the European Court of Human Rights
  - ➔ [Case of Selmani and others v. "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"](#)

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