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## Serbian Journalist Stevan Dojčinović Target of a Smear Campaign

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Unknown

CATEGORY ⓘ ▶ Harassment and intimidation of journalists

**PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ**

Stevan Dojčinović, an investigative journalist and editor-in-chief of KRIK (Crime and Corruption Reporting Network), working for the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP), was the target of several attacks, over the last months, in Serbian pro-governmental media, including the tabloid Informer. Dojčinović has been accused of collaborating with foreign secret services and there have been attempts to smear his reputation by publishing rumours about him cooperating with drug dealers and criminals. Civil Rights Defenders has condemned the attacks. "Particularly disturbing is the fact that the campaign was initiated by the act of current journalistic research and not an actual published story, which indicates that someone monitors the work of KRIK. This is an intolerable situation and must immediately stop", said Goran Miletic, Programme Director for the Western Balkans at Civil Rights Defenders. The Independent Association of Journalists of Serbia (NUNS) also condemned the "lynch campaign conducted by Informer against the portal Krik.rs", and urged the Ministry of the Interior to investigate whether the information that Informer holds was received from the state authorities.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ▼

- ➔ [Statement from the Global Investigative Journalism Network \(GIJN\): "Attacks on Dojčinović and KRIK Must End"](#)
- ➔ [Statement published by Civil Rights Defenders: "Smear Campaigns Must Stop against Investigative Journalists in Serbia"](#)
- ➔ [Statement from the Independent Association of Journalists of Serbia \(NUNS\) \(in Serbian\)](#)
- ➔ [Article published on the website of the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project: "Serbian Newspaper Attacks OCCRP Partner"](#)

- ➔ Article published on Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso: "Serbia: control the media with the help of the media "
- ➔ Article published on Balkan Insight: "Serbian Tabloid Calls Independent Media 'Foreign Mercenaries'"
- ➔ Article published on Balkan Insight: "Serbian Tabloid Accused of Risking Journalist's Life"
- ➔ Article published on Balkan Insight: "Serbia's Tabloid Attack Dog Serves Powerful Masters"

## STATE REPLIES



**21 Nov 2016** | Reply from the Republic of Serbia provided by the Ministry of the Interior

- ➔ Letter from the Permanent Representation of Serbia to the Council of Europe

## FOLLOW-UPS



**23 Feb 2018** | Commissioner for Human Rights: 'Concerted efforts needed to protect media freedoms in Serbia'

- ➔ Excerpt from the Commissioner's follow-up visit report carried out from 19 to 22 February 2018