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Increased Verbal Abuse Against Independent Serbian Media.

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Non-state

CATEGORY  ▶ Harassment and intimidation of journalists

PARTNER: RSF, EFJ/IFJ

Since the beginning of the year, several journalists have been threatened in Serbia, in a context of increasing verbal violence against the media that challenge the actions of a government.

Journalist Tamara Skrozza published a report, highlighting that candidates from the SNS, the government's political party, were four times more visible than candidates of the opposition on the pro-government TV channel Pink TV. In response, the private channel accused her of being an "enemy of the state" and a series of insults were addressed to her on Pink TV's account on social media.

In early February, reporter Una Hajdari was attacked on social media. Following a photomontage on Twitter of the president's visit in Kosovo, she was accused of "hating Serbia, Serbs and Vucic". The same week, Dragan Janjic, redactor in chief of the independent agency Beta, also received hundreds of insults and hateful messages on social media. He suggested on 16 January, in a tweet, that the murder of the Kosovo Serb politician, Oliver Ivanović, was motivated by political considerations.

Nikola Radisic, journalist for the TV channel N1 (a CNN International partner) was verbally attacked in the street by two men accusing him of being an "American spy and a traitor".

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 [Letter from the Permanent Representation of Serbia to the Council of Europe](#)

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