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Journalist Stoyan Tonchev Brutally Attacked






SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Non-state

CATEGORY  ▶ Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists

PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ, AEJ, CPJ, Index, RSF

Stoyan Tonchev, a reporter for the news portal 'Hello Bulgaria', was assaulted and beaten with baseball bats on 14 January 2016 in his hometown Pomorie. The journalist, who was a candidate during the last local elections in Bulgaria, was left with serious head and skull injuries and is still under medical care. The assailants allegedly asked Tonchev if he was going to continue to write articles after this attack. The following day, the Bulgarian minister of Interior Affairs issued a statement announcing that two people had been detained in relation with this assault. The investigation is still in progress. Welcoming the swift reaction by the authorities Dunja Mijatović, the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, said: "I urge the authorities to thoroughly investigate the attack and bring the perpetrators to justice. There must be no impunity for attacks against journalists."

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  [Press release by CPJ: "Bulgarian journalist bludgeoned"](#)
-  [Statement by AEJ in Bulgarian](#)
-  [Statement by AEJ: "AEJ Bulgaria condemns the brutal beating of Stoyan Tonchev"](#)
-  [Article published on NovaNews website \(in Bulgarian\)](#)
-  [Article published on the Bulgarian Times website \(in Bulgarian\)](#)

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

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 [Statement by Dunja Mijatović](#)