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Draft Italian Law Imposes Sanctions on Journalists who Published Wiretapping Materials

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State

CATEGORY ⓘ ▶ Other acts having chilling effects on media freedom

PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ

On 3 November 2015, the Federation of Journalists' affiliate in Italy (FNSI), the Association of Journalists of Lazio, the Roman Press Association, the Journalists' union of Rai ("Radiotelevisione Italiana", the national public broadcasting company) and the association « Articolo21 » launched an online petition "No Bavaglio 3" ("No to Gag Law"). They protest against the draft law presented by the government that gives to the executive powers to set rules on the publication of wiretaps excluding « the conversations of public interest ». "The government will decide on what wiretapping materials can be or cannot be published. It argues that the new law will protect the citizens' privacy rights. The law offers protection to politicians and corporate powers rather than to citizens as the fear of penalty will lead to self-censorship", an EFJ statement said.

UPDATES

03 Aug 2017: On 3 August 2017, the draft bill came into force, following successive approvals by Chambers of deputies and the Senate.

- ➔ "LEGGE 23 giugno 2017, n. 103 Modifiche al codice penale, al codice di procedura penale e all'ordinamento penitenziario"
- ➔ Senato della Repubblica: Disegno di legge

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



- ➔ Article of Articolo21 (in Italian): ' "No bavaglio". Oggi, giovedì 5 novembre, alle 8:30 presidio a piazzale Clodio'
- ➔ Press release of the Federation of Journalists' Union of Italy (in Italian only):' 'No bavaglio', la mobilitazione si sposta a piazzale Clodio'
- ➔ Video published by La Repubblica (in Italian): 'Legge bavaglio, Rodotà: "Norma scritta in italiano inesistente'
- ➔ Article of the European Federation of Journalists: 'Italian journalists protest against gag law #nobavaglio '

STATE REPLIES



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