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Serbian Weekly Describes Independent Media as "Traitors"

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Non-state

CATEGORY ⓘ ▶ Harassment and intimidation of journalists

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The Belgrade-based partly state-owned weekly news magazine *Ilustrovana Politika* ran an article on 30 October 2018 describing independent and critical media as "traitors and collaborators of the enemies of Serbia". The six-page-long article by Djordje Martić - renowned for being close to the government and for his vitriolic writing - identified certain editors, media, journalists and non-governmental organisations as being in league with "the enemies of Serbia". The weekly's cover illustration featured a vicious-looking dog and bore the headline "The dogs are unleashed".

UPDATES

18 Dec 2018: *Ilustrovana Politika* continues smear campaign against journalists seeking to end impunity for killers of Slavko Curuvija

➡ Serbia: State-owned weekly continues smear campaign against journalists seeking to end impunity for killers of Slavko Curuvija

13 Nov 2018: State-owned weekly *Ilustrovana Politika* accused journalist Ljiljana Smajlovic, who criticised its controversial issue describing independent journalists and media outlets as traitors, of complicity in the 1999 NATO bombing of Serbia.

➡ Mapping Media Freedom report: "Serbia: State-owned weekly accuses journalist who criticised controversial issue of complicity in NATO bombing"

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



 Mapping Media Freedom report