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Resolved

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2 France 5 Journalists Denied Access to President Macron During his Visit to Lille

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State

CATEGORY  ▶ Harassment and intimidation of journalists

PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ

On 14 November 2017, journalist Tancrède Bonora and his videoreporter colleague were denied access to President Emmanuel Macron during his visit to the north of France. Both are working for the programme 'C à Vous' of France 5 channel (which belongs to the public broadcasting group France Televisions). The reason cited by the presidential security services was the attendance of the two journalists at a demonstration held the day before and organised by the opposition movement, la France Insoumise, against certain government measures. When the reporters attempted to ask their questions to the head of state, they were physically removed by security agents who positioned themselves between the President and the journalists. Thus kept apart from other journalists, they were prevented from carrying out their report.

RESOLVED

06 Dec 2018: On 6 December 2018, after consideration of the authorities' response to this alert, the partner organisations of the Platform declared this case to be "resolved", concluding that it was no longer an active threat to media freedom.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  Article published on the website of France 3 -Régions: "Un journaliste de "C à vous" écarté de la visite présidentielle après ses questions aux Insoumis"
-  Video of the incident published on 'L'opinion' website : "Un journaliste écarté par le service d'ordre de Macron pour avoir posé une question gênante..."
-  Statement by the 'CFDT journalistes' union : "Laissez-nous travailler !"

➔ Article published by 20 Minutes : "Visite de Macron dans le Nord: Un journaliste de France 5 écarté après avoir filmé une manifestation des Insoumis"

STATE REPLIES



03 Apr 2018 | Reply from the French authorities (in French only)

➔ Letter from the Permanent Representation of France to the Council of Europe