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Resolved

Bulgaria

Alert created on: 29 Nov 2017

Bulgarian Journalist Georgi Ezekiev, Zov News Website Publisher, Receives Death Threat in a Filmed Interview

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Non-state

CATEGORY  ▶ Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists

PARTNER: RSF

The alleged murder plan came to light earlier this month in the course of a joint investigation by Zov News and the investigative news website Bivol into a drug trafficking ring in which police officers are thought to be implicated. A person who used to be involved in this network told the reporters in a filmed interview that his former mafia bosses were planning to eliminate Georgi Ezekiev, the publisher of Zov News website. One of the reporters participating in this investigation, Maria Dimitrova, meanwhile received threatening messages by SMS and on Facebook.

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06 Dec 2018: On 6 December 2018, after consideration of the authorities' responses 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.

STATE REPLIES



09 Nov 2018 | Reply from the Bulgarian authorities



Letter from the Permanent Representation of Bulgaria to the Council of Europe



28 Jun 2018 | Reply from the Government of Bulgaria



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