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Two Journalists Harassed by Far-Right Wing Protesters

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Non-state

CATEGORY  ▶ Harassment and intimidation of journalists

PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ, Index




On 20 February 2017, two journalists were harassed by far-right wing protesters while reporting live in Thessaloniki, Greece. Maria Travlou, who works for the public broadcaster ERT3, and Eleni Latrou, for the private station Skai TV, were insulted and stopped from doing their job by some men and women part of the so-called "Patriots' Organisation" demonstrating outside a school. They were preventing refugee children from attending classes.

The protesters covered the camera lens with their hands and shouted at the journalists, ordering them to leave the place. The anchor decided to stop broadcasting the scene after a few minutes.

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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

-  Statement of the ESIEMTH - Union of the Editors of Daily Newspapers of Macedonia and Thrace (in Greek only)
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-  Video of the scene broadcasted by Skai TV

STATE REPLIES



07 Apr 2017 | Reply from the Greek authorities (Ministry of Justice)

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