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Investigative Journalist Receives Death Threats, Targeted by Attempted Arson Attack

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Unknown

CATEGORY  ▶ Harassment and intimidation of journalists

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Journalist Federico Ruffo was the target of an attempted arson attack after carrying out an investigation into links between the Calabrian mafia, the 'Ndrangheta, and the fan club of the Turin-based football club Juventus for public broadcaster RAI. He had already received threats via social media before the foiled arson attack, and after the attack received further messages telling him that the 'Ndrangheta should "finish off the job". The journalist was at home near Rome when early morning on 13 November 2018 a red cross was painted on his walls and petrol was poured on to the doorway. The OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media condemned the attack and called on the authorities to fully investigate and punish the perpetrators.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  [Mapping Media Freedom report: "Italy: Foiled arson attack on home of investigative journalist Federico Ruffo"](#)
-  [RAI report, video and statement: "Tentato attentato incendiario all'abitazione di Federico Ruffo"](#)
-  [News report by daily "Il Mattino": "Federico Ruffo, attentato sventato a casa del giornalista di Report"](#)

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-  [Information provided by the Ministry of the Interior to several alerts including this one \(In Italian\)](#)

 [English translation of the reply](#)

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