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## Neo-Fascists Attacked Two Italian Journalists

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SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Non-state

CATEGORY  ▶ Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists

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On 7 January 2019, Federico Marconi and Paolo Marchetti, an Italian journalist and a photographer both working for the Espresso, an Italian weekly magazine, have been attacked by members of two neo-fascist groups Avanguardia Nazionale e Forza Nuova. The two journalists were near the Verano monumental cemetery in Rome to cover the event organised by Avanguardia Nazionale in memory of the Acca Larentia killings. The commemoration referred to the deaths of three members of an Italian far-right party that occurred in Rome on 7 January 1978. A group of neo-fascists approached Marchetti and took his camera's memory card. Other militants then surrounded the journalist Federico Marconi and began to hit him with kicks and slaps. The boss of Forza Nuova together with a militant of Avanguardia Nazionale took the journalist's mobile phone and the wallet to identify him. They deleted photos and videos of the day from his phone. All their personal effects have not been returned to them until the arrival of the police.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  Mapping Media Freedom report: "Italy: Far-right activists assault journalists covering neo-fascist anniversary rally"
-  Article by L'Espresso : "Vergognosa aggressione fascista a Roma contro i giornalisti de L'Espresso"
-  FNSI press release: "Aggressione neofascista contro giornalisti dell'Espresso, Fnsi e Cnog al fianco dei colleghi"

### STATE REPLIES



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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