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Vijesti Investigative Journalist Olivera Lakić Shot and Injured

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Unknown

CATEGORY  ▶ Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists

PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ, Index, RSF

Investigative journalist Olivera Lakić who works for Montenegro based newspaper Vijesti was shot outside her home on 8 May 2018 around 9 pm in Podgorica by an unidentified gunman. Ms Lakić was injured in the right leg and sent to the hospital where her condition is described as stable.

Olivera Lakić is known for investigating crime and corruption in Montenegro. This attack is the second attack on the journalist after an earlier incident in 2012 when she was punched in the head multiple times following her reports on alleged illegal dealings involving a tobacco factory. The perpetrator was sentenced to jail and Olivera Lakić was put under police protection for a while.

UPDATES

20 Feb 2019: On 19 February 2019, Montenegrin police announced that they have arrested nine members of a criminal organisation who are suspected of shooting Olivera Lakić in 2018.

 Article published by Balkan Insight : "Montenegro Police Arrests Suspected Shooters of Journalist"

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

 Report published on the Mapping Media Freedom platform: "Montenegro: Investigative journalist shot in the leg"

- ➔ Statement : "RSF decries threats to investigative journalism in Montenegro"
- ➔ Statement by EFJ and IFJ: "Montenegrin investigative journalist Olivera Lakić shot and injured"
- ➔ Article published by the Guardian : "Investigative journalist shot and injured in Montenegro "
- ➔ Statement by the Trade Union of Media of Montenegro (TUMM): "With dishonorable shot Olivera Lakić was sent a message to stop writing"

STATE REPLIES



22 Mar 2019 | Reply from the Government of Montenegro

- ➔ Note verbale presented by the Permanent Representation of Montenegro to the Council of Europe



24 Sep 2018 | Reply from the Government of Montenegro

- ➔ Note verbale presented by the Permanent Representation of Montenegro to the Council of Europe



28 Aug 2018 | Reply from the Government of Montenegro

- ➔ Note verbale presented by the Permanent Representation of Montenegro to the Council of Europe

FOLLOW-UPS



09 May 2018 | Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights condemned the repeated assault on Olivera Lakić, investigative journalist at the daily Vijesti.

- ➔ [Tweet by Dunja Mijatović](#)



09 May 2018 | CoE Secretary General shocked over the attack on investigative journalist in Montenegro

- ➔ [Statement by Thorbjørn Jagland](#)



09 May 2018 | OSCE Representative Désir strongly condemns shooting of journalist Olivera Lakić in Podgorica, call on authorities to bring perpetrators to justice

- ➔ [Statement by Harlem Désir](#)

