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Public TV Building Stormed by Anti-Government Protesters

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Non-state

CATEGORY ⓘ ▶ Other acts having chilling effects on media freedom

PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ, AEJ

A group of around 100 anti-government protesters stormed the building of the Serbian national broadcaster RTS in Belgrade on Saturday 16 March, demanding to be allowed to make a public address live on air. Protesters, who wanted to voice their opposition to Serbian President Aleksandar Vučić, had to be evacuated from the RTS building after about 50 riot police were deployed to the premises. It was the first time in 20 years that protesters invade the Serbian public TV headquarters. According to the Journalists' Association of Serbia (UNS), some journalists were pushed and threatened by protesters. However, and despite of the tension, no one was hurt in the incident. The Journalists' Association of Serbia (UNS) and the Independent Journalists' Association of Serbia (NUNS) condemned the incident.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ▼

- ➔ EFJ-IFJ Statement: "Serbia: Public TV building stormed by anti-government protesters"
- ➔ The Guardian News Report: "Protesters invade Serbian state TV amid demonstrations across Balkans"
- ➔ NUNS Statement: "Incident na RTS posledica opasnih tenzija u društvu za koje je najodgovornija vlast"
- ➔ BIRN News Report: "Serbian Protesters Storm National Broadcaster Building"
- ➔ UNS Statement: "УНС: Неприхватљиво ометање новинара РТВ Краљево"

STATE REPLIES ▼



27 May 2019 | Reply from the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Serbia

➔ **Letter from the Permanent Representation of Serbia to the Council of Europe**



10 Apr 2019 | Reply from the Serbian authorities

➔ **Letter from the Serbian Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe**

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➔ **Statement by Harlem Désir**