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Greek CNN Reporter Mina Karamitrou's Car Destroyed by Bomb



SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Unknown

CATEGORY  ▶ Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists

PARTNER: CPJ, EFJ/IFJ

On 14 May 2019 at about 2:30 a.m., flammable liquid placed under Mina Karamitrou's car exploded, while the car was parked outside the journalist's home in the northern Athens suburb of Papagou, according to local news reports. The car was destroyed but no one was injured, according to the reports. Karamitrou is a police reporter for CNN's Greek edition, according to her author page on the network's website. She also works for private broadcaster OPEN TV. Police have opened an investigation into the bombing, according to Greek news website Skai. CNN Greece condemned the attack in a statement, calling it "an attack on the entire journalistic world." Greek government spokesperson Dimitris Tzanakopoulos condemned the attack on Twitter, describing it as a "targeting" of freedom of the press, and saying that the perpetrators should be held to account. The Journalists' Union of the Athens Daily Newspapers condemned the attack stating "violence, threats and blackmail will not force colleagues to shut their mouths".

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  Time Magazine news report: "Here Are the 10 'Most Urgent' Threats to Press Freedom Around the World"
-  Statement by the Journalists' Union of Athens Daily Newspapers (ESIEA) (in Greek)

STATE REPLIES



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

