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TV Channel '112 Ukraine' Kyiv Office Targeted by a Grenade

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Unknown

CATEGORY  ▶ Harassment and intimidation of journalists

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On 13 July 2019, two unidentified persons targeted the office of the private TV channel '112 Ukraine' on Dehtiarivska street 21G, in Kyiv, using a grenade launcher. The attack happened at 3:27 a.m. and was recorded by three CCTV cameras installed outside the media building. The incident caused damage to the facade and nearby parked cars. Nobody was injured. At 3:40 a.m. local residents alerted the police who immediately started inspecting the area. A spent tube used to fire a rocket-propelled grenade was found. The press service of the national police qualified the incident as a "terrorist act". The Security Service of Ukraine has started an investigation. Channel 112 had received a warning earlier this week after the TV had planned to broadcast the public premiere of the documentary "Revealing Ukraine". Some employees of '112 Ukraine' received messages with threats. The documentary was considered as "anti-Ukrainian narratives of Kremlin propaganda" by the Ministry of Information Policy. Channel 112 cancelled the broadcasting in order to avoid possible legal consequences and requested police protection, but the police didn't follow-up on the request, neither before the attack or after, according to the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine. '112 Ukraine' now strengthened its protection on its own.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  '112 Ukraine' News Article: "112 Ukraine TV channel in Kyiv came under fire of grenade launchers"
-  Statement by the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine (in Ukrainian): "НСЖУ про атаку на "112 Україна": Безкарність провокує нові напади"

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