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Macedonian Journalist Sashe Ivanovski Physically Assaulted by Deputy Prime Minister

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SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State

CATEGORY  ▶ Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists

PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ

On 15 July 2015, Vladimir Peshevski, Macedonian Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, physically assaulted Sashe Ivanovski, a freelance journalist and editor of Maktel website. The journalist approached Minister Peshevski, while recording with his mobile phone, to ask him about a recent wiretapping scandal in Macedonia. Peshevski turned and physically attacked the journalist, throwing punches and chasing Ivanovski until he was restrained by a third person. Later on, the ruling party VMRO-DPMNE issued a statement justifying the attack on Ivanovski and warning other journalists that “Next time, SDSM (the main opposition party) and its mercenaries such as Politiko (Sashe Ivanovski’s nickname) and those similar to him should be aware of the consequences resulting from any threat to privacy, freedom and rights that every individual and entity has regardless of the position held.”

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  [Article published on mappingmediafreedom.org: 'Macedonia: Deputy Prime Minister attacks journalist'](#)
-  [Statement by EFJ: 'EFJ condemns attack on Macedonian journalist by government official'](#)

STATE REPLIES



31 Aug 2017 | Reply from the Ministry of Interior of “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”

 [Letter from the Ministry of Interior \(full document\)](#)

 Letter from the Ministry of Interior (relevant excerpt)