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## Journalists from Macedonian A1 TV Attacked While Covering Demonstration

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Non-state

CATEGORY  ▶ Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists



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Two journalists from A1 TV in Macedonia, Aleksandar Todevski and camera operator Vladimir Zhelchevski, were beaten on 28 February 2017 in Skopje while covering demonstrations in front of the parliament and have been taken to hospital following the attack. The police have questioned 12 persons following the attack but nobody was detained or charged yet.

There has been an unprecedented series of attacks against journalists these past few days after VMRO's leader Nikola Gruevski described his opponents as traitors.

Journalists Borjan Jovanovski from Novatv was verbally attacked and spat on by a teenager, which incident was filmed and posted on social media ; Ana Petrusheva from BIRN was harassed on Twitter and her home address was posted well.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  [EFJ report: "Macedonia: journalists attacked during protest"](#)
-  [Report published on the Mapping Media Freedom platform: "Macedonia: Journalist and cameraperson assaulted during opposition protest"](#)

### STATE REPLIES



**31 Aug 2017** | Reply from the Ministry of Interior of "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

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

