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## Three Fileleftheros Journalists Detained After Defence Minister Files Libel Complaint

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Three journalists from the Greek newspaper Fileleftheros were detained by police overnight on 22 September after Defence Minister Panos Kammenos filed a libel complaint against the paper over an article that alleged mishandling of EU funds intended to help Greece cope with the migrant crisis. On 23 September they appeared before a prosecutor, who ordered a preliminary investigation to be launched to determine whether libel had been committed and ordered the release of the journalists.

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 [Mapping Media Freedom report: "Greece: Three journalists detained after defence minister files libel suit"](#)


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