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Public Radio Journalist Sanctioned for Refusing to Broadcast Discriminatory Information

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The Warsaw Regional Court is currently dealing with the case of a Polish public radio journalist, Dorota Nygren, sanctioned for refusing to broadcast discriminatory information. On 2 September 2017, Dorota Nygren wrote a story for IAR, the radio information agency of the Polish public service broadcaster, regarding an incident in Italy, where a 53 year old man spat at a 97 year old priest in a local church. In accordance with journalism ethical rules, Dorota Nygren decided not to report the man's national origin (Morocco) in her piece, considering this would be discriminatory. After her refusal, Paweł Piszczek, director of IAR, threatened her with dismissal and this threat was later toned down to a transfer to IAR archive department where she remains to this day on a lower pay. On 23 March 2018, Dorota Nygren brought a court case against IAR. The case is now pending before the Warsaw Regional Court.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ▼

- ➡ News report on Press.pl: "Dziennikarka IAR Dorota Nygren pozwała Polskie Radio"
- ➡ Mapping Media Freedom report: "Poland: Director of radio news agency threatens to fire editor" (see especially latest updates to this report)

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- ➡ Letter addressed to the Council of Europe

