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Editor-in-chief of News Channel LA7 Receives Threatening Letter Signed with Swastika


SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Unknown

CATEGORY  ▶ Harassment and intimidation of journalists

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The editor-in-chief of news channel LA7, Enrico Mentana, received a threatening handwritten letter signed with the Nazi swastika and a slogan associated with the fascist era in Italy. Mentana posted a picture of the letter on Instagram on 16 January 2019. In it, the anonymous author accuses the journalist and his LA7 colleagues of being "part of a repository of communists" and labels their work as "nauseating". "We will soon punish you," the letter continues. "We know everything about you. You are nothing but cowards without balls. It is a duty to punish you." The letter also contains sexist insults directed at the female LA7 journalists Francesca Fanuele and Lilli Gruber. It has been condemned by Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte and other political leaders.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  [Mapping Media Freedom report: "Italy: LA7 editor-in-chief receives threatening letter signed with swastika and fascist slogan"](#)

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-  [Information provided by the Ministry of the Interior to several alerts including this one \(In Italian\)](#)
-  [English translation of the reply](#)

