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The Website 888.hu Publishes a List of Eight Journalists Described as "Propagandists"

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Non-state

CATEGORY  ▶ Other acts having chilling effects on media freedom

PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ, RSF

On 5 September 2017, the Hungarian internet portal 888.hu published a list of journalists accused of serving the interests of the American billionaire of Hungarian origin George Soros. The article explicitly names eight journalists, including a photographer and a producer who are Hungarian or of Hungarian origin, working abroad for Politico Brussels, the German public television ZDF, Bloomberg, and the Reuters news agency.

These journalists are described as "foreign propagandists" and "spokespeople" of George Soros. The international media are presented as "biased" and "stigmatizing." Their only aim would be to "discredit" Hungary on the international scene.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  Article published by the daily "Le Monde": "Une liste de « journalistes ennemis » publiée en Hongrie"
-  Article published on the 888.hu website: "A lista: bemutatjuk Soros külföldi propagandistáit"

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31 Jan 2019 | Reply from the Hungarian authorities (information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade)

-  Letter from the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the Council of Europe

