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## Police Failure to Respond to the Serious Threats a Journalist Received Online



SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Non-state

CATEGORY  ▶ Harassment and intimidation of journalists

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Julie Hainaut, a French Lyon-based freelancer who writes for Le Petit Bulletin, a newspaper about Lyon culture, found herself at the centre of an exceptionally violent online media storm last September after reporting that the owners of a bar had spoken approvingly about the colonial era. She received numerous insults and very serious threats, her home address was published online, and people waited for her in front of her home on two different occasions. She lodged 4 separate complaints to the police since then, but has received no feedback or follow-up to these complaints, even though it would be very simple to identify people or websites involved in these threats. The public prosecutor, when asked, was not aware of her case.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  Article published by Rue89Lyon: "Le cyberharcèlement est aussi violent qu'un coup de poing"
-  Article published by Liberation: "Cyberharcèlement envers une journaliste : le SNJ dénonce l'inactivité du gouvernement"

### STATE REPLIES



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

