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Albanian Journalist Elvi Fundo Attacked in Tirana

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Unknown

CATEGORY ⓘ ▶ Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists

PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ, CPJ, Index, RSF

On 8 March 2017, Elvi Fundo, director of Citynews.al online portal and Radio Best, was beaten up by unidentified assailants near the train station in Tirana. He was later sent to the hospital. He declared to Balkan Insight, the news portal of Balkan Investigative Reporting Network: : “Two individuals attacked me near my office at 10.30 am, causing injuries (...) I don’t believe it’s a political attack but the work of criminals financed by corrupt media clans tied to drug-trafficking.” Albanian politicians, including the Prime minister Edi Rama, as well as the Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA) and OSCE representative on Freedom of the Media, Dunja Mijatović, condemned the attack.

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11 Jun 2019: On 23 August 2017, the court imposed a 30-day prison sentence for Ilir Kouni for attacking journalist Elvi Fundo. Police are still looking for the other aggressor.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ▼

- ➔ Article published by Balkan Insight: “Albania Journalist Links Assault to Drug Traffickers”
- ➔ CPJ report: "Journalist severely beaten, hospitalized in Albania"
- ➔ Statement from the EFJ: “Albanian journalist Elvi Fundo attacked in Tirana“
- ➔ Incident report published on the Mapping Media Freedom Platform: "Albania: Investigative journalist severely assaulted in Tirana"

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 **Statement from Dunja Mijatović**