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Resolved

**Bosnia and
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Violence against Journalists during Veteran Protest in Sarajevo

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Unknown

CATEGORY  ▶ Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists

PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ

A photojournalist of Klix.ba online news portal and several reporters of Al Jazeera Balkans TV were physically assaulted during army veteran protest in Sarajevo, on 26 July 2018. The photojournalist was approached by a protester and attacked with a metal rod after refusing to stop taking photographs. Reporters from Al Jazeera intervened in order to protect the photojournalist, but were attacked by other protesters.



Police has arrested the attacker, who was filmed assaulting the journalists and stating "it is not over". She will be prosecuted under the criminal law.

On 27 July, the editorial office of Klix.ba received an anonymous phone call of a man stating: "Yesterday, you escaped but this will not be the case again. We will find your reporters on the streets and chop their heads off". The case was reported to the local police.

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11 Jun 2019: On 13 December 2018, the Municipal Court in Sarajevo endorsed the Prosecutor's submissions and found Emila Hamzić and Suad Lelo guilty of violent behaviour. On 11 June 2019, the partner organisations to the Platform declared this case to be "resolved", concluding it was no longer an active threat to media freedom.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  News report from Ibna: "BiH veterans threat journalists: "We will cut your heads off!" "
-  Statement from the Bosnia & Herzegovina Journalists' Association: "Osuda napada na novinarske ekipe Klix i AL Jazeera Balkans"

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