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Arson Attack against France Bleu Isère Radio Station

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Unknown

CATEGORY ▶ Harassment and intimidation of journalists

PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ, EBU

In Grenoble, the premises of public service radio station France Bleu Isère were partially destroyed following a fire that occurred around 2:30 am on the night of 27 January 2019. According to the investigation's initial findings, the fire is most likely a deliberate criminal act. Two fire starts were identified; the door of the service entrance was forced. No injuries were reported, but material damage is significant: the entire ground floor of the building was damaged and the editorial offices destroyed. The first floor premises were spared thanks to the rapid intervention of firefighters. Editor-in-chief Leopold Strajnic said there had been no threat against the radio. The editorial team was able to resume work on 28 January in the afternoon, on the premises of France 3 television in Grenoble.

UPDATES

30 Jan 2019: Responsibility for the arson attack which destroyed the premises of France Bleu Isère, on the night of 27 January, was claimed in a message published on 29 January on an anti-capitalist anarcho-libertarian website.

Article published on the website of France Bleu Isère : "Incendie à France Bleu Isère : l'acte revendiqué sur un site anarcho-libertaire"

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Article from Le Monde (in French): "Derrière l'incendie des locaux de France Bleu Isère, l'ombre des groupes anarchistes locaux"

- ➔ Statement by Reporters sans Frontières : "Grenoble-based radio station badly damaged in arson attack"
- ➔ Article by Libération : "Incendie criminel des locaux de France Bleu à Grenoble : «Attaquer une radio, c'est un symbole» "
- ➔ Statement by the European Federation of Journalists: "France : la station de radio France Bleu Isère incendiée"

STATE REPLIES



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- ➔ Letter from the Permanent Representation of France to the Council of Europe (in French)

FOLLOW-UPS



29 Jan 2019 | Media Freedom Representative strongly condemns arson attack on studios of France Bleu Isère radio in Grenoble, calls for swift and thorough investigation

- ➔ Statement by Harlem Désir