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Journalists Physically and Verbally Attacked at Marakana Stadium

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SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Non-state

CATEGORY  ▶ Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists

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PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ

On 28 August 2019, a TV N1 crew and TV channel Federalna correspondent Dejan Kozul were attacked while reporting ahead of the football Champions League game between Red Star and Young Boys in Belgrade, Serbia.


N1 journalists were shooting a news report about a war tank that Red Star fans had parked outside the Marakana stadium. While recording interviews, a group of persons yelled "spies", "thieves", "American mercenaries" at the journalists, and tried to break their camera and microphone. The same day, Federalna correspondent Dejan Kozul was about to shoot on the same topic, when a group of men questioned him about his work and citizenship, to which he replied he was making a report for the Sarajevo TV station.

In addition, the daily Danas was denied accreditation by the Red Star club management

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  News report by N1 TV: "Regional journalists' network condemns attacks at Red Star stadium"
-  Statement by the Western Balkans' Regional Platform for advocating media freedom and journalists' safety: "Enable safety reporting to journalists on sport events"

FOLLOW-UPS

 30 Aug 2019 | OSCE representative for Media Freedom condemned physical attacks & threats against N1 and Federalnaba TV journalists by football fans

and called on the Serbian authorities to condemn these attacks and prosecute the perpetrators.

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