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Football Fans Stormed Radio Sarajevo Newsroom and Forced Staff to Remove News Item

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ **Non-state**

CATEGORY  ▶ **Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists**

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PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ

A journalist of Radiosarajevo.ba was attacked and several journalists were threatened by a group of fans of the Football Club Sarajevo on the evening of 27 September 2019 in the capital. The incident happened after the Radio Sarajevo portal and other media reported about a football fan who was condemned to five years in prison in Belarus for drug possession. After breaking into the newsroom, a group of supporters of the football team came to the Radio Sarajevo editorial office where a radio reporter was taken hostage for more than two hours, under threat of killing him and his family, and asked to remove the article from the website. He was then forced to call other editorial boards of portals and newspapers in Bosnia and Herzegovina asking them to delete the same article. The newsroom had received threats over the phone beforehand. That evening, two suspects were arrested and released with a ban on access to media outlets and journalists within 100 meters. Dozens of journalists gathered in Sarajevo on 30 September to demand an end to violence against journalists, urging the authorities to ensure their safety.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  Alert published by the Western Balkan's Regional Platform for Advocating Media Freedom and Journalists' Safety : "Threats against the lives and limbs of journalists, Radio Sarajevo, Sarajevo"
-  EFJ statement: "Bosnia and Herzegovina: harsh sanctions requested against Radio Sarajevo assailants"

FOLLOW-UPS



07 Oct 2019 | CoE Human Rights Commissioner welcomes the prompt reaction of the authorities in #Bosnia and Herzegovina who condemned the attacks against some Radio Sarajevo's journalists and reportedly arrested the perpetrators.

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03 Oct 2019 | OSCE Media Freedom Representative condemns attack on Radiosarajevo.ba, calls for better protection of journalists.

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