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## Italian Interior Minister's Security Escort Officer Threatens a Journalist



SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State

CATEGORY  ▶ Harassment and intimidation of journalists

**PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ, RPT**

On 30 July 2019, on the beach of Milano Marittima, Emilia Romagna, two officers of the official escort of the Italian Interior Minister, Matteo Salvini, tried to prevent freelance journalist Valerio Lo Muzio from filming a national police jet ski that had taken on board the Minister's son for a sea ride. One of the two officers intimidated and threatened the journalist, preventing him from approaching the scene. When questioned by the daily newspaper "La Repubblica" about the incident, the Ravenna Police Directorate explained that it had opened "an investigation into the possible misuse of administrative resources". The president of the Italian Order of Journalists, Carlo Verna, asked Minister Salvini to apologise to the threatened journalist. The president of the Italian Federation of Journalists (FNSI), Beppe Giulietti, has requested the formal identification of the agent who intimidated and threatened the journalist.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  "La Repubblica" news report: "Figlio di Salvini sulla moto d'acqua della Polizia: 'Da Salvini ancora nessuna scusa per l'intimidazione al giornalista' "
-  Video of the incident on "La Repubblica" website: "Il figlio di Salvini al mare sulla moto d'acqua della polizia. E gli agenti vietano le riprese"

### STATE REPLIES



22 Aug 2019 | Reply from the Italian authorities (Ministry of Interior)

-  Letter from the Permanent Representation of Italy to the Council of Europe (in Italian)

## FREELANCERS



### Key information :

Valerio Lo Muzio