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## Belgian Journalists Nicolas Lahaut and Adrien Heylen Fined and Detained by the Police

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State

CATEGORY ⓘ ▶ Harassment and intimidation of journalists

**PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ**

On Saturday 7 September 2019, on the Champs Elysées, at the Arc de Triomphe, in Paris (France), Belgian journalists Nicolas Lahaut and Adrien Heylen were arrested by the French police while covering a 'Yellow Vests' demonstration for the Belgian political magazine "Wilfried". The police immobilised the two journalists and several demonstrators for more than two hours. Nicolas Lahaut and Adrien Heylen showed their press cards to the police, who nevertheless refused to release them and imposed on them a fine of 135 euros for "participation in a prohibited demonstration".

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ▼

➔ Article published by RTBF: "Journalistes belges verbalisés lors d'une manif de Gilets jaunes : 'Les policiers nous ont gardés plus de 2 heures' ."

➔ Facebook post by journalist Nicolas Lahaut

### STATE REPLIES ▼



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➔ Letter from the Permanent Representation of France to the Council of Europe

