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## Police Searched the Home of Journalist Salvo Palazzolo

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On 13 September 2018, Italian police searched the home of journalist Salvo Palazzolo, in Palermo (Sicily), on the orders of prosecutors of Catania as part of an investigation into a suspected leak violating the confidentiality of a judicial investigation. The police also examined the contents of his mobile phone and computer. Salvo Palazzolo is an investigative reporter who specialises in covering the Sicilian mafia for the Rome-based newspaper "La Repubblica". Palazzolo is accused of revealing, in an article in March 2018, information about the investigation into the 1992 "Via d'Amelio bombing" in Palermo, which killed anti-mafia judge Paolo Borsellino and five of his police bodyguards. The National Federation of Italian Journalists (FNSI), together with several journalistic and media organisations, condemned this grave violation of the confidentiality of a journalist's sources.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  [CPJ report: "Italian police search journalist's home, seize electronic devices"](#)
-  [Mapping Media Freedom report: "Italy: Sicilian journalist's home raided over alleged leak"](#)
-  [FNSI statement \(in Italian\): " 'Il diritto di cronaca non si perquisisce', il 20 settembre conferenza stampa in Fnsi"](#)

### STATE REPLIES



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-  [Letter from the Permanent Representation of Italy to the Council of Europe \(in French\)](#)

## FOLLOW-UPS



**OSCE** 21 Sep 2018 | OSCE Representative concerned over seizure of equipment at an Italian journalist's home.

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