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## Front National Refuses to Grant Accreditations to Mediapart and Quotidien on the Occasion of the Party's "Presidential Congress"

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Non-state

CATEGORY  ▶ Harassment and intimidation of journalists

**PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ, Index, RSF**

On 31 January 2017, the accreditation requests submitted by Mediapart, an online information website, and le Quotidien news show, broadcast by the television channel TMC, on the occasion of the "Presidential Congress" of Marine Le Pen, which were held in Lyon on 4 and 5 February 2017, were turned down by the Front National. The Front National regularly refuses access to its events to these two media, accusing them of "militant" coverage.

The Quotidien team was also prevented from doing its job on 1 February 2017, while Marine Le Pen was heading to the Salon des Entrepreneurs in Paris. The journalists were violently sidelined by security officers. The journalist Paul Larroutou, who was accredited, had just asked a question to Marine Le Pen about accusations regarding fictitious jobs in the European Parliament targeting her party.

### RESOLVED

**16 Dec 2019:** On 16 December 2019, given that Paul Larroutou, Mediapart or Quotidien did not follow-up on the case with the competent authorities, the partner organisations to the Platform declared this case to be "resolved", concluding that it was no longer an active threat to media freedom.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

 **Video of a "Quotidien"'s journalist sidelined violently during a visit of Marine Le Pen published on Franceinfo website**

 Information published on the Mapping Media Freedom platform : “France: Journalists violently expelled from conference with Marine Le Pen”

## STATE REPLIES



**07 Feb 2018** | Reply of the French authorities

 **Letter from the Permanent Representation of France to the Council of Europe (in French only)**

## FOLLOW-UPS

 **06 Feb 2017** | OSCE Freedom of Media Representative calls the violent expulsion of journalist from public event unacceptable

 **Statement by Dunja Mijatović**