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Resolved


Serbia

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Death threats against journalist Tatjana Vojtehovski and her daughter

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Unknown

CATEGORY  ▶ Harassment and intimidation of journalists

PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ, AEJ, Index, RSF


Following her coverage of anti-violence protests in Belgrade, Serbian journalist Tatjana Vojtehovski and her daughter have been targeted by death threats on Twitter, on 27 December 2018. The Independent Journalists' Association of Serbia (NUNS) reported the incidents to the authorities and Tatjana Vojtehovski submitted three criminal charges to the "High Tech Crime Division" of the Serbian police. Strongly condemning the anti-media rhetoric employed by Serbian government officials, several journalists' organisations from Serbia (including UNS and NUNS), Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia, Kosovo, and Macedonia called on the competent authorities in Serbia to immediately take all legal measures against individuals who threatened Tatjana Vojtehovski and her daughter and all necessary measures to protect them. The Serbian ministry of Interior announced that the police, in cooperation with the Higher Public Prosecutor's Office in Belgrade, launched an investigation on this case.

RESOLVED

16 Dec 2019: On 16 December 2019, given the judgment by the Belgrade Court of Appeal, the partner organisations to the Platform declared this case to be "resolved", concluding it was no longer an active threat to media freedom.

UPDATES

14 Jan 2019: In May 2018, the Belgrade Court of Appeal sentenced a Serbian citizen, Branko Tomic, to eight months of house arrest after he pleaded guilty to making death threats against Vojtehovski and her daughter on Twitter.

 **Article from "BalkanInsight": "Women journalists in the Balkans face online abuse on a daily basis"**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



- ➔ Mapping Media Freedom report: "Serbia: Journalist Tatjana Vojtehovski receives death and rape threats after voicing support for anti-government protests"
- ➔ Statement from the Journalists' Association of Serbia (UNS): "UNS: Kazniti odgovorne za pretnje Žaklini Cvetković Mladenović i Tatjani Vojtehovski"
- ➔ Statement from the Independent Journalists' Association of Serbia: "Nadležni organi da zaštite novinarku Tatjanu Vojtehovski"
- ➔ N1 news report: "MUP: Nakon pretnji Vojtehovski na Tviteru, pokrenuta istraga"

STATE REPLIES



23 Jan 2019 | Reply from the Serbian authorities (information from the Ministry of the Interior)

- ➔ Letter from the Permanent Representation of Serbia to the Council of Europe