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## N1 TV Reporter in Kosovo Zana Cimili Received Death Threats

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Unknown

CATEGORY  ▶ Harassment and intimidation of journalists

**PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ**

On 4 July 2019, Zana Cimili, a correspondent for TV Channel N1 in Kosovo\*, received death threats on social network, including against her daughter. The anonymous person said he had "a life desire to kill an Albanian, even an Albanian child," and he hoped "for a new war in Kosovo during which the Albanians will feel Serbian rage." On 6 July 2019, a Serbian national was arrested by Serbia's police regarding this case, over "spreading of religious and national hatred and imperil safety", N1 reported. A court placed the suspect under house arrest and banned him from using the Internet.

\*All references to Kosovo, whether the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nation's Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

### UPDATES

**26 Jul 2019:** On 24 July 2019, the Special Prosecutor on High-Technology Crime filed an indictment with the Belgrade High Court against Nenad Vujatov, 33, on suspicion of threatening TV N1 journalist Zani Cimili via social media. A four-year prison sentence was requested.

➡ **Article from "Danas" (in Serbian): "TV N1: Optužnica protiv Nenada Vujatova zbog pretnji novinarki Zani Cimili"**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**



- ➔ **Statement by the Independent Journalists' Association of Serbia (NUNS) (in Serbian): "Osumnjičenom da je pretio novinarki N1 određen kućni pritvor"**
- ➔ **Article from N1 News: "Serbia's police arrest man suspected of threatening N1 reporter"**

## STATE REPLIES



**20 Aug 2019** | Reply from the Serbian authorities (Ministry of the Interior)

- ➔ **Letter from the Permanent Mission of Serbia to the Council of Europe**