

16
Dec 2019

▲ Lvl. 1

Serbia

n° 19/2019

Alert created on: 14 Feb 2019

N1TV Journalists Subjected to Death Threats

Resolved

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ **Unknown**

CATEGORY  ▶ **Harassment and intimidation of journalists**

PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ

Private-owned TV station N1 received a letter on 4 February 2019 threatening to kill the N1 journalists and their families and to blow up the office. It said: "Do you have families? You're killing our children and grandchildren, and are unaware that if the destruction happens, your building will be the first to be blown up, and you may lose your dearest. That's why we, the veterans, warn you not to play with anyone's destiny because your fate is in our hands."

The letter was signed "Belgrade Veterans of the 1999 war" (a Serbian war veteran association), but the representative denied any involvement. The Prosecutor's Office arrested a 70-year-old man from the town of Nova Pazova and ordered a 30-day detention. The death threats were issued after N1 journalists were labelled "anti-Serbs" and "traitors" by ruling party MPs for their reports about Kosovo.

RESOLVED

16 Dec 2019: On 16 December 2019, given the judgment by the Belgrade 3rd Criminal Court, the partner organisations to the Platform declared this case to be "resolved", concluding it was no longer an active threat to media freedom.

UPDATES

08 Feb 2019: On 7 February 2019, the Belgrade 3rd Criminal Court found S.Č., 70, guilty of endangering security, and sentenced him to 30 days in prison.

➔ **Article from Radio Televizija Srbije (in Serbian): "Pritvor osumnjičenom za pretnje televiziji N1 i Jeremiću"**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



-  [Statement by the Committee to Protect Journalists](#)
-  [Statement by the Western Balkan's Regional Platform for Advocating Media Freedom and Journalists' Safety](#)

STATE REPLIES



02 Apr 2019 | Reply from the Serbian authorities

-  [Letter from the Serbian Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe](#)

FOLLOW-UPS



 **02 Apr 2019** | On 29 March 2019, the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media Harlem Désir denounced threats against journalists of the N1 news channel in Serbia. In a letter sent on 27 March 2019 to the Prime Minister of Serbia, Ana Brnabić, the OSCE Representative expressed his concern about the threats and pressure against the N1 news channel.

-  [Statement by Harlem Désir](#)