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Journalist Alexandre Reza Kokabi Arrested and Taken into Custody

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State

CATEGORY ⓘ ▶ Detention and imprisonment of journalists

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PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ

Journalist Alexandre Reza Kokabi was arrested and taken into custody on 26 June 2020 while covering an action by the environmental movement "Extinction Rebellion" at Orly airport. The activists entered the airport on the reopening day to denounce the part played by air transport in global warming. Kokabi was covering the protest for the newspaper Reporterre when he was arrested, along with 28 Extinction Rebellion activists, by gendarmes and taken into custody for suspected "air traffic obstruction". Kokabi was the only journalist present at the scene and was identified as such. He was released ten hours later, after being questioned by the Orly and then Pontoise gendarmeries, but remains under suspicion of involvement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ▼

- ➔ Press release by the French Journalists Union (SNJ): "Alexandre-Reza Kokabi libéré après plus de 7 heures de garde-à-vue"
- ➔ Article published by Reporterre : "Action Extinction Rebellion à Orly : notre journaliste a été libéré après dix heures de garde à vue"