

THREE FREEDOMS UNDER THE MAGNIFYING GLASS

Cases of violations of basic human rights in Serbia 15 - 28 April 2022



Freedom of expression

- Threats aimed at N1 TV and Danas

N1 TV announced that the television and its employees received threats via e-mail on April 18, 2022. The director of N1 Serbia, Igor Bozic, stated that this was just another in a series of threats that this television received and that this was just a continuation of pressure to which the employees were exposed which makes them feel threatened. The president of the Independent Journalist' Association of Serbia, Zeljko Bodrozic, condemned the attacks and said they were the result of a long-running campaign by the regime against this television and its journalists, making them legitimate targets for "many who are prone to violence". The attacks were also condemned by the *SafeJournalists* network, which called on the competent institutions in Serbia to react and ensure the safety of journalists. The editorial board of "Danas" announced that it received threats after the quote of Mahatma Gandhi "Truth, not God" was published in the print edition of this paper. The death threats came via social media and e-mail, after Gandhi's message was published on Orthodox Good Friday, which, according to Danas, was interpreted as a "provocation" in certain religious circles, which is why this paper drew attention to the growing religious extremism worldwide.

Attack on Hungarian media house in Subotica and Nova S journalists

Several unknown men attacked the premises of a Hungarian media house in Subotica on the night of April 17, 2022. As can be seen in the video available on the Maglocistac portal, young men with hoods on their heads kicked the glass of the front door of the building. According to one of the media whose headquarters are located at this building, the attack caused great material damage. It was announced that the police arrived during the night and that they started an investigation. The Nova S news team was attacked on April 21, 2022, in the Belgrade neighborhood of Mirijevo, while they were trying to film the buildings that became the subject of a journalist' investigation due to the disputed legalization. After the editorial office of this portal came to the scene to film the buildings, the person who introduced himself as a guard attacked the cameraman, uttering threats and insults. The guard claimed that the journalists had invaded private property and that they did not have the right to film. Despite the appeals of the journalists that the guard was wrong and could not ban them from filming, the guard became more aggressive after several departures and arrivals and phone conversations, after which he threatened with physical attack. After this attack, the news team left the location, and the case was reported to the competent authorities.

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Uznemirujuće pretnje redakciji lista i portala Danas zbog – Gandijevog citata

Redakcija lista i portala Danas
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98 komentara f t p w

Photo: Danas, B.C.

Freedom of assembly - *Activist and journalist Srdjan Nonic charged with several offenses due to environmental protests*

Nis activist and journalist Srdjan Nonic, who has already been questioned by the police because of a caricature he published earlier, is also **charged with several offenses** related to his stay at the **environmental protests in 2021**. Nonic stated that misdemeanor proceedings have been initiated and that he is charged with "insolent and reckless behavior" because he put posters with the inscription "King Aleksandar Vucic Square" during the protest. This misdemeanor request was signed by police major Marko Petrovic, because of whom Nonic was previously brought in for questioning by the police because he published Petrovic's caricature on his Facebook profile. For this misdemeanor, Nonic can receive a fine in the amount of 150,000 dinars, and he stated that he was not asked for his ID at the protest and that he expects Petrovic to explain how he came to his personal data which are stated in the misdemeanor request. He said that the misdemeanor procedure is absurd, that he was "the target of the police" because he is an active civil activist and journalist, "who bothers many".