



Council of Europe
Mr. Matjaž Gruden
Policy Planning Director

Ljubljana, 31 March 2016

Subject: Alert on Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists - Several Vehicles Belonging to POP TV Vandalised in Ljubljana

Dear Mr Gruden,

Slovenia appreciates the efforts of "Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists", set up and hosted by the Council of Europe. Government of the Republic of Slovenia is committed to the respect of freedom of expression, as guaranteed by the Constitution and international instruments, including Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Regarding the mention of Slovenia under the recorded alerts on the Platform's website in the category "Harassment and intimidation of journalists", date of entry: 9 February 2016, we would like to submit the following information regarding the ongoing investigation.

On 1 February 2016 at 2:42 a.m. at least three unknown perpetrators poured inflammable liquid on parked vehicles of the television company POP TV and set it on fire. There were no people inside nor nearby the vehicles. One vehicle was destroyed while two other vehicles sustained superficial damage.

The criminal police has investigated the crime scene and secured the evidence. In this case, the police are investigating the criminal offence of Damaging Another's Object (Art. 220 of the Penal Code) and also criminal offence of Causing Public Danger (Art. 314 of the Penal Code). The incident was also noted by the competent public prosecutor.

Police is still in the phase of collecting the information that may be useful for the successful conduct of criminal proceedings. When all the necessary information and evidence is collected, the police shall draw up a crime report in which it shall set out evidence discovered in the process of gathering information. The police shall send a report to the public prosecutor.

We would like to stress that competent authorities are investigating this case with due diligence and therefore we propose the alert to be removed from the platform or at least to be reduced to lower level.

Please accept, Mr Gruden, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Tina Brecej
State Secretary