

Blogging Site 'Medium.com' Blocked in Albania

The Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA) monitors the activity of licensed / authorized entities to exercise audiovisual activity, and takes measures, envisaged in the respective law, in cases when there are reports on Law violations.

Law no. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania", amended, (article 32 point 6 and article 33 point 1/ë) determines the obligation to respect copyright and broadcasting rights.

Several complaints have been filed to AMA, denouncing domains that were streaming illegally a copyright movie, the license and copyright of which have been possessed by the appellant of the case. Following these complains AMA has verified that a copyright and licensed movie was streamed illegally on line in the portal "Medium.com".

On April 16, 2020, AMA requested to the Electronic and Postal Communications Authority (AKEP) to block "Medium.com", which was violating Law no. 97/2013 "On audiovisual media in the Republic of Albania".

The AMA continued monitoring the site and after ascertaining that the domain "Medium.com" had taken measures to resolve the issue, on April 21 2020 AMA has requested AKEP to re-open the domain.

The "Medium.com" domain continues its work normally, since then.