

Armenian TV Station Editor Assaulted While Reporting on Road Building Project

Follow-up information:

As a result of criminal investigation it was found out that besides Mr Tigran Nazaryan the professional lawful activities of Ms Narine Avetisyan were obstructed by Mr Vrezh Khachatryan as well, who worked as a driver in the same company. On February 13, 2018 he was charged with hindrance to the legal professional activities of a journalist (Article 164 para 1) of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia, and the preventive measure imposed on him was recognizance not to leave.

On February 23, 2018, the criminal case with indictment with regards Mr Tigran Nazaryan and Mr Vrezh Khachatryan was sent to the Prosecutor's Office of the Lori Marz (province) of Armenia.

At the same time, another criminal case with regards obstruction of the legal professional activities of a journalists launched in relation to the same incident has been suspended on the grounds defined by the Article 31 para 1 point 1 of the Criminal Procedure Code of the Republic of Armenia¹, given the impossibility to identify other persons involved in the incident.

¹ Article 31. Grounds for Suspension of Criminal Proceedings. Para 1 point 1: Criminal proceedings may be suspended, completely or partly, upon resolution of the prosecutor, the investigator, the agency for inquest, or the court, if the person, who must be presented as accused, is not identified.