

Mediapool Journalists Heavily Fined in Defamation Case

Reply by the Republic of Bulgaria

The case concerns civil lawsuit against journalist and media and is outside of the competences of the Executive. It is a private, business-to-business case, which do not involve the state authorities. No reports for violations have been filed with the police and no proceedings have been initiated within the Prosecution.

We cannot comment on ongoing cases or the fines imposed, as this is in conflict with the principle of separation of powers. Nevertheless, we take into consideration the concerns of the Platform and will continue to monitor the situation.

We also take note of RSF's recommendations and will bring them to the attention of the relevant institutions.