

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

On the alert named “Journalist Stoyan Tonchev Brutally Attacked”

The pre-trial proceedings have been initiated on 14 January 2016 by the Pomorie District Prosecutor’s Office against unknown perpetrator for causing average bodily harm. In the course of the investigation two potential perpetrators have been identified. On 31 July 2017 they have been formally indicted as accomplices for committing the crime – the one as perpetrator and the other as assistant. On 29 December 2017 the indictment act has been formally filed in the Pomorie District Court and a case has been opened. On 26 February 2018 the first instance court in Pomorie has interrupted the case and it has been returned to the Prosecutor’s Office for correction of procedural violations. The decision of the court has been appealed before the Burgas Regional Court on 6 March 2018. The decision on the appeal is pending.