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Reply to Alert No. 203/2024 concerning Adonis Alkhaled, submitted to the Council of Europe Platform for the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists

Dear Mr. Gruden,

I would like to share with you the German governments' comment on Alert No. **203/2024 concerning Adonis Alkhaled**

(<https://fom.coe.int/en/alerte/detail/107641602;globalSearch=false>)

The incident is the subject of a criminal investigation by the Düsseldorf public prosecutor's office, including on suspicion of intentional bodily harm. The ongoing investigations are focused on identifying the employees of the security agency involved in the offence.

Germany condemns every form of threat, attack and harassment directed towards media professionals. Free and unobstructed reporting is necessary for freedom and democracy, and is essential for the formation of individual opinions and public opinion. For this reason, the right to free journalistic reporting must be protected. Journalists must be able to carry out their work unimpeded.

You may upload this reply to the Platform and share it with partner organisations.

Sincerely yours,

F. Steglich