

Following the request received by email on 19th February 2019, concerning the object, under competence profiles, it is reported what it has been communicated by the Central Police Department of Prevention and by the Central Anti-crime Direction of the State Police.

- On 10th October 2018, in Scanzano Jonico (MT), **Filippo Mele**, journalist for “*La Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno*” daily newspaper, found on the gate of his house, a white envelope containing a red pen and a bullet 9 mm caliber. The act is attributable to newspaper articles he drew up regarding drug trafficking crimes occurred in that territory. Such trafficking, which has been the object of enforcement operations, coordinated by Antimafia District Prosecutor in Potenza, has led to the issuing of 25 custody orders with respect to the members of three different crime organizations. In the past, he was victim of threats and blackmail in 2005 and in 2009, he reported crimes against the person following damages to his automobile by unknown persons.
- On 14th November 2018, in Rome **Federico Ruffo**, journalist of “*Report*” television program, reported the finding of a red-coloured-cross which was drawn on the wall near his house entrance door (Ostia Antica) and the spill of inflammable liquid in the hall. In this circumstance, the journalist has linked the action and previous threats - never reported before and received through social media in October - to his recent investigation on alleged links between members of the fan base of Juventus football company and affiliates to organized crime in Calabria. Previously, it has been victim of threats in 2010 and 2014.
- On 7th January 2019, in Rome, in the context of the initiatives for Acca Larentia killings’ 41st anniversary during the ceremony organized by the Community of National Avantgarde to the Chapel of the fascist Revolution Martyrs – located in the inside of Verano Cemetery – the “*l’Espresso*” journalists **Federico Maroni** and **Paolo Marchetti** were victims of personal damages and private violence due to far-right activists and were obliged to delete video recordings made on location. The next 8th January Digos of Police Headquarters of Rome reported two militants of the radical far right for this event.
- On 16th January, in Rome, at the headquarters of “La7” a threatening and defamatory missive was sent to the Director **Enrico Mentana** and other journalists, which had at its margin the motto “BOIA CHI MOLLA” (death to traitors), followed by a swastika, probably attributable to ultras fringes of the Lazio fan base. The journalist has never reported for crimes against the person.
- With regard to the journalist from “*la Repubblica*” **Paolo Berizzi**, he has been the subject of a defamatory campaign that started after the publication of his reportages on the extreme-right. Over the last year, following the promotional activities for his

new book titled “*NazItalia – Viaggio in un paese che si é riscoperto fascista*”¹, he started again to be at the centre of attention of radical right movements, as confirmed by a series of episodes of intimidating/defamatory nature. Last January he was victim of threats on his *Facebook* account from representatives of the extra-parliamentary right and others, also linked to organized fan support. The journalist is currently beneficiary of a protection mechanism.

It should be underlined that all the events mentioned have been notified to the Judicial Authority and they are undergoing further investigations.

Finally, it should be noted that, given the relevance of the criminal conducts towards representatives of the press, the “*Coordination Centre for permanent monitoring, analytical and exchange activities of information on the phenomenon of intimidating acts towards journalists*” operates in the Minister of Interior Cabinet with strategic planning functions. This Centre represents an important connecting and consulting structure to identify targeted initiatives for the protection of freedom of press, to be understood in a broad sense.

Through the Decree of 10th September 2018, the Police-General Director for Public Security, at the Central Directorate of the Criminal Police, has activated a *Permanent Supporting Body* in the aforementioned Coordination Centre, as privileged forum for dialogue among representatives of the world of information, the Police Forces and of the Department of Public Security competent within the material scope, in order to identify, at an operational level, the most suitable interventions to prevent, namely, to counter this criminal phenomenon.

¹ He is also the author of “*Bande nere. Come vivono, chi sono, chi protegge i nuovi nazifascisti*”.