



Il Rappresentante Permanente d'Italia  
presso il Consiglio d'Europa  
Strasburgo

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Dear Director,

In response to your communication received on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025, regarding the alert published on the *Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists*, about the car bombing against journalist Sigfrido Ranucci, let me provide the information received by the relevant Italian authorities.

On the evening of October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Pomezia, in the Torvaianica area (in the province of Rome), a bomb exploded near the entrance to the home of journalist Sigfrido Ranucci, host of the television program "Report". It damaged the entrance gate and the front of two cars belonging to Mr. Ranucci and used by his family.

The Carabinieri intervened at the journalist's home and at the conclusion of the inspection it was established that the point of the explosion on the floor was approximately 40 cm from the galvanized iron pillar of the gate. It is plausible to believe - from the observed damage and the effects of the shock wave - that a homemade explosive device with a pyrotechnic charge, with a detonating mass between 1/1.5 kg (no fragments, electronic components, or elements attributable to sophisticated devices were detected) was used.

Furthermore, on the afternoon of October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Carabinieri further intervened near Mr. Ranucci's home, where a suspicious car (stolen in July 2025) had been reported because a red wire was sticking out of the hood. Following the vehicle's control by bomb disposal experts from the Provincial Carabinieri Command in Rome, no bombs or devices were found.

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Monsieur Matjaž GRUDEN  
Director for Democracy  
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After these events, general surveillance was intensified and the journalist's personal protection measures were increased, also in his workplace, the editorial office of the television programme "Report".

Furthermore, the Public Prosecutor's Office at the Court of Rome clarified that, in relation to these events against journalist Ranucci, criminal proceedings have been brought against "unknown persons" still in the preliminary investigation phase, whose acts are therefore covered by investigative secrecy.

With my best regards,



Roberto Martini