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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Representation of Montenegro to the Council of Europe presents its compliments to the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law and has the honor to forward the new information and update of those earlier provided by the Government of Montenegro to the cases on the Platform to Promote the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists.

The Permanent Representation of Montenegro to the Council of Europe avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law assurances of its highest consideration.



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❖ **A bomb explodes under the car of a Montenegrin journalist**

During the proceedings initiated in relation to setting a bomb near the home of journalist Sead Sadiković, on 1 April 2018, the Prosecutor's Office conducted numerous exhibits that enabled the Prosecutor and the Police Directorate to identify perpetrators of the criminal act. Consequently, two persons were interrogated and detained. Following a comprehensive assessment of the evidence, the Prosecutor found that the two suspects had committed actions with important elements of the criminal act of illegal possession of weapons and explosive materials from Article 403, paragraph 2 of the Criminal Code of Montenegro and filed a motion for indictment against them.

We wish to indicate that during the investigation it was confirmed that the perpetrators were members of the family of a person interviewed during the show prepared by journalist Sadiković and that the attack on property was the result of the fact that the family members considered the way the journalist had presented their family in the show to be offensive.

Also, the attack was not made against Sadiković's property but against one of his neighbor's.

In addition, at the Council of Europe Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists, this case is registered as having the "State" factor, which is absolutely untrue. This case can in no way be treated as the "State".

In the meantime, the Court has adopted a judgment on sentencing the accused to prison.

Having in mind the above actions, closure of the case at the Council of Europe Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists is proposed.

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