

4. Journalists Physically and Verbally Attacked at Marakana Stadium

With reference to the alert published on the Council of Europe Platform for the Protection of Journalism and the Safety of Journalists concerning verbal abuse and physical attack against journalists in front of "Rajko Mitić" stadium, we wish to inform you that the Ministry of the Interior has taken all necessary measures and steps within its competence to check and establish factual situation regarding this complaint.

The checks showed that the mentioned attacks were not reported or recorded, that the police officers engaged during the sports event received no reports of attacks on journalists, and that the plateau in front of the "Rajko Mitić" stadium was not covered by security cameras. The police officers of the Ministry of the Interior interviewed two people with regard to the above mentioned event.

Reports on undertaken measures and actions were submitted to the competent prosecutor's offices.

In accordance with positive legal regulations of the Republic of Serbia and the Instruction on the conduct of police officers in cases where victims of criminal offences or misdemeanours are persons who perform jobs of public importance in the field of information issued by the Minister of the Interior on 3 May 2019, police officers of the Ministry of the Interior will take further actions in line with the orders of the competent prosecutor's office.