

2. "Južne vesti" Portal Journalists Receive Death Threats

With reference to the alert published on the Council of Europe Platform for the Protection of Journalism and the Safety of Journalists concerning death threats to the journalists of "Južne vesti", the Ministry of the Interior informs you as follows:

In December 2020, the editor of the news portal "Južne Vesti" reported that after the news on shooting incident in Niš was published, two comments, which were posted on the portal, deeply upset the journalists of "Južne vesti".

In this regard, the police officers of the Ministry of the Interior applied police powers stipulated by the Law on Police and the Criminal Procedure Code to establish all the facts and circumstances.

On 18 February 2021, acting at the request of the competent prosecutor's office, police officers of the Ministry of the Interior identified a suspect and filed criminal charges because there were grounds for suspicion that he committed a criminal offence of "Endangerment of Safety" under Article 138, paragraph 3 of the Criminal Code. On the same day, in accordance with the approval of the acting prosecutor, the suspect was ordered detention for 48 hours.