

6. **"KRIK" Targeted by a Smear Campaign after Investigation**

With reference to the alert published on the Council of Europe Platform for the Protection of Journalism and the Safety of Journalists concerning the "smear campaign" against "KRIK", the Ministry of the Interior informs you as follows:

Given that the use of OSINT methods and tools was not helpful in establishing the identity of persons who threatened "KRIK" journalists via the social network "Twitter", the police officers of the Ministry of the Interior addressed the company "Twitter" requesting the provision of data that could help identify suspects.

Since "Twitter" has not given a positive reply, it is necessary to send a request for international assistance in criminal matters, so that judicial and other authorities of the state under whose jurisdiction "Twitter" operates could provide assistance. The report has been delivered to the competent prosecutor's office for further action.

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.