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Dear Mr Gruden,

Please find attached the information by the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Serbia sent in response to the following Alerts published on the Platform for the Safety of Journalists and Protection of Journalism of the Council of Europe:

- on the attacks and obstruction of journalists and media workers while covering Belgrade, Novi Sad and Niš protests (on 15 July 2020),
- on the assault on journalist Saša Mikić (on 25 June) and
- on the threat to journalist Jeton Ismaili's family (on 20 August).

Yours sincerely,

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Ambassador

Mr Matjaž Gruden
Director of the
Directorate of Democratic Participation
Strasbourg

**Subject: Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists
- Journalist Sasa Mikic Reporting on Serbian Election Assaulted Outside
Polling Station, *Reply***

With reference to the alert published on the Council of Europe Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists concerning the attack on journalist Saša Mikić on 21 June 2020 in Kikinda, the Ministry of the Interior informs you as follows:

On 21 June 2020, it was reported that, in front of the polling station in Kikinda, the journalist of "DIR" radio station Saša Mikić was physically attacked by unknown persons, as a result of which he suffered light bodily injuries.

Police officers of the Ministry of the Interior applied police powers established by the Law on Police and the Criminal Procedure Code and managed to identify potential perpetrators and submitted a report on all measures and actions taken to the competent prosecutor's office in Kikinda.

In accordance with the positive legal regulations of the Republic of Serbia and the Instruction on the conduct of police officers in cases where victims of crimes 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 accordance with the orders of the competent prosecutor's office in Kikinda.