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Dear Mr Gruden,

In response to the Alert published on the Platform for the Safety of Journalists and Protection of Journalism of the Council of Europe on 15 June, concerning the journalist Stefan Cvetković who was reported missing, I would like to convey the information received from the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia:

The Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia has undertaken all the necessary steps in its competence in order to establish the facts.


On 14 June 2018 Ministry of Interior received a report that in Bela Crkva an abandoned vehicle was found, with its engine idling, the doors open and the lights on. It was established that the vehicle was used by the journalist Stefan Cvetković.

On 15 June 2018 the Police Officers of the Ministry of Interior found the journalist Stefan Cvetković with no injuries or traces of violence visible.

The Basic Public Prosecutor's Office in Vršac has been informed on all the facts and steps undertaken, and following its order, criminal charges were filed for suspicion that the journalist Stefan Cvetković committed criminal offense of false reporting.

I remain at your disposal for any further communication.

Yours sincerely,

  
Aleksandra Đurović  
Ambassador

Mr Matjaž GRUDEN  
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