



Subject: Reply to a Request

Link: ref. no. 35-01-214 dated 06.06.2017;

In regard to the above referenced document, whereby you request submission of additional information on undertaken measures and on resolving seven reported cases which involved endangering the safety of journalists and violating their rights, we would like to inform you about the following:

1. In regard to the incident that took place on 15.07.2015 (a Vice Prime Minister physically assaulted the Macedonian journalist, Sashe Ivanovski) which was reported in the Police Station of General Competence 'Centar' and which was registered under other areas – Disturbing public order – A uniformed police officer from Police Station of General Competence 'Centar' took the following measures:

- At first, a Police Record of an initial report for a committed physical assault was made, in accordance with Article 12 of the Law on Misdemeanours against Public Order;
- Video footage of the crime scene was provided with an order by the Basic Public Prosecutor's Office;
- Biljana Sekulovska was summoned to the Police Station of General Competence, to report on the incident, whereby the video footage of the crime scene that was in her possession was confiscated as well;
- The employees of the catering facility 'Pastel' who eye witnessed the incident were questioned;
- After reviewing the video footage, the victim Sashe Ivanovski was phone interviewed about the incident and he provided an additional report in order for the incident to be legally defined as a criminal act.
- Vladimir Peshevski was questioned to provide a report on the incident.
- After taking all measures and activities in regard to the reported incident, the Sector for Internal Affairs Skopje determined that there was no physical contact between the reporter and the reported person, i.e. there are no elements of misdemeanour.

