



Joint Statement

OSCE Mission, Delegation of the European Union and Council of Europe's Office concerned over threats made to B92 journalists

BELGRADE, 9 December 2009 -- The three institutions welcome the efforts of the Serbian police in recent days to ensure the personal safety of journalists, including Ms. Brankica Stankovic, editor of "Insider", an investigative TV programme.

We are deeply concerned about the threats directed at journalists who address important and sensitive issues of public interest in Serbia. Suppressing the voices of journalists is detrimental to the development of democracy, which requires an atmosphere free from intimidation.

We stress the need for freedom of expression to be guaranteed and strongly encourage Serbian authorities to continue with their efforts to create a safe environment for journalists by identifying and bringing to justice those who threaten media professionals.

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