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Challenge threats and
exercise your rights as a
journalist in Europe

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Threats and challenges to journalists in Europe

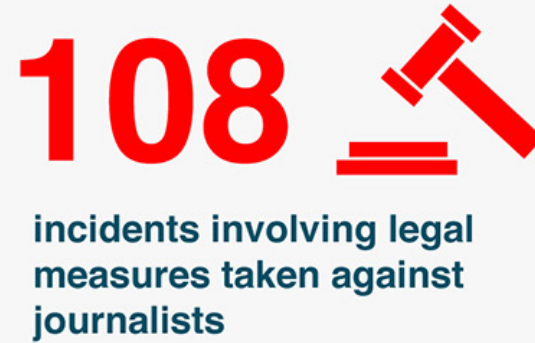
Index on Censorship's Mapping Media Freedom project has found that journalists and media workers are confronting relentless pressure as they do their jobs.



REPORTING AND MAPPING TOOL



Some of the violations against media reported between May and December 2014 at mediafreedom.usshahidi.com





Turkey: Journalist **Erol Ozkoray** was sentenced to 11 months and 20 days in prison for defaming President Recep Tayyip Erdogan by referring to anti-Erdogan slogans and graffiti in his book about the 2013 Gezi Park protests



Hungary: Three journalists were chased with a hydraulic shovel by an employee of a rubbish dump after they tried to verify information regarding a possible leak from the EU-funded dump



Albania: A masked attacker tried to shoot **Artur Cani**, an investigative journalist for TV News 24, near his home in Tirana



Netherlands: Freelance photographer **John van Ieperen** was beaten by a security guard when covering the aftermath of an explosion in an apartment building that killed two residents



Serbia: Dusan Dragisic, a local businessman, threatened to cut off the nose and ears of **Nenad Tomic**, owner and editor-in-chief of the website Ruma



Italy: **Pino Maniaci**, head of Sicilian TV station Telejato who is known for reporting on the Sicilian mafia, found his pet dogs hanged from a metal post in a yard near his office



Germany: Blogger **Su Yutong** was fired by Deutsche Welle's Chinese service after tweeting about employee meetings, where staff were told to use restraint in their coverage of China



France: Far-right party Front National sued and called for the resignation of journalist **Guy Lagache** after his TV show aired an undercover documentary about one of their municipal campaigns



Kosovo: **Milot Hasimja**, a journalist with the Pristina-based TV Klan, was knifed at his desk by a man apparently unhappy with a feature Hasimja did on him



United Kingdom: Blogger **Michael Abberton** who broadcast "fact checks" about the UK Independence Party said he was advised to delete a tweet about the party's policies after being visited at home by two police officers



Bosnia: Professor **Slavo Kukic**, a prominent writer and columnist, was severely beaten with a baseball bat in his office at the University of Mostar



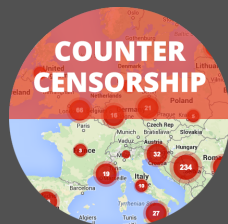
Bulgaria: The company car of bTV political journalist **Genka Shikerova** was set on fire outside her home in Sofia



Do you feel **free** and **safe** to investigate, report, publish as a journalist in Europe?

WHAT ARE THE LIMITATIONS TO YOUR JOURNALISM WORK?

Sharing stories and experience of censorship, financial pressure and constraints, fear to offend, harassment and intimidation (including on social media), concern over protection of sources, ...



Sharing tips and best practices

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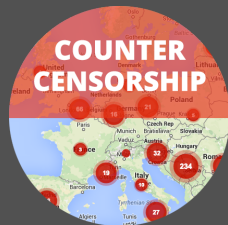
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Lots of resources available

Surveillance Self-Defence

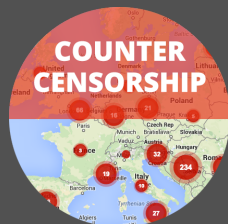
(Electronic Frontier Foundation)

<https://ssd.eff.org/en>

Security-in-a-box

(Tactical Tech, Frontline Defenders)

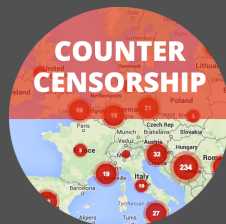
<https://securityinabox.org>



Assessing threats and risks

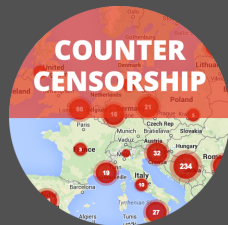
Five main questions for threat modeling assessment

- 1 What do you want to protect?
- 2 Who do you want to protect it from?
- 3 How likely is it that you will need to protect it?
- 4 How bad are the consequences if you fail?
- 5 How much trouble are you willing to go through in order to try to prevent those?



Digital anonymity and censorship circumvention

- **HTTPS**
- **Web-based proxy**
- **VPN (Virtual Private Network)**
- **Tor**
<https://www.torproject.org/projects/torbrowser.html.en>



Communicating with others

VoIP *Video chat* **PGP**
Instant messages
Voice calls **https** **email**
End-to-end encryption
Off-the-Record (OTR)





**Thanks! And don't forget
your counter-censorship bag!**

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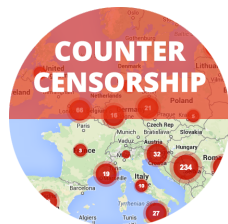


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TECHNOLOGY
COLLECTIVE



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