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The Broadcasting Agency strongly condemns the increasingly frequent attacks on journalists and cameramen of the broadcast media in the course of performing their regular activities.

Namely, the beginning of a negative practice of limiting or preventing, individually or in an organized manner, the representatives of broadcast and other media from freely gathering information and informing the public from the public rallies, is noticeable in Montenegro. Even the physical attacks on journalists, cameramen and photo-reporters are tolerated, which culminated in yesterday's protest rally in Podgorica.

The Broadcasting Agency calls upon the competent authorities to immediately undertake all measures in order to find and sanction all those who, on several occasions, brutally endangered the safety of television crews and print media journalists before, during or after yesterday's rally.

The Broadcasting Agency points out that it is high time we did everything in our power to provide safety of the media professionals and enable their undisturbed work on impartial and timely informing of the public. Otherwise, every subsequent physical attack on the broadcast media representatives may result in refraining of the media from reporting from similar public rallies, which will receive full support of the Agency.

The Broadcasting Agency reminds all broadcast media that their representatives, when reporting from public rallies, should wear a visible sign, showing that they are members of the press.

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