CAMPAIGN BH JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION AND NETWORK OF FEMALE JOURNALIST IN BIH ON THE OCCASION OF 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

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Report







ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign begins on November 25, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until December 10, International Human Rights Day. The campaign was launched in 1991 by the Women's Global Leadership Institute and since then, this campaign has been used as a call to eliminate all forms of violence against women.

The BH Journalists Association and the Network of Female Journalists in BiH joined the celebration of "16 days of activism against gender-based violence" with the aim of drawing attention to violence against female journalists, but also violence against women in BiH.

As part of the campaign, BH Journalists are:

- Published a <u>statement</u> by the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) and the Gender Equality Council, calling on world governments to act responsibly to eradicate violence against women, and to ratify the ILO Convention 190 on Harassment and Violence at Work;
- Created and published 19 messages of journalists, editors, professors of journalism, NGO activists, and representatives of the judiciary from all parts of BiH on the prevention of gender-based violence, as well as the role of the media in the prevention of violence against women;
- In cooperation with the Foundation for Local Democracy, the <u>results</u> of the project "For a Life Without Violence in Sarajevo Canton" were presented, within support was provided in employment mediation for 49 women who were victims of violence, and provided free legal aid, psychological support and socio-economic support for 1,034 women victims of domestic violence, women victims of war, single mothers and women on the social margins;
- In cooperation with Medicus Mundi Mediterania from Barcelona, 120 high school students from four high schools in the Canton of Sarajevo were educated on the prevention of gender-based violence.

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CAMPAIGN RESULTS

During the 16 days of activism, the messages of the campaign participants were published on BHN social networks: <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> i <u>Instagram</u>.

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GOAL

The goal of the campaign of BH journalists and the Network of Female Journalists in BiH was to point out journalistic standards when reporting on gender-based violence, but also to emphasize the role of media, media workers, civil society representatives and the entire community in combating and preventing violence against female journalists, as well as violence against women in BiH.



CAMPAIGN PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR MESSAGES



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Nikolija Bjelica Direkt portal Trebinje

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Postavljanje pitanja nije provokacija, a imati stav nije drskost, već stvar profesionalnog integriteta. Novinarke ne ćute na pritiske i nasilje! "Asking questions is not a provocation, and having an attitude is not audacity, but a matter of professional integrity. Female journalists are not silent on pressure and violence."

> Nikolija Bjelica Direkt portal Trebinje

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"The media are the generators of all changes, including those that raise awareness of the existence of violence in society. It is the obligation of every journalist to fight stereotypes and cover up violence against women. At the same time, we bear the responsibility not to be the ones who, through our work and the race for clicks, incite violence, consciously or unconsciously."

> Andrijana Pisarevic journalist and editor Banjaluka





"I am a woman, a mother, a daughter, a sister, a journalist ... I would never like to experience violence and that is why I fight violence with a pen. Women are synonymous with love and courage. We must never remain silent about violence, nor must the media classify it as sensationalism. Violence against women must be our daily research topic to help combat this crime."

> Maja Nikolic journalist BHT1 Tuzla

"We need to report on violence against women, according to codes of ethics, without sensationalism, thus we will contribute to the prevention and suppression of violence against women. The victim is never guilty of violence!"

> Elma Mujkic Cajic journalist Radio Gracanica

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Trebamo izvještavati o nasilju nad ženama, po etičkim kodeksima, bez senzacionalizma, time ćemo doprinjeti sprječavanju i suzbijanju nasilja nad ženama. Žrtva nikad nije kriva za nasilje!

ELMA MUJKIĆ ČAJIĆ

novinarka Radio Gračanica



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"I never felt threatened by the fact that I was a woman, neither privately nor professionally. I am the editor of the 'men's newsroom', and my colleagues are the wind in my back, not in my chest. Push the women of your life, but always forward."

Kristina Spajic Peric editor of hercegovina.info Stolac

"The pandemic era has given the perpetrators extra strength because the focus is on fighting the virus, and the victims are even more vulnerable, locked in four walls, convinced that they are now invisible. Encourage them not to be alone, because violence it is not just a blow, the violence is also verbal, sychological and the whole spectrum torture experienced by girls and women. Journalism and the whole the system is pressed by the crisis over the corona, but the violence is not transient the plague and will not disappear with the saving remedy. Both the media and the system are esponsible for every inaction - it is known whose role it is."

> Sandra Gojkovic-Arbutina editor of "Nezavisne novine" Banjaluka

Doba pandemije nasilnicima je dalo dodatnu snagu jer je fokus na borbi protiv virusa, a žrtve još ranjivije, zatvorene u četiri zida, ubjeđene da su sad nevidljive. Ohrabrimo ih da nisu same, jer nasilje nije samo udarac, nasilje je i verbalno, psihičko i čitav spektar tortura koje djevojčice i žene proživljavaju. Novinarstvo i cijeli sistem jesu pritisnuti krizom zbog korone, ali nasilje nije prolazna pošast i neće nestati sa spasonosnim lijekom. I mediji i sistem su odgovorni za svako nedjelovanje - zna se šta je čija uloga.

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Sandra Gojković-Arbutina glavna i odgovorna urednica Nezavisne novine Banjaluka

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Denis Džidić BIRN BIH Sarajevo

Baveći se temama ratnih zločina, tranzicijske pravde, ekstremizma i korupcije, u BIRN-u BiH nerijetko smo suočeni s jezikom mržnje na društvenim mrežama, ali najgore uvrede nažalost su uvijek upućene našim novinarkama. Vrijeme je da nasilje nad novinarkama i ženama, koje rade posao od javnog interesa, prestane.

Jednom i zauvijek.

"Dealing with the topics of war crimes, transitional justice, extremism and corruption, BIRN BiH often faces hate speech on social media, but unfortunately the worst insults are always directed at our female journalists. It is time for the violence against journalists and women, who do work in the public interest, to stop. Once and for all."

> Denis Dzidic Birn BIH Sarajevo

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"My profession requires self-sacrifice and courage from me. No one has the right to hinder me from reaching the goal, he is the truth. I raise my voice against any form of belittling fellow female journalists just because they are women."

> Gorica Bukic Radio USK Bihac

Moja profesija od mene traži samopožrtvovanost i hrabrost. Niko nema pravo da me ometa da stignem do cilja, a on je istina. Dižem glas protiv svakog vida omalovažavanja kolegica novinarki samo zato što su žene.

> Gorica Bukić Radio USK Bihać



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Nedopustivo je da se nasilje nad ženom pravda na bilo koji način. Sramotno je žrtvu opisivati kao krivca. Nije rijetkost da okolina komentariše i pravda nasilje komentarom poput "sigurno je zaslužila" i sličnim. Posebno je nedopustivo da oni koji trebaju zaštiti žrtvu trivijaliziraju nasilje nad ženom, svodeći ga na nivo obične svađe među supružnicima ili partnerima. Treba javno govoriti o nasilju i osuđivati nasilničko ponašanje, a značajnu ulogu u tome imaju mediji.

Aldijana Purić glavna i odgovorna urednica Radio Velika Kladuša

"It is unacceptable for violence against a woman to be justified in any way. It is a shame to describe the victim as the culprit. It is not uncommon for the environment to comment and justify violence with comments such as "it certainly deserved it" and the like. It is especially inadmissible for those who need to protect the victim to trivialize violence against a woman, reducing it to the level of a simple quarrel between spouses or partners. Violence should be spoken about publicly and violent behavior condemned, and the media have a significant role to play in this."

> Aldijana Puric editor Radio Velika Kladusa

"Professional journalism does not recognize gender. Each of the participants in the society is obliged to react to the violence, mobbing and discrediting of women in journalism and their work, before it becomes the rule, not the exception."

> Azra Husaric Birn BiH Sarajevo

Profesionalno novinarstvo ne prepoznaje rod. Svaki od učesnika društva dužan je reagovati na nasilje, mobing i diskreditaciju žena u novinarstvu i njihovog rada, prije nego to postane pravilo, a ne izuzetak.

AZRA HUSARIĆ BIRN BIH Sarajevo



16 dana aktivizma predstavljaju jos jednu priliku da kazemo kako su pritisci, mobing i zastrašivanje novinarki posebno u lokalnim sredinama nedopustivi, te da ih treba kažnjavati. Trebamo javno govoriti i podržavati kolegice, žrtve različitih oblika mobinga, posebno na radnom mjestu, da ga prijave i zalagati se da on bude sankcionisan. Pravo na život bez nasilja je neprikosnoveno i zakonom garantirano.

> Velida Kulenović Radio Federacije BIH Zenica

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"16 days of activism represent another opportunity to say that pressures, mobbing and intimidation of female journalists, especially in local communities, are unacceptable and that they should be punished. We need to speak publicly and support our colleagues, victims of various forms of mobbing, especially in the workplace, to report it and advocate for it to be sanctioned. The right to life without violence is inviolable and guaranteed by law."

> Velida Kulenovic Radio Federacije BiH Zenica

"Violence against women is not a private matter. It is a social problem that flourishes in the dark and, like any ghost, is afraid of the light. That is why it is important to get out of your darkness, to expose, to be written and talked about. It is a journalistic mission, but also a civic duty. It's about me! Does it concern you too? "

> Milanka Kovacevic journalist Gacko



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privatna stvar. To je društveni problem koji buja u mraku i, kao i svaki bauk, plaši se svetla. Zato je važno da se izvuče iz svoje tmine, razobliči, da se o njemu piše i priča. To je novinarska misija, ali i građanska dužnost. Mene se tiče! Da li se tiče i vas?

MILANKA KOVAČEVIĆ novinarka gacko





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Na početku i na kraju ljudskog života stoji žena. Ne ubijajmo ono što je najbolje u nama. Stop nasilju.



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Ahmed Burić književnik Sarajevo

"At the beginning and end of human life stands a woman. Let's not kill what's best in us. Stop the violence."

> Ahmed Buric writer Sarajevo

"Violence against women is a permanent violation of human rights that threatens the safety of countless women around the world. Not only does it affect their lives and hinder them from fully and equally participating in social life, but it also affects the lives of those close to them. This problem, which concerns the whole society, should be talked about more openly and its solution should be more concretely influenced"

> Amina Bijelonja VOA Sarajevo



Nasilje nad ženama predstavlja trajno kršenje ljudskih prava koje ugrožava sigurnost bezbroj žena širom svijeta. Ne samo da pogađa njihove živote i ometa ih da u potpunosti i ravnopravno učestvuju u društvenom životu, već pogađa i živote onih koji su im bliski. O ovom problemu, koji se tiče cijelog društva, treba otvorenije govoriti i konkretnije utjecati na njegovo rješavanje.



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Pandemija koronavirusa je pogoršala i onako loše uslove rada novinara, još više novinarki. Rad pod stalnim pritiskom od gubitka posla, tinjajući mobing, razlozi su zbog kojih i briga za sopstveno fizičko i mentalno zdravlje ostaje u trećem planu. U tako teškoj situaciji, prečesto smo na meti raznih mobingdrznika, ucjenjivača, napadača i Ćesirsiledžija. U atmosferi zabrinjavajućeg odsustva adekvatnih pravnih sankcija, profesionalna solidarnost je najbolji odgovor.

Marko Divković Predsjednik Udruženja BH novinari Tuzla

"The coornavirus pandemic has worsened the already poor working conditions of journalists, even more female journalists. Working under constant pressure from losing a job. smoldering mobbing, are the conditions due to which the care for one's own physical and mental health remains in the background. In such a difficult situation, we are too often the target of various mobbing brawlers, blackmailers, and attackers. In an atmosphere of worrying absence of adequate legal sanctions, professional solidarity is the best answer."

> Marko Divkovic **BHJA President** Tuzla

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"When a woman speaks, writes, she is the voice of the public and often the target of an attack that serves as a model of intimidation and / or repressive measures of silence. An attack on female journalists is always twice as severe as on a female journalist because the target of the attack is twice as centered on both her voice and her body. That is why I speak about violence whenever I can, because violence is the domination of power and subordination, not freedom. For a life without violence against journalists and media workers who are our voice and freedom."

> Vildana Dzekman activist Sarajevo



"Žena kada progovora, piše, saopštava je glas javnosti i nerijetko meta napada koji služi kao model zastrašivanja i/ili represivne mjere ušutkivanja. Napad na novinarke je uvijek dvostruko teži u odnosu na novinare jer je meta napada dvostruko centrirana i na njezin glas i njezino tijelo. Zato o nasilju progovaram kad god mogu jer nasilje je dominacija moći i podređivanja, a ne slobode. Za život bez nasilja nad novinarkama i medijskim radnicama koji su naš glas i sloboda."



Stepen zaštićenosti od svake vrste nasilja, te nivo slobode i ravnopravnosti žene u svakoj sferi života su najbolji pokazatelji razvijenosti društva. Zbog toga se interes žene kao individue i društva u cjelini potpuno podudaraju.

Arben Murtezić Direktor CEST F BiH "The degree of protection from any kind of violence and the level of freedom and equality of women in every sphere of life are the best indicators of the development of society. Therefore, the interests of women as individuals and society as a whole completely coincide."

> Arben Murtezic Director CEST F BiH

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"The myth is that the targets of violence are incompetent, uneducated or maladapted women. We need to change the organizational culture in which mobbing is an integral part of the job."

Zarfa Hrnjic Kuduzovic proffeseour Faculty of Philosophy Tuzla



"Mit je da su mete nasilja nesposobne, neobrazovane ili neprilagođene žene. Moramo mijenjati organizacijsku kulturu u kojoj je mobing sastavni dio posla".

Zarfa Hrnjić Kuduzović profesorica Filozofski fakultet Tuzla

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Mirza Abaz Oslobođenje Sarajevo

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Nasilje nad ženama nije samo grijeh i zlodjelo, već i jedinstveni anticivilizacijski čin, znak da je socijalna evolucija u nekom momentu pošla u krivom smjeru. Žene u javnosti, među njima i kolegice novinarke, nerijetko bivaju uznemiravane, čak i direktno zlostavljane, što se odražava na njihov profesionalni, ali i privatni život. Ovakav tok stvari naprosto mora biti prekinut. "Violence against women is not only a sin and a crime, but also a unique anticivilization act, a sign that social evolution has at some point gone in the wrong direction. Women in public, including female journalists, are often harassed, even directly abused, which affects their professional and private lives. This flow of things simply has to be interrupted."

> Mirza Abaz journalist Oslobodjenje Sarajevo

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