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Decline in intimidation of journalists: -43% in the first half of 2022

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A 43% decrease in acts of intimidation against journalists was recorded in the first half of 2022, if compared to the same period last year. There was a total of 64 acts, 8 of them were attributable to organized crime settings (12%) and 37 to political and social settings (58%). These figures were highlighted by a [report](#) published by the Criminal Analysis Service of the Criminal Police Central Directorate – Department of Public Security.

In the first half of 2021, police forces had recorded 113 acts of intimidation (+14% compared to same period last year, when the number of recorded cases was 99).

Some of the intimidation acts are still spread on the web and on social networks: 18 cases (corresponding to 28% of the total number of acts), including 8 on Facebook and 5 on Instagram.

Of the 64 reported cases, 20% were committed against editorial offices, while 80% of the total acts of intimidation had involved 57 media professionals, including 16 women (28%) and 41 men (72%).

Lazio, Lombardy, Campania, Calabria and Apulia are the most affected regions by this phenomenon (42 cases corresponding to 65.6% of the total cases). Among metropolitan areas, the highest number of episodes was reported in Rome (11 intimidation acts), Naples (7 cases), Milan (6) and Bari (4).