

## Cyber-attacks on online media endanger media freedom in BiH

Following the recent hacker attacks on media portals Žurnal and Buka, the OSCE Mission to BiH, the European Union Delegation and European Union Special Representative, the Embassy of the United Kingdom, the Embassy of the United States, and the Office of the High Representative call on authorities in BiH to investigate all attacks on media websites as they represent a clear danger to media freedom.

Cyber-attacks such as these hinder free media and the free flow of information, which are essential components of any democratic society.

Government has a responsibility to protect freedom of the press. Law enforcement and judicial institutions must thoroughly investigate all attacks, including cyber, on the media.

We have witnessed an exponential increase in such attacks and call on BiH authorities to strengthen their networks and ability to detect, deter, and investigate all cyber threats and attacks.