

CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS AND CONVICTIONS AGAINST JOURNALISTS IN 2021

Defendant Journalist	Accuser / Complainant	Type of case	Number/ Year	Court	Subject of the case	Status
Lachezar Antonov Lisitsov	Stefan Kanev Kolev	Criminal case	5467/2019	Provincial Court – Burgas	Defamation and Qualified Defamation	Concluded by verdict № 260109/17.09.2021
Lachezar Antonov Lisitsov	Stefan Kanev Kolev	Appeal Criminal Case	1302/2021	District Court – Burgas	Defamation and Qualified Defamation	Pending court proceedings
Veselina Tomova Zaharieva	Genadii Hristov Atanasov	Criminal case	346/2021	Provincial Court – Varna	Defamation and Qualified Defamation	Terminated on 03.02.2021 and sent to Sofia Provincial Court for jurisdiction
Kalinka Pencheva Aleksandrova	Lyutskan Petrov Maldjiev	Criminal case	443/2020	Provincial Court - Dobrich	Defamation and Qualified Defamation	Pending court proceedings
Dimitar Veselinov Varbanov	Provincial Prosecutor's Office - Veliko Tarnovo	Criminal case	689/2020	Provincial Court – Veliko Tarnovo	Art. 290, para. 1 of Criminal Code	Concluded with a verdict of guilty dated 21.05.2021. The sentence has been appealed.
Dimitar Veselinov Varbanov	District Prosecutor's Office - Veliko Tarnovo	Appeal Criminal Case	357/2021	District Court – Veliko Tarnovo	Art. 290, para. 1 of Criminal Code	Concluded with acquittal on 02.12.2021. Appeal filed on 14.12.2021
Dimitar Veselinov Varbanov and Stoian Stankov Mechev	Ivan Raykov Ivanov and Elis-Elisaveta Zaharieva Ltd.	Appeal Criminal Case	133/2021	District Court – Veliko Tarnovo	Defamation and Qualified Defamation	Final Judgement from 10.12.2021 – the case is referred back to another division of the Court of First Instance
Genadii Spasov Marinov (publisher and chief editor)	Hristo Marinov Kovachev	Appeal Criminal Case	71/2021	District Court - Lovech	Defamation and Qualified Defamation	Final Judgement from 29.03.2021 confirming the verdict of

of newspaper „Troyan 21 vek“)						22.12.2020 in case № 258/2020 of the Provincial Court - Troyan
Radko Dimitov and Yordan Yordanov	Stanko Dobrev Stankov	Criminal case	729/2021	Provincial Court - Ruse	Offence and qualified offence	Final Judicial act from 27.07.2021, terminating the criminal proceedings
Krasimira Vidolova Gesheva	Ivan Matev Panovski	Appeal Criminal Case	1663/2021	District Court - Plovdiv	Offence and qualified offence	Final Judgement №158/19.11.2021, confirming the verdict from 08.04.2021, handed down in criminal case № 6919/2020 by the Provincial Court - Plovdiv
Maria Ivanova Petrova and Hasan Said Djaber-Kasem	Martin Krasimirov Ivanov	Criminal case	2651/2021	Provincial Court - Plovdiv	Offence and qualified offence	Pending court proceedings
N.T.B.		Criminal case	4546/2020	Sofia City Court	Defamation and Qualified Defamation	Final Judgement from 14.04.2021
S.B.T.		Criminal case	1490/2021	Sofia City Court	Defamation and Qualified Defamation	Judicial act from 17.05.2021
M.G.N., L.V.D. and B.K.L. – journalist in BNT 1	R.V.M.	Criminal case	105/2021	Provincial Court - Kozlodui	Art. 148, para.2, example 1, example. 2, in connection with art. 147, para. 1 of Criminal Code	Pending court proceedings