

I am writing to express my deep concern that Elena Milashina, a Russian journalist covering Chechnya at the independent Novaya Gazeta newspaper, received death threats .

I urge you to ensure effective protection for Elena Milashina and all other independent journalists working in the North Caucasus and anywhere else in Russia, in accordance with their wishes .

I further urge you to publicly condemn all threats against journalists and human rights defenders, including those made in the article threatening Elena Milashina published in Grozny-Inform.

I also urge you to promptly and thoroughly investigate any threats and attacks against journalists and human rights defenders in the North Caucasus and anywhere else in Russia, and to ensure fair trial procedures against anyone found responsible for such attacks.

Sincerely yours,