

Statement
in Support of Belarusian Journalists

The journalist association Frilans Riks (organization for freelance journalists, part of the Swedish Union of Journalists), expresses its strong support of and solidarity with the independent journalists in Belarus.

- We address the regime in Belarus, demanding the immediate release of all imprisoned journalists in the country, and that repressions towards journalists such as detentions, fines and violence will cease without exceptions.
- A few weeks ago, BAJ (Belarusian Association of Journalists) had their organization account frozen and the office staff were arrested. The organization's stamp and the membership applications were seized. All this creates a risk of personal harassment against individual members of BAJ.

At the annual general meeting of the journalist association Frilans Riks on 29 March, the members voted unanimously to support this statement.

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