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## It is becoming increasingly unsafe for journalists to report in the Netherlands: international fact-finding mission finds

*The Netherlands is internationally known for consistently having one of the highest levels of press freedom worldwide, ranking sixth on the [2021 World Press Freedom Index](#). However, attacks against journalists are on the rise, the international fact-finding mission on the safety of journalists in the Netherlands concludes. Established in close consultation with the Dutch Association of Journalists, the mission is led by Free Press Unlimited together with the [International Press Institute](#) and [European Centre for Press and Media Freedom](#).*



A range of interviews were held with, among others, some of the country's most renowned (investigative) journalists, editors-in-chief, the Police Department, key academic figures, and influential policy-makers. The findings of these interviews have been compiled and mapped out as part of an international research study on the

safety of journalists in the Netherlands, and will be revealed at a press conference in Nieuwspoor, The Hague, on Wednesday April 13th from 15.30-16.30.

*This will be a hybrid event with a chance to ask questions both online and in person.*

**[To register for the press conference, click here.](#)**

This mission was established by the [Media Freedom Rapid Response](#) initiative: a consortium that consists of six European press freedom organizations, including Free Press Unlimited, to jointly monitor press freedom in EU-member states.

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Iedereen heeft recht op onafhankelijke, betrouwbare en tijdige informatie. Mensen hebben die informatie nodig om invloed uit te oefenen op hun levensomstandigheden en de juiste beslissingen te nemen. Persvrijheid en vrijheid van informatie zijn daarbij onmisbaar. Daarom ondersteunt Free Press Unlimited lokale mediaprofessionals en journalisten, vooral in landen met beperkte (pers)vrijheid. Zij staan dichtbij hun publiek en zijn de beste garantie voor een duurzaam, professioneel en divers medialandschap. We stellen ze in staat om mensen toegang te geven tot de informatie die hen helpt te overleven, zichzelf te ontwikkelen en waarmee ze hun overheden kunnen controleren.

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