Reporting in Ukraine: FAQs for journalists

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## I need a contact point in Ukraine. Who can I contact?

Those already in Ukraine or on their way there can contact the new <a href="Press Freedom Centre">Press Freedom Centre</a> in Lviv, western Ukraine. Reporters can borrow protective equipment such as bulletproof vests and helmets, and the centre also serves as a physical and digital contact point for journalists seeking financial or psychological support. Centrally <a href="Located">Located</a> in Lviv, it is jointly run by RSF and IMI, a local partner organisation with which RSF has been working intensively since 2014. Journalists can work, use the internet and stream live at the Press Freedom Centre from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The centre also has a safe room in case of an attack. You can contact the centre at this address.

## I'm a freelance journalist. How can I get protective clothing?

Bulletproof vests with ballistic inserts are still in particularly short supply. We are making efforts to have sufficient bulletproof vests available for loan at the Lviv Press Freedom Centre. In addition, for the medium term we are making the case for the establishment of a network of media outlets and organisations via which protective equipment can be provided quickly and reliably.

We strongly advise freelance journalists not to travel to war zones on their own initiative and without a fixed agreement with a commissioning editorial office that could provide them with support if they are in acute danger.

## How can I insure myself as a freelance journalist?

In cooperation with the insurance agency Battleface, RSF offers an <u>insurance package</u> for freelance journalists who are not sufficiently insured for a stay in a war zone. The RSF Assistance Desk in Paris can answer enquiries on this topic at this <u>contact address</u>. A prerequisite is <u>membership</u> of RSF, which can also be taken out at short notice.

## I urgently need help. Who can I contact?

You can reach a contact person at Reporters Without Borders Germany <a href="here">here</a>, or via the provider Protonmail, which encrypts all email traffic, <a href="here">here</a>. If help is needed because journalists have been detained or have disappeared, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) offers support under the following number: +41 79 217 32 85.

How can I support RSF Germany's operations for journalists and reporters in Ukraine? In order for us to provide support, protection and safety to journalists and media workers in Ukraine and to continue to keep the public informed about this emergency situation, we need your support. You will find all the relevant information <a href="here">here</a>.