

Journalists targeted by riot police, again

Investigation is launched into reports that two journalists were attacked in clashes that broke out between riot police and protesters during Monday's mass rally to honour the 41st anniversary of a student uprising against the country's military junta

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The female photographer suffered back injuries while the male reporter sustained injuries to his hand and knee. Seven protesters and five police officers were injured in the clashes, while 10 people were arrested.

Reports of police brutality against journalists is [nothing new in Greece](#) .

In June, riot police assaulted photographer Tatiana Bolari during a demonstration by [dismissed cleaning ladies of the finance ministry](#) in Athens.

Reports said that she was kicked to the ground by police, even though her attire and equipment clearly indicated she was a journalist.

Bolari was also attacked while covering demonstrations in 2011. A photo of that attack had drawn the attention of [international media networks](#).

In September, the police officer involved in the incident received a suspended eight month prison sentence on charges of inflicting bodily harm.

In 2012, the President of Greek Photo-Reporters Union, Marios Lolos, underwent [brain surgery](#) due to an injury he suffered after being clubbed on the head by riot police while covering street demonstrations.

In 2011, Reporters Without Borders had deplored the decline in media freedom in Greece, urging police to uphold the right of journalists to cover street demonstrations.

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