

IAB PRESS RELEASE ON THE AGGRESSION AGAINST A JOURNALISTIC TEAM FROM GRUPO RBS IN PORTO ALEGRE, BRASIL

The International Association of Broadcasting – IAB – condemns and rejects the violent acts against the vehicle of a journalistic team from Grupo RBS, that happened in the city of Porto Alegre last Thursday, June 13th.

A group of masked protesters, armed with stones and sticks, attacked the car of the RBS Group with serious damage to the vehicle, fortunately without physical consequences for the occupants.

As stated in the Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, violence, intimidation or threats to social communicators, as well as the material destruction of communications media, violate the fundamental rights of people and restrict freedom of expression. It is the duty of the state to prevent and investigate such doings, to punish their perpetrators and to ensure that victims receive due compensation.

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