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Albania	2021	Albania/Audiovisual Media Authority/		Religion	Albanian Audiovisual Authority	The Albanian Audiovisual Authority, responsible for overseeing audiovisual broadcasts, received a discrimination complaint regarding the program "Expuls" on "Ora News" TV, which was aired on October 17, 2021. The complaint alleged religious discrimination against Muslims. After analyzing the video material, violations of the "On Audiovisual Media" law and the Broadcasting Code were found. The broadcast, which discussed plastic surgery, featured remarks from the host and guests that were considered inappropriate, offensive, mocking, and derogatory towards a Muslim clergyman. These remarks, conveyed through video footage, were found to contradict the media's principles when discussing sensitive topics, including religion, both within the studio and with external connections.	The Audiovisual Media Authority has consequently brought attention to the violations of Law No. 97/2013 "On Audiovisual Media in the Republic of Albania," as amended, and the Broadcasting Code. In response, it has requested the immediate cessation of the retransmission of the "Expuls" program dated October 17, 2021, along with the editing or rectification of the video material posted on the official YouTube channel.	During the program, the topic of plastic surgeries was discussed, and the Muslim clergyman, Bedri Lika, stated that they were not allowed by his religion. However, the host and guests in the studio responded with inappropriate, offensive, mocking, and derogatory remarks. These remarks were recorded on video and were found to violate the media's principles when addressing sensitive subjects, including religion. As a result based on the legal framework(Law No. 97/2013 "On Audiovisual Media in the Republic of Albania," as amended, and the Broadcasting Code) it was requested the immediate cessation of the retransmission of the October 17, 2021 episode of the "Expuls" program and the editing or rectification of the video material on the official YouTube channel.	Not publicly available	Not publicly available

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