South Sudanese media association raided

The Association for Media Development in South Sudan (AMDISS) strongly condemns the armed robbery at its compound in Juba on the night of October 27, 2016. During the robbery, the guard on duty was held at gunpoint while assets of AMDISS were taken.

According to the security guard, five men – two with guns – entered into AMDISS compound after cutting the fence at around 3am. The guard said it was raining and he was under the brander protecting himself from the rain. The two men with guns saw him and ordered him to lie down facing the ground. The men told him not to raise his head or else he would be shot.

Meanwhile, the other three men broke into offices and took away two laptop computers, a television set flat screen, a camera, one hard drive, and a safe which had 15,000 South Sudan Pounds and 100 US dollars.

AMDISS strongly condemns this act and calls on the police to launch an investigation into this case and apprehend those responsible and hold to account.

Since its formation in 2003, the association has been a home to many journalists – mostly freelancers – and has been addressing the lack of capacity of local journalists through training; engaging stakeholders in dialogues for enabling friendly environment for journalists and media houses; advocating for freedom of expression; and ensuring that media laws are in place, implemented and respected by all actors.

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