

Bulgaria Marks International Right to Know Day



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Sofia - The International Right to Know Day is being marked in Bulgaria for the 23rd time on September 28.

The Access to Information Programme is presenting its annual awards for contributions to freedom of information at 11:30 a.m. at the Peroto (The Quill) Literary Club in Sofia. Nominees are competing in six categories: four Golden Key awards recognizing citizens, journalists, NGOs, and institutions, as well as two "anti-awards" – the Padlock and the Tied Key.

The aim of the initiative is to encourage active citizens, journalists, and non-governmental organizations to exercise their right of access to information, to motivate institutions to meet their obligations under the Access to Public Information Act, and to act with transparency and accountability toward society. At the same time, the awards highlight institutions that undermine or violate the right of access to information.

Velichie Floor Leader Ivelin Mihaylov Has Received Death Threats, Party Says



Velichie Floor Leader Ivelin Mihaylov speaks from the rostrum in the National Assembly, with Assembly Chair Nataliya Kiselova seated behind him presiding over the legislature's proceedings, Sofia, July 25, 2025 (BTA Photo/Blagoy Kirilov)

Sofia - Velichie Floor Leader Ivelin Mihaylov has received death threats, the party's press office said on Saturday. The official email accounts of Velichie have received a threatening letter from an individual identifying himself as Radoslav Barosov, the press office added.

A review of publicly available information reportedly revealed that a person by this name is a former police officer dismissed after incidents of domestic violence and implicated in corrupt practices within the Traffic Police in Kazanlak, Central Bulgaria. This individual is also known for involvement in extortion schemes, cyberbullying, and systematic threats towards various people. Despite numerous complaints filed against him, no consequences have followed to date, the party stated.

"The situation is further aggravated by the fact that Ivelin Mihaylov's legally owned self-defence weapon was confiscated. At the same time, and in clear violation of the law, his hunting firearm was also seized. The unlawful confiscation was appealed to the competent court, which annulled the act of seizure. However, the police, represented by the deputy head of the Provadia police station, Mr Gabrovski, refused to enforce the court decision and instead issued a new order revoking the weapon permit," the statement said.

The party declared: "We categorically condemn any attempts at intimidation, pressure, or threats against the Floor Leader of Velichie in the 51st National Assembly, Ivelin Mihaylov, and against any Bulgarian citizen."