The Hungarian regime is trying to silence independent voices. A new draft law allows the Sovereignty Protection Office to arbitrarily blacklist NGOs and independent media organizations. Once blacklisted, it will be extremely difficult to receive legal funding, including donations, subscriptions, and EU grants, which will be considered foreign interference against Hungary's sovereignty.

These media organizations do amazing work. Without them, we wouldn't know much about Hungary or my country's political regime. Many of these NGOs provide services and perform tasks that, in a normal country, the state should perform. These organizations protect citizens while the regime actively attacks anyone with independent thoughts, moral values, and basic humanity. For many years, they have been attacked with smear campaigns and legal complications; now, the entire state apparatus is against them.

By mid-June, blacklisted organizations will be in an almost impossible situation. Once the blacklist takes effect, any foreign citizen's €5 donation can be labeled as "foreign interference." We don't know who will be blacklisted, but the organizations listed below have already been targeted, so please consider supporting them while you can.

Media organisations:

Telex

An independent news portal, it was established after the biggest online news site was taken over by the regime, the journalists left the company and founded a new one.

website: https://telex.hu/

news in English: https://telex.hu/english

donate here

444.hu

An independent news portal, which was established when some journalists felt political pressure in one of the biggest online news sites and decided to establish their own site.

website: https://444.hu/

English articles: https://444.hu/tag/english

donate here

Partizán

A YouTube channel which functions as a quasi-public television. Reports, debates, live shows, documentaries, podcasts.

YouTube channel <u>here</u>

website: https://www.partizan.hu/

Donate here

Átlátszó

One of the oldest investigative news portal, everything is based on long and thorough analysis.

Website: https://atlatszo.hu/

Articles in English: https://english.atlatszo.hu/

Donate here

Direkt36

Investigative news portal, mostly focusing on long-term projects.

Website: https://www.direkt36.hu/

Articles in English: https://www.direkt36.hu/en/

Donate <u>here</u>

Válasz Online

A more conservative online publication, it was founded when a conservative weekly Heti

Válasz was shut down, some of the former journalists decided to start an online version

Website: https://www.valaszonline.hu/

News in English: https://www.valaszonline.hu/category/in-english/

Donate <u>here</u>

Civil society organisations

Transparency International Hungary

Anti-corruption organisation, focusing on transparency and accountability in the public sphere

website: https://transparency.hu/en/

Donate here

K-Monitor

Anti-corruption organisation focusing on technology and data

website: https://k-monitor.hu/home

Donate <u>here</u>

TASZ (Hungarian Civil Liberties Union)

One of the oldest human rights organisations in Hungary, providing help for citizens in various topics

Website: https://hclu.hu/

Donate <u>here</u>

Hungarian Helsinki Committee

Human rights organisation with a focus on protection of the rule of law, rights of refugees and detainees

Website: https://helsinki.hu/en/about/

Donate <u>here</u>

Amnesty International Hungary

Hungarian member of the international human rights organisation

Website: https://www.amnesty.hu/

Donate <u>here</u>

Háttér Society

LGBTQ+ organisation doing both advocacy and personal support

Website: https://en.hatter.hu/

Donate <u>here</u>

Budapest Pride

NGO organising event, among others Budapest Pride festival and march

Website: https://budapestpride.hu/en/

Donate here

Labrisz

NGO working on lesbian rights Website: https://labrisz.hu/fooldal

Donate here

Transvanilla

NGO working on trans rights

Website: https://transvanilla.hu/home/news

Donate here

Hintalovon

Child rights organisation

Website: https://hintalovon.hu/en/home-2/

Donate <u>here</u>

Mérték Media Monitor

Think tank-analyst organisation focusing on media freedom and media pluralism

Website: https://mertek.eu/en/

Donate <u>here</u>