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Concerning Threats Made To the FCCJ and Member Journalists

Over the weekend, threatening calls were made in English and Japanese to the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan. The caller threatened to blow up the FCCJ and to harm two journalist members, including Jake Adelstein (author of Tokyo Vice and host of The Evaporated podcast series). The FCCJ contacted the police, who responded swiftly. We are grateful for their speed and thoroughness, as we are for the courage of our staff.

We have enhanced security measures for the safety of both staff and members

The Metropolitan Police Marunouchi Police Department arrested a woman Monday on suspicion of obstruction of business by force (威力業務妨害).

As is well known, the objectives of the FCCJ are to provide foreign correspondents in Japan and other journalists with broad access to news sources in Japan and overseas, to defend the freedom of the press and the free exchange of information, and to promote friendship, harmony, and mutual welfare in both professional and social relations among foreign and Japanese journalists.

We will not be swayed by terrorism or threats.

Jake Adelstein had this comment: "There are better ways to express disagreement than threats of violence to reporters, the FCCJ and our hardworking staff. I hope the individual who was arrested gets counseling rather than just jail time."

We regretfully aren't able to say more at this time.

Thank you all for your support and concern.

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