

On the Day of Mourning, Broadcasters Should Adjust Their Programme Accordingly

Skopje, 14 February 2019 – The days of 14 and 15 February 2019 have been declared as National Days of Mourning, to honour the large number of casualties in yesterday's tragic traffic accident that took place on the Skopje-Tetovo highway.

The Agency for Audio and Audiovisual Media Services calls on the broadcasters to adjust their programme accordingly, meaning that the music they air shall belong to music genre appropriate for days of mourning. At the same time, the airing of entertainment shows, shows containing humour or feature films that belong to the genre of comedy, should be postponed until later and scheduled on other days of the week. If the already concluded contracts allow it, it is recommended not to air any advertising on these two days.

The public broadcasting service and the radio stations that have voluntarily registered a certain percentage of domestic music by ethnic Macedonian authors or authors of the other ethnic communities that they intend to air, shall be exempt from this obligation on 14 and 15 February.