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AN ARTICLE ABOUT TOURISM PROVOKE RELEGIOUS BASED ACCUSATIONS

DEFAMATORY AND RACIST COMPLAINT

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USPA NEWS - Regarding Freedom of Speech, we're facing issues on how far a journalist can go when writing an article. Is he/she free dealing with any subject without having any pressure on him/her ? Recently, with my colleague Yasmina BEDDOU, we were facing a similar situation without any ground for defamation.

You will find bellow, the answer I gaved by mail on July 26, 2015 to a Chairman of a big French Press Company who left with his complaint a general mail and general phone number. So, I contacted the communication department of that company stressing to pass to the person concerned...
Since, I had no news so anyone can judge by himself/herself if it was relevant for me to make a point out of such complaint.

The article was "PERE-LACHAISE PUBLIC CEMETERY HOME FOR LEGENDS & CELEBRITIES" (Topic = VIP)

From :
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After your complaint to United States Press Agency against ma colleague Yasmina BEDDOU and regarding the article "PERE-LACHAISE PUBLIC CEMETERY HOME FOR LEGENDS & CELEBRITIES" (copy enclosed), as her name seems to bother you and being her colleague who worked also on that article, I take over and now deal with you and your defamatory accusations (Your Complaint at the end of the mail as reference with shocking parts in bold).

We had to deal, just before you about this same article, with a "guide" making money out of tourists and seemed not wishing to see an article providing informations for them to enjoy freely and for FREE this glorious public place called Cemetery PERE-LACHAISE. So you are THE SECOND ONE and YOUR ACCUSATIONS NEED SERIOUS ANSWER FROM ME being attaked, as much as Yasmina BEDDOU, in my INTEGRITY & HONNEUR AS JOURNALIST.

The aim of the article was to promote a public place full of history, attracting millions of people from all over the world, by putting ahead some very famous celebrities buried there. It was obvious that we couldn't talk about anonymous. All religions are represented in that cemetery (Christianity, Judaïsm, Islam, Asian Religions, Atheists...). IT WASN'T THE PURPOSE AT ALL TALKING ABOUT RELIGIONS !

You INSIST BEING FRENCH and you speak a lot about FRANCE. Let me remind you that Yasmina BEDDOU is ALSO FRENCH which put things straight into reality (as you kept denying Americans and her this intelligence and capacity) and only give "FRENCH PEOPLE" this POWER. This is CLEARLY FALLING UNDER FRENCH LAW AS RACISM TOWARD Yasmina BEDDOU and the AMERICAN POPULATION AS A WHOLE. It is quite a luck for some people, that in FRANCE, ISLAMOPHOBIA is not recognized as FELONY.

I put IN BOLD in the copy of your complaint (end of mail) what I AM ASKING YOU TO GIVE ME AS VERY DETAILED EXPLANATIONS because it is violent, unfounded, subjective, emotionally driven, full of religious connotations, and definitely defamatory.

YOU SHOULD APOLOGIZE to the American Press Agency, I will go to MEDIA to give myself a DROIT DE REPONSE .You can

understand that noone as powerful as you are should get away with such LACK OF RESPECT, LACK OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH, LACK OF RESPECT OF FRENCH LAWS.

Mr xxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx complaint :
"Hello Mister Madam we are not happy with this propaganda article. and it is false this is fake and it appears like a copy of a flyer of propaganda against other religions in france and apology to racism and agains the other religions. your journaliste does not know the reality and how to prouve the facts with the sources and lectures.

it is your responsabilite of your journalistes because you are americans and you do not know the real reality and if you are a agency of presse you have to publish the reality but not the propaganda that we can find in a blog, ok but not an agency of press. merci merci thank you to protect the dignity of the french people who believe in god and respect the other religions and protect this respect in your next articles and not like this one"

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