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Salman Rushdie feels safe today

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USPA News - The British novelist Salman Rushdie feels safer today. "There was a time when it was really dangerous, but since about ten years it's not really dangerous any more", Rushdie said in an interview with Markus Lanz, broadcasted Thursday night on German television ZDF. His fourth novel, *The Satanic Verses* (1988), was the centre of a major controversy, provoking protests from Muslims in several countries, some violent.

Death threats were made against him, including a fatwā issued by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Supreme Leader of Iran, on 14 February 1989.

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