

ELECTIONS

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DATE: 22/02/2022

The Three Freedoms Platform will monitor and record all irregularities in public information and the election process on a daily basis, and send its reports to the international community and the interested public.

Activists Face Threats

Activists from Belgrade's settlements on the left bank of the Danube faced threats after announcing a protest over an unfulfilled promise by public officials to build a sewer in this part of the city. According to one of the citizens, before the protest announced for February 20, 2022, they received threats that were sent to them first by phone calls, then by lighting sirens in the Kotež settlement and bringing armored vehicles. Due to these threats, they were forced to officially cancel the rally. The mentioned part of Belgrade has a decades-long problem of lack of sewerage infrastructure, and after the floods that hit these settlements in 2019, the President of the Republic announced the construction of a sewerage system. However, construction has never begun, and the board containing the construction notice has been repainted.

N1 Journalist Attacked During Reporting

N1 TV journalist Milan Stojanovic was attacked while reporting from a location in Nis where workers of the Public Utility Company "Naisus" were digging a street where water had been springing for days. During the filming, the workers of this public company shouted at the journalist to stop filming, and then five employees of this company surrounded the journalist, entering his face, trying to remove him from the location. Stojanovic called the police, who first identified the journalist and the attackers, and then insisted that the journalist declare whether he had suffered a verbal attack, despite the journalists' insistence that they watch the video of the event. The Independent Journalists' Association of Serbia (NUNS) also reacted, stating that it is inadmissible for civil servants and employees in public companies to prevent journalists from filming, that the role of journalists is to report on events in the public interest and that it is high time the authorities will enable journalists to work unhindered.

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Radio Television Kragujevac Signed an Agreement on Representation Only with Parties in Power

Radio Television Kragujevac (RTK) signed an agreement on the representation of electoral actors only with parties that had deputies in the last convocation of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia. According to media reports, this agreement does not cover political actors who boycotted the last elections or those who did not pass the electoral threshold, and RTK referred to the Law on the Election of Deputies in a statement on this occasion. Lawyer Zlatko Milic stated that this framework violates the said law, and that this kind of agreement is needs to be signed with all participants in the election process.

