

ELECTIONS

UNDER THE MAGNIFYING GLASS

39

days
until the
elections



human
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violations

DATE: 23/02/2022

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.

The Supervisory Body for Media Monitoring Made Accusations Against BIRODI

After the Bureau for Social Research (BIRODI) called on the Regulatory Body for Electronic Media (REM) and the Interim Supervisory Body for Media Monitoring During the Election Campaign (PNT) to harmonize its monitoring methodology with the OSCE methodology, the PNT announced that BIRODI uses "double standards" and makes claims that are not substantiated by facts. After BIRODI in its initial statement referred to the media monitoring methodology during the election campaign used by the PNT, which it said did not meet the criteria for selecting a sample of media to be monitored from the OSCE Media Monitoring Manual, the PNT issued a statement in which it rejected the allegations of this organization.

They stated that their monitoring methodology was not criticized by relevant international institutions and organizations, that their sample selection was "completely legitimate and clear also to laymen", and that BIRODI took an "arrogant and hostile attitude" towards this body, as well as that media service providers should check the "factual situation" before publishing BIRODI's findings. **We remind that BIRODI has been exposed to pressure and attacks for years due to its work by media monitoring institutions, and that the mentioned qualifications at the expense of BIRODI are the last in a series of attacks that encourage further pressure on civil society organizations and narrows citizens' rights to freedom of association.**

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Civil Society Organizations Once Again Labeled as "Foreign Mercenaries"

The leader of the *Enough is Enough* political party, Sasa Radulovic, has repeatedly targeted civil society organizations in a series of posts on **Twitter**. Sharing the news about the handover of the electoral list for the upcoming elections, in which this party is running within the "Sovereignists" coalition, Radulovic said that "Serbia is not for sale to global corporations or various NGOs who, with the money of corporations and governments, want to sell themselves as someone who is against selling Serbia to those same corporations". He also stated that the slogan "Serbia is not for sale" is "not the slogan of NGOs financed by buyers of Serbia who enslave both Serbia and the entire region." **Such accusations encourage further attacks to which activists in Serbia are increasingly exposed and further narrow the space in which civil society organizations can, without interference, report on violations of basic human rights and freedoms.**

Death Threats to Journalist Nikola Krstic

The SafeJournalists network announced that on **February 22, 2022**, journalist **Nikola Krstic** was threatened with death on **Twitter**. The network states that Krstic received brutal threats and insults, which describe in detail the ways in which the attacker will deal with the journalist and dissidents. The threats followed after a series of announcements by Krstic and a debate that arose within them about the genocide in Srebrenica.

