

ELECTIONS

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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.

Dobrica Veselinovic Sued for Statements Made Against Police Member at Protest

Dobrica Veselinovic from the Let's Not Drown Belgrade movement was sued by the head of the police department in Sabac for statements he made to him during the protest in this city on November 27, 2021. The lawsuit alleges that the police officer suffered "non-material damage", that is damage to his honor and reputation, due to statements made by Veselinovic at the protest, and as stated by the Movement, after the order was issued to withdraw the police from the protest site. We remind that after the police withdrew from the blockade of the bridge in Sabac, an excavator started headed towards the gathered, followed by a group of men armed with hammers and wooden poles, who physically attacked the gathered citizens. Given that this lawsuit comes at the time of the election campaign, and having in mind current processes against the movement led by the Millenium Team company which is building the "Belgrade Waterfront" project, the movement states that they also see this new process as intimidation.



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Vranje Theater Rejected Opposition's Request to Rent Space for the Pre-Election Rally

The opposition list of the United Opposition Vranje announced that the "Bora Stankovic" Theater in this city rejected the request to rent a hall to this list for their pre-election convention. The Theater rejected the request, stating that there are no free dates that it could offer for the organization of the event due to the rehearsals for the upcoming play, however, the opposition statement casts doubt on these claims. The Vice President of the board of the opposition Democratic Party in this city, Nela Dimitrijevic, states that it is not possible that there are no free dates and that rehearsals are held 24 hours a day, and that the hall was previously rented to other entities for various types of events. The United Opposition states that there is a political background behind the case and they called on the Theater to reconsider its decision. The Danas portal, which wrote about this case, asked the director of this institution, Nenad Jovic, for a comment, but they did not receive an answer.

Opposition List Leader in Secanj Arrested

Opposition politician Vukasin Bacina from Secanj, near Zrenjanin, was arrested on charges of buying votes in this municipality. According to a statement from the Ministry of the Interior, Bacina was arrested on suspicion that he offered a bribe in February 2022 in order to gain support for his list in the upcoming elections. According to information obtained by the media, this opposition list has been under attack by the ruling Serbian Progressive Party since the local elections were called, so they were accused of buying signatures of support for their list. It is added that the opposition in this municipality has been under attack since the SNS lost the elections for several local community bodies, and the last attack happened immediately after the expected proclamation of this opposition list in the Municipal Election Commission, when the president of the local parliament, previously appointed as the coordinator of the SNS in this municipality, came to the building of the election commission and obstructed its work.

