

# ELECTIONS

## UNDER THE MAGNIFYING GLASS

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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.*

### **The director of the "Kreni-promeni" campaign cites difficulties in the process of collecting signatures**

Savo Manojlovic, director of the "Kreni-promeni" campaign, said on his Twitter account that Branimir Radovanovic, acting head of the Novi Sad City Administration for General Affairs, was obstructing the process of collecting signatures for the people's initiative for a permanent ban on lithium and boron mining in Serbia. According to him, Radovanovic first pressured the city administration's verifiers to withdraw "in order to collect signatures for political parties", and in a subsequent announcement he stated that Radovanovic claims that "he decides when and where the verifications will happen" and that he will punish employees who approved the collection of signatures. The "Kreni-promeni" campaign is currently collecting signatures for a people's initiative demanding a permanent ban on mining of lithium and boron ore on the territory of Serbia, and 30,000 signatures of support are needed for the proposal to enter the procedure in the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia.

### **Death threats to a journalist from Zajecar**

Journalist Miljko Stojanovic, a correspondent for the daily newspaper Danas in Zajecar, received death threats after publishing an interview with a person who fled the war in Ukraine. It is stated that the journalist was threatened to delete the mentioned text, otherwise "the police can only come to list him", and the person from Ukraine was commented as being a "Nazi" and that he "supports NATO, Operation "Storm" and other actions directed against Serbia". According to Danas, the Zajecar police identified the person who threatened, and the Prosecutor's Office did not respond about this case at the moment the news about this case was published.

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### **Employee in a public company under pressure due to political engagement**

**Biljana Puresevic, a candidate for the coalition of the Movement of Free Citizens - People's Party in Smederevska Palanka and an employee of the Public Utility Company Vodovod Smederevska Palanka, stated that she was exposed to pressure and blackmail at work due to her political engagement.** According to Puresevic, after she was sent by the company for training in the field of work safety, after which she was supposed to be appointed as the person responsible for this area, the director of this company Srdjan Boric told her that he was forbidden to appoint her to that position and demanded that she withdraw from politics. Boric denied these claims, stating that first "the systematization must be done, that the decision must be adopted by the Municipal Assembly, and only then can she be appointed to that position." Boric also stated that this will happen after the constitution of the new local assembly after the elections on April 3, 2022. However, Puresevic states that the local parliament is not in charge of appointing her, but the director of the company, and that the mentioned systematization of jobs has already been passed. She also stated that she was blackmailed into withdrawing from the candidate list and that she has the lowest possible personal income since the arrival of the current director in the company, as well as that the problems she is facing start right from his arrival. She states that the director of the company is influenced by the vice president of the Executive Board of the SNS, who is in charge of Smederevska Palanka, Branko Malovic.

### **Suspicion of irregular voter registration**

**Political scientist Boban Stojanovic expressed doubts about the regularity of the election process, citing the example of a citizen who was registered in the voter list in Belgrade.** On his Twitter account, Stojanovic published the decision of the City Administration of Belgrade, stating that the act does not contain important data about the citizen, that is, the place of birth, his ID number and the place of its issuance. Stojanovic added that more people reported that a similar act had arrived at their home address, and called on the Office of the Commissioner for Information of Public Importance to verify these allegations. In response to Stojanovic's announcement, the Minister of State Administration and Local Self-Government also spoke out, telling Stojanovic that he was "uninformed and malicious", that he was "publishing unverified information" and that he was "not serious". The statement of the Ministry that was attached to this announcement rejects the suspicions of irregularities. It is stated that the data on the ID card were missing because the decision was not made on the basis of the request of the person, when these data are entered. It is also stated that the data on the place of birth was omitted because it was not entered before the establishment of the unified voter list, so it may be missing in some cases of voters.

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