

# ELECTIONS UNDER THE MAGNIFYING GLASS

**11** days  
until the  
elections



**DATE: 22-23/03/2022**

*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.*

## **Opposition activist victim of persecution**

The Democratic Party announced that their member from Backo Gradiste, **Vladimir Jovanovic**, is a victim of political persecution by the Serbian Progressive Party (SNS). The statement says that Jovanovic was convicted before the Basic Court in Becej on the basis of 17 criminal lawsuits filed against him by local SNS officials, after Jovanovic assessed the manner of choosing the holders of municipal authority within a closed Facebook group. Miodrag Gavrilovic, vice president of the Democratic Party, said that this case was "another proof that in today's Serbia the law is not the same for everyone" and reminded that "President of Serbia and SNS Aleksandar Vucic publicly, without any consequences, called his political opponents and the whole nation scums, idlers, lazy people and liars", and on the contrary, Jovanovic was convicted for commenting in a closed group.

## **Preschool employees asked to attend a rally of the ruling party**

The deputy president of the opposition Democratic Party, **Dragana Rakic**, stated that the educators and auxiliary workers of a preschool institution in Vrsac were forced to attend the opening of a road, attended by the President of the Republic Vucic. According to her, this road was already opened to traffic a few months ago, but it will be officially opened again in the presence of the President of Serbia. She states that she received this information directly from the employees of this institution, who said that they refused to go to this gathering. Rakic also said that "all public companies will be closed at 12 o'clock, in order for employees to go to the rally in Opovo in an organized manner, where the president of the SNS and Serbia will speak" and that "anyone who refuses to get on the bus can expect to be fired".

