

ELECTIONS

UNDER THE MAGNIFYING GLASS

9 days
until the
elections

76 human
rights
violations

DATE: 24-25/03/2022

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.

The Serbian Progressive Party forcing employees in public institutions to support its rally

Employees of public institutions in the city of Kraljevo received invitations from their superiors to attend a rally of the ruling Serbian Progressive Party in that city on March 24, 2022, to mark the anniversary of NATO's intervention in Yugoslavia. The interlocutor of the Nova.rs portal stated that "safe visitors for the rally" were invited and that they were called several times a day, every day. This portal, among other things, published an official notice of the General Hospital in Kraljevo from March 22, 2022, signed by the acting director of this institution Zoran Mrvic, in which "interested health workers" were invited to gather at 7 pm that day to "go to the square where they will greet the President of the Republic Aleksandar Vucic", noting that "the gathering is non-partisan". The interlocutor believes that the reason for Vucic's arrival is unrelated to the anniversary, but to the split within the party in this city, which causes a problem related to the growing dissatisfaction with the local SNS membership.

The Ministry of the Interior is putting pressure on environmental activists

The Ministry of Internal Affairs in Cacak put pressure on environmental activists and residents of the surrounding villages after the announcement of protests and roadblocks on March 26, 2022. As it was announced from the group "Ne damo dedovinu", Milos Nikolic and Milojko Cosic, who announced this protest, were summoned by the Cacak police, where they were threatened with criminal charges if they held the rally. The group said it would hold the rally despite pressure. Residents of the surrounding villages in Cacak are protesting the impossibility to receive proper payment for the property that was taken away from them in the expropriation procedure for the construction of a new highway.

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The Municipality of New Belgrade announced that it did not verify the signatures of one minority list

After the inquiry of the Republic Election Commission (RIK), the City Municipality of New Belgrade announced that it had never verified any statement of support for the minority list "Russian Minority Council - Milena Pavlovic, Pavle Bihali Gavrin", and that Ivan Maric, mentioned in statements of support as an authorized verifier, never even worked in in the Municipality. The statement said that the stamp used for the verification process, which is on one of the statements submitted by the RIK to the Municipality, has not been in use since 2005, and which was destroyed in August 2009. They also stated that the subject number of the statement under which it was filed does not exist in the verification books. On this case, it was announced that the City Municipality of New Belgrade will file criminal charges due to the falsification of the seal of this municipality and because the municipality has nothing to do with the verification of the submitted statement. The Centre for Research, Transparency and Accountability (CRTA) also reacted on this occasion, calling on the prosecuting authorities to launch an investigation urgently. They reminded that during the election process in 2016, about 15,000 statements of voter support for 7 submitted electoral lists were falsified and that no case had a court epilogue.

Opposition politician attacked during election campaign

Opposition politician of the Serbian Radical Party, Nemanja Sarovic, was attacked in the center of Belgrade during pre-election activities, by the director of the "Belgrade Dance Festival" and Serbian Progressive Party Belgrade City Councilor Aja Jung and several people who came with her. As can be seen in the video of the event, the group around Aja Jung first verbally clashed with Sarovic, and then one person tried to steal the phone from the person who filmed the event, another person physically attacked Sarovic, and then Jung hit the cameraman on the phone, and walked away from the scene. On a series of posters, Nemanja Sarovic showed Aja Jung and the income that the "Belgrade Dance Festival" has received for the past four years.