

ELECTIONS UNDER THE MAGNIFYING GLASS

5 days
until the
elections



80 human
rights
violations

DATE: 26-29/03/2022

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.

Freedom and Justice Party activists attacked

Activists of the Party of Freedom and Justice (SSP) were verbally and physically attacked by activists of the Serbian Progressive Party (SNS) during the pre-election campaign in Bolec on March 27, 2022. According to media, after the president of this party, Dragan Djilas, left the promotion, SNS activists approached the SSP stand, asking for the music that was played to be turned off, and then physically attacked the activists of this party. As a result of this incident, one SSP activist suffered bodily injuries. The president of the City Municipality of Grocka, Dragan Pantelic, also attended this incident, who only after the incident called on the citizens to calm down but accused the SSP of provocations. The same was done by the Prime Minister Ana Brnabic, who spoke about "provocations of the supporters of the leader of the Party of Freedom and Justice Dragan Djilas". Later that day, the SSP announced that the president of their municipal board in Grocka, Zeljko Vagic, had been detained for "alleged attack" on an SNS activist. In addition to this, the opposition SSP reported on other attacks that took place that day.

One of those attacks took place in the Belgrade municipality of Vozdovac, when a cameraman who recorded a conversation between SNS and SSP activists was attacked. This party also reported attacks outside the promotional stands, stating that one attack took place in Smederevska Palanka when a member of the SNS attacked the mother of the president of the SSP executive board.

A member of the board of the People's Party from Leskovac was attacked

Nenad Krstic, a member of the city board of the People's Party in Leskovac, was attacked in the evening of March 26, 2022 in Grdelica. According to the statement of this party, Krstic was physically attacked by a man who is claimed to be an activist of the Serbian Progressive Party, who threatened him and members of his family on that occasion. The People's Party states that the attack was of a political nature, that the case was reported to the police, and that Krstic had to be hospitalized as a result of the attack.



DATE: 24-25/03/2022

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.