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MANS Investigative Centre obtained documentation that shows that the Government of Montenegro does not keep adequate records of flights of the state aircraft. Namely, data on the use of the Government aircraft, who used it and to which destinations it travelled, are destroyed after only three months, it is confirmed by the Secretariat-General of the Government in explanation regarding MANS' request for access to copies of documents containing information on the use of the aircraft. The request was sent by MANS in order to inform the public where and for whose needs the state aircraft is used, as well as in what way hundreds of Euros are spent from the state budget every year on flights and maintenance of the aircraft. 09/05/2019

Based on an initiative submitted by MANS at the end of 2018, the Constitutional Court of Montenegro initiated a procedure for assessing the constitutionality and legality of the Rulebook on the Anonymization of Data in Court Decisions, which was adopted eight years ago by the President of the Supreme Court, on the basis of which numerous data, even from the cases of organized crime and corruption, were hidden from the public. It is indisputable that the Rulebook is contrary to the Constitution and the European Convention on Human Rights. 09/05/2019

MANS conducted an analysis of capacities of the Agency for Personal Data Protection and Free Access to Information (APDP), which showed that there are numerous issues in the work of this institution. Fulfilment of the obligations prescribed by the Law on Free Access to Information, inadequate staff structure and insufficient informing of the members of the Council on the cases they are deciding are among key challenges APDP is facing. In addition to mapped issues, the analysis also contains recommendations to improve the situation, given the importance of the Agency in the process of free access to information. 11/05/2019

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The President of the Commercial Court of Montenegro rejected a complaint by NGO MANS demanding that measures be taken against Žarko Ostojić, the insolvency practitioner of the salt works Solana Bajo Sekulić, all because of his attempt to sell the state land that was used by the company from Ulcinj. Due to the suspicion that he was abusing his official position by such procedure and non-performing of his duty, MANS filed a criminal complaint against the President of the Commercial Court. 13/05/2019

MANS Investigative Centre obtained documentation that shows that a month-long dispute of the Municipality of Budva before the Administrative Court regarding the construction of two high-rise buildings in the very heart of Budva could soon be completed. Namely, the President of the Municipality of Budva signed a donation protocol with the company "Mia Investment", which is the investor in the project, according to which, if it withdraws from the lawsuit, Budva will in turn receive built and well-equipped kindergarten from this company. Read the complete investigative story with relevant documentation on the link: http://www.mans.co.me/donacijomkupljena-dozvola-za-dva-solitera-u-srcu-budve/#prettyPhoto 16/05/2019

MANS submitted a request for free access to information to the Property Directorate for copies of all contracts on buying of apartments under favourable conditions (purchase) for the period from 2008 to 2019, bearing in mind that this is information of undisputed public interest which this institution should have published itself. On the contrary, the Administration decided to hide from the public how much money was given for apartments and resolving housing issues of Montenegrin public officials by rejecting the request and marking this information with the degree of secrecy "internal". 16/05/2019

Following the signing of the fifth annex to the contract on the design and construction of the priority section of the Bar-Boljare highway for alleged "subsequent works", MANS urged the Government of Montenegro to publish the main project of this investment in order to make the public aware for what \in 809 million was paid for the construction of the Smokovac-Mateševo section. The said annex refers to a permanent supply of electricity in the amount of \in 4.83 million, while only a few weeks earlier, the fourth annex was adopted defining that the citizens will provide an additional \in 14.2 million for water supply. 24/05/2019

The Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector, within the project "Improving of parliamentary monitoring and accountability in Montenegro" supported by the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF), published Third semi-annual report on the activities of the Parliament of Montenegro. In this reporting period, from November 1, 2018, to April 30, 2019, the Parliament worked less intensely, and the members of the opposition, 11 of them, continue to boycott the work of the Parliament. 11 sittings were held to discuss 99 laws and other acts. Read more on the report at: http://www.mans.co.me/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/3PolugodisnjilzvjestajSkupstinaCG.pdf 27/05/2019

NGOs, including MANS, strongly urge all relevant state institutions to take steps without delay to identify the extent of the Tara River devastation caused by the construction of the highway, and implement the recommendations of the European Commission and the European Parliament. According to MANS, in the latest Progress Report on Montenegro, the European Commission sent a message to the Montenegrin Government in the process of accession to the European Union that the Tara river must be protected from possible negative impacts, while at the same time pointing to the need to increase transparency during construction of infrastructure facilities. 31/05/2019

Along with 10 NGOs, MANS supported a letter sent to the Judicial Council of Montenegro regarding decision-making on applications of a candidate for election to the office of the President of the Supreme Court and candidates for election to the office of presidents of the Basic Courts in Podgorica, Bar, Plav, Rožaje and Kotor. The applicants were at least twice elected to the office of the president of courts which they are currently chairing. Bearing this in mind, and based on the professional and human dignity and integrity of the members of the Council, we are asking them to oppose the ambitions of the candidates of the presidents of the courts to continue to unlawfully chair the courts, which they have done for at least ten years. 31/05/2019

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