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Following a request by MANS to review the decision on public parking lots, the Constitutional Court of Montenegro overturned the decision. Namely, the Constitutional Court confirmed that the Capital City was illegally charging parking, i.e. that this decision of the Assembly of the Capital City of Podgorica from April 2015 was not based on the Law on Regulators of Public Utilities/Services, which was amended in February 2018. The above points to the fact that charging of parking was illegal for almost two years.

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MANS expressed concern about the increasing pressure by the State Prosecutor's Office on free speech in Montenegro and condemned the apparent intention to censor Montenegrin society in the most brutal way. Namely, disagreement with the editorial policy of the media or their unprofessional reporting should not be a reason for a drastic violation of the freedom of speech, because in this way the State Prosecutor's Office would become the supreme censor in Montenegro.

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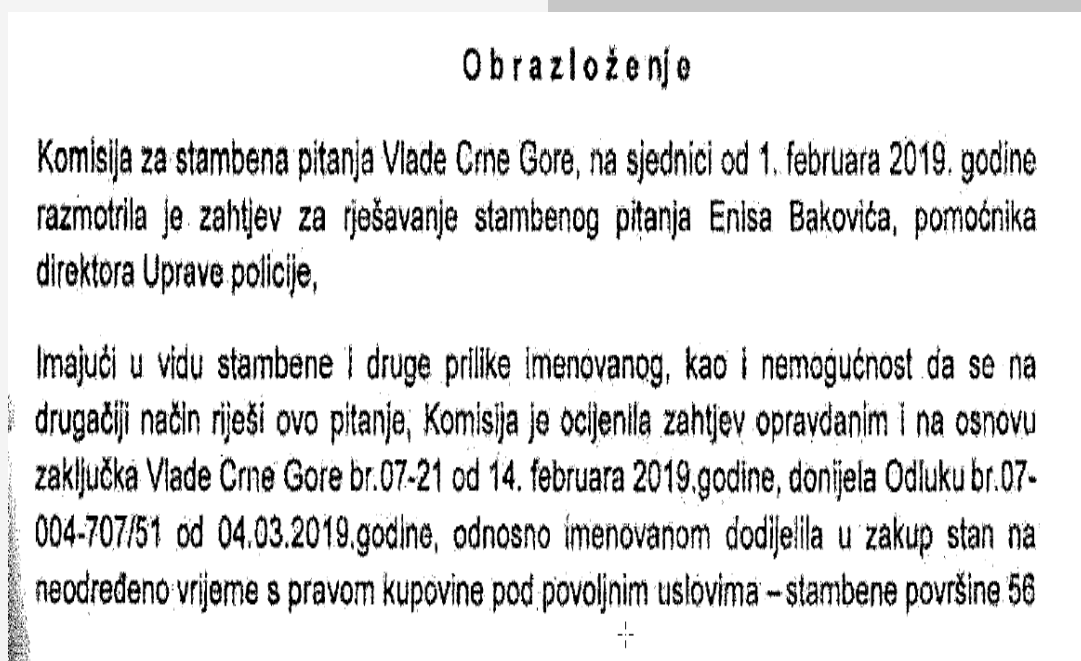


Documentation obtained by the MANS Investigative Centre shows in what way the Assistant Director of the Police Directorate purchased a cottage worth 15 thousand Euros and gave money that was never reported to the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC).

You can find more detailed information in the story: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/how-did-the-assistant-director-of-the-police-directorate-buy-a-cottage-worth-e15000/> Bearing in mind false information in its income and property statement, MANS provided documentation to APC for multiple and apparent violations of the Law on Prevention of Corruption.

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MANS Investigative Centre also reveals that, thanks to a decision by the Government of Montenegro, Assistant Director of the Police Directorate for Criminal Police Sector, **Enis Baković**, purchased a flat of 56 m² for only €6.000. The document disclosed by MANS states that the Commission took into account "housing and other circumstances" of this police officer, but it is unclear whether this relates to the purchase of an expensive "Rolex" watch and the purchase of a vacation home in Žabljak.

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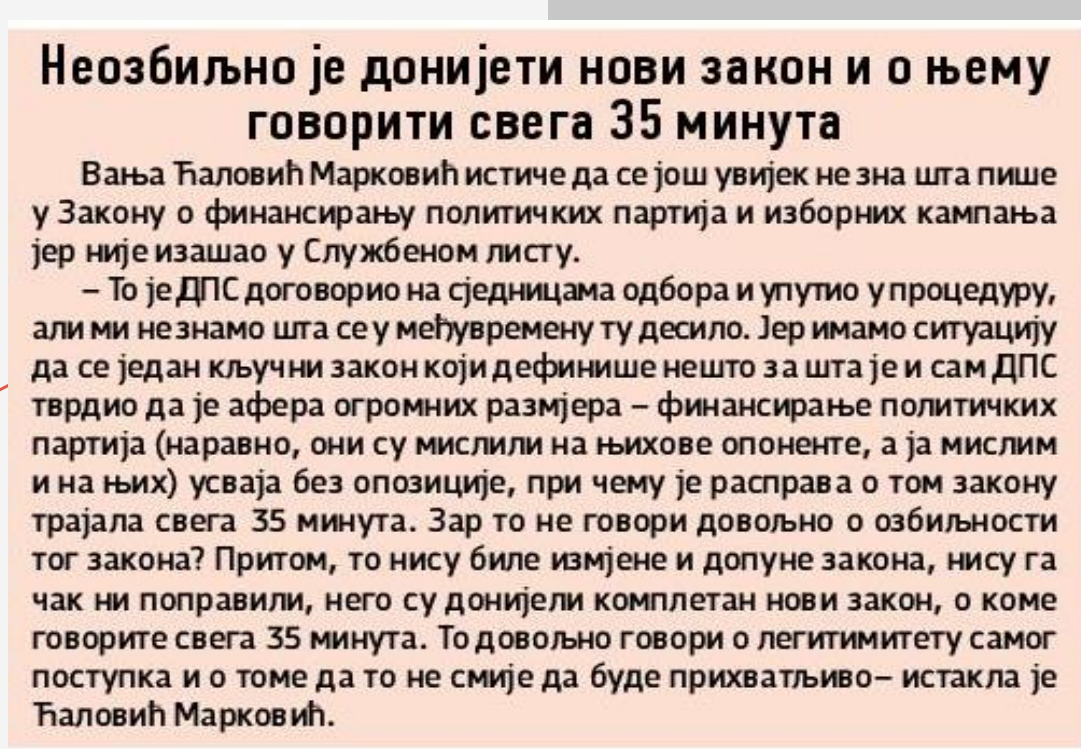
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Together with a group of NGOs, NGO MANS submitted an initiative to adopt a by-law regarding the establishment and implementation of continuous monitoring of environmentally friendly flow downstream of the reservoir or water intake. The group of NGOs expects to receive the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and to recognize the importance of preserving the rivers in Montenegro, which represent the bloodstream of Montenegro and are the basis for providing the most vital necessities and wellbeing of the local population.

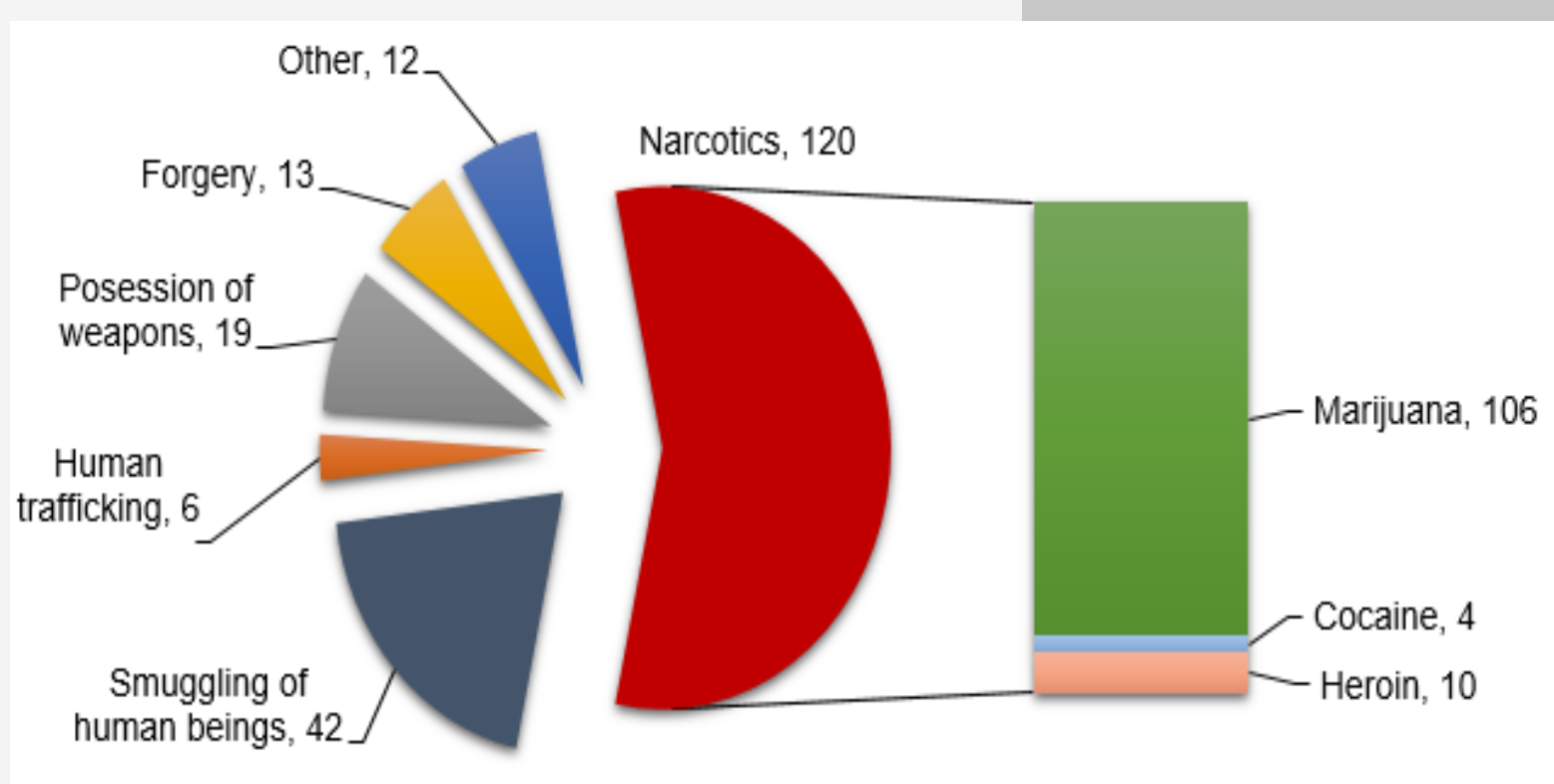
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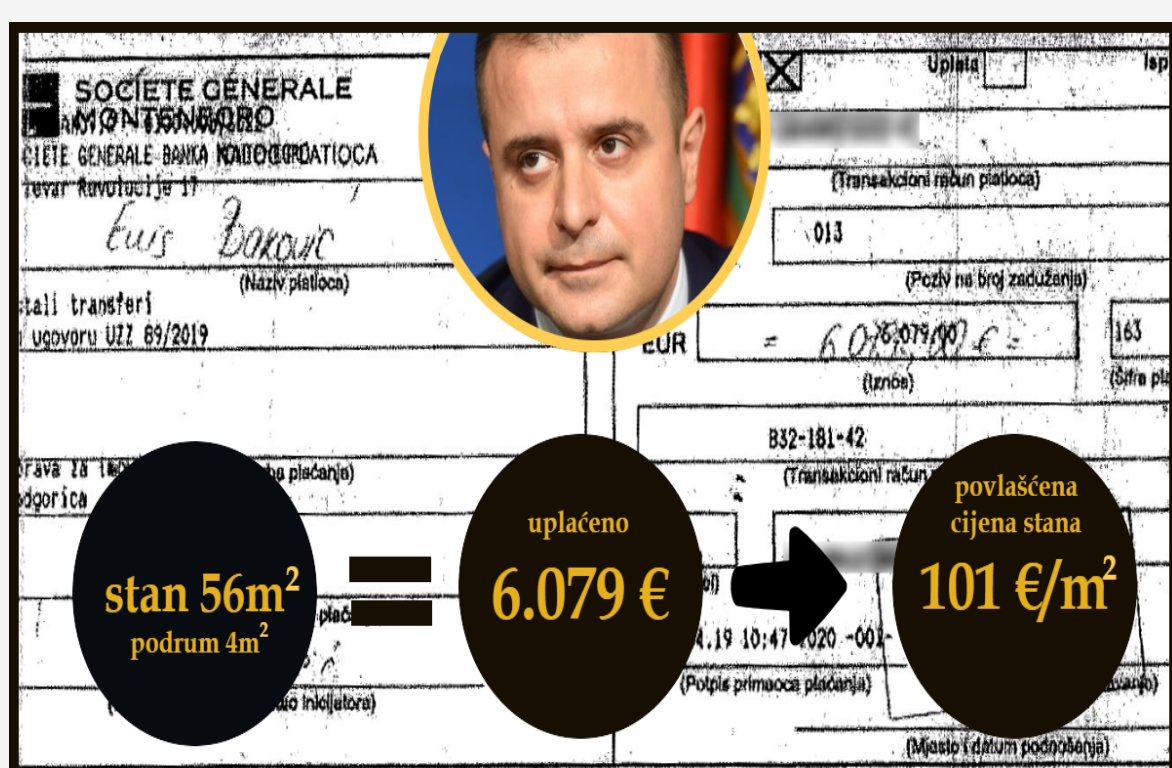
Executive Director of the Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector (MANS) Vanja Čalović Marković said in an interview with "Dan" that it was unacceptable for the government to amend electoral laws on its own and set electoral rules for itself. According to her, if there is no agreement on electoral rules, there will be no new elections under old rules, but new elections under new rules, which have never been worse in terms of legitimacy of the legal framework. Read the full interview at: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/it-is-unacceptable-for-the-government-to-amend-electoral-laws-on-its-own/>

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More information on the results of the judiciary in the fight against organized crime in Montenegro, analysis of the legal framework, statistics and final court verdict issued from 2013 to the end of 2018, in relation to a specific crime, through thirty case studies containing an analysis of the work of Special Prosecutors, as well as the practice of the first and second instance courts, can be found in the recently published MANS' publication: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/BEHIND-THE-STATISTICS-5-criminal-offenses-with-elements-of-organized-crime.pdf>

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