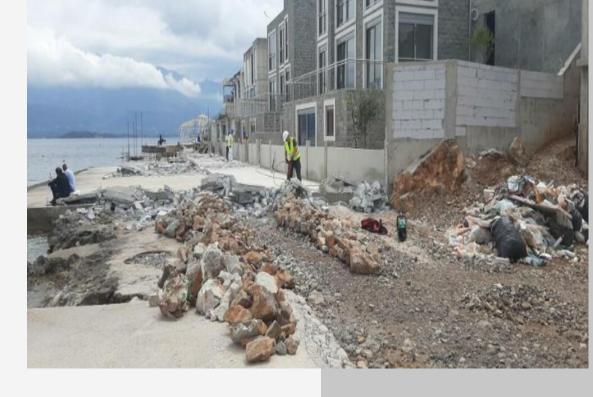


## JUNE in MANS















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Through numerous previous investigations, NGO MANS has pointed to a school example of employing in public companies and bringing cash into legal channels through donations to political parties. It is during investigation of DPS' donations for 2016 parliamentary elections that MANS concluded that it was quite obvious that there was a very well-developed scheme through which DPS deposits money into its accounts, under the pretext that these are donations. You can read the interview of CIN-CG with the director of the MANS Investigative Centre on this topic at the following web address: http://www.mans.co.me/donacije-partijama-kao-razradena-sema-za-unosgotovine/

Documentation obtained by the MANS Investigative Centre shows that the Property Administration, under the pretext of the epidemiological situation, concluded an Emergency Procurement Contract signed only a day after the decision to initiate the procurement was made. In the decision to initiate the procurement, apart from referring to the coronavirus situation, there is no detailed explanation why such valuable procurement of the equipment of the Clinical Centre is carried out by urgent procedure without a delivery deadline. You can read how the contract worth €300,000 was awarded to the company "Pro Horeca" from Podgorica, owned by the son of the former Supreme State Prosecutor and current member of the Prosecutorial Council Ranka Čarapić, at: ↑ http://www.mans.co.me/hitna-nabavka-bez-roka-isporuke-kako-je-ugovor-vrijedan-300-000-eura-zavrsio-u-rukama-sina-ranke-carapic/

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Two months after MANS filed the criminal complaint, illegal walls of the son of the President of the Supreme Court and his business partner on the route of the public promenade in Krašići near Tivat were torn down. MANS Investigative Centre, which initiated the whole case a few months ago, points out that it is good to see that the state and its institutions at least sometimes do their job. "However, the illegally built walls from the promenade in Krašići should have been torn down two months ago when the disputed construction took place. The Ministry must send a message that we are all equal before the law, which will reduce the space for suspicion that someone can be exempted from the consequences of his acting only because he is a relative of a public official."

MANS points out that political corruption is unpunished and deeply rooted in the system, as evidenced by numerous scandals and almost no results of the State Prosecutor's Office and other competent institutions in their resolving. "As such, it is no longer an anomaly, but a rule by which the most important processes in the state happen." This is especially disastrous when it comes to the election process in which it is decided who will manage state resources, pass laws, or create social and economic policies in the coming period. You can read the complete interview of the Deputy Executive Director of the NGO MANS at the following web address: https://www.vijesti.me/vijesti/politika/44835/tuzilastvo-zmuri-kad-dps-nadje-glas-za-spas

Commenting on the latest developments in Budva which represent the stripped, brutal violence of the party police against the citizens of Montenegro, MANS points out that selective justice is the worst justice and that they will continue to report any violation of the law, without political calculations, because no one should be untouchable. The latest footage, which shows police officers kicking and beating already helpless and tied citizens, is appalling evidence of the brutal political abuse of captured institutions. The Special State Prosecutor's Office which keeps all MANS' criminal charges against the top regime officials in a drawer and initiates proceedings only under political dictation, got involved in the political showdown. Repression is always a sign that dictatorial regimes are losing power, and the more they stifle civil freedoms and trample on laws, the more certain changes are. That happened everywhere, and it is going to happen in Montenegro as well. 25/06/2020

Special State Prosecutor's Office does not see the crime of the top government officials, but instead, it expressly prosecutes representatives of the opposition with meaningless accusations, at key political moments. It thus creates the practice that any critic of the regime can be suspected of criminal association for trivial reasons, arrested and removed from the public life at a time that suits the regime. NGO MANS believes that the Special State Prosecutor's Office, together with the police, is the regime's spearhead, which does not hesitate to abuse its powers to pursue the interests of the ruling party, and it is becoming a threat to exercising basic human rights to freedom of speech, expression and political action.

According to MANS, no verdict for publicly expressed criticism of the situation in our country can restore the reputation of Montenegro where the years-long bloody war of cocaine criminal clans continues, which represent an immediate danger to the life of every citizen of this country. Numerous seizures of cocaine and heroin in ports around the world, which are organized by exactly those persons who Montenegrin judicial authorities have not been able to prosecute for years, even for traffic violation, show that "our dear homeland is famous for drugs". Such shameful act of the Montenegrin judiciary requires the condemnation of the entire society, because we must not allow those who have never brought the heads of organized crime to justice to punish those who criticize them for that.

By participating in the opening of a workshop on the role of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption (APC) in controlling election campaigns, the executive director of the NGO MANS pointed out that the election campaign was entered into with the Agency which is a "whip of the ruling party" and does not act in accordance with the law, but selectively and biased, and therefore there is no need to build its capacities, which imply bigger and stronger strikes against critics of the regime. "There is evidence that APC works in the interest of the ruling party and it is not the first time that an institution is abused by the ruling party to deal with opponents or to ensure loyalty in its ranks." You can read conclusions from the workshop on methodologies for election monitoring developed through the project of the Council of Europe and the European Union at the following web address:

https://www.dan.co.me/?nivo=3&rubrika=Drustvo&datum=2020-06-30&clanak=750085



