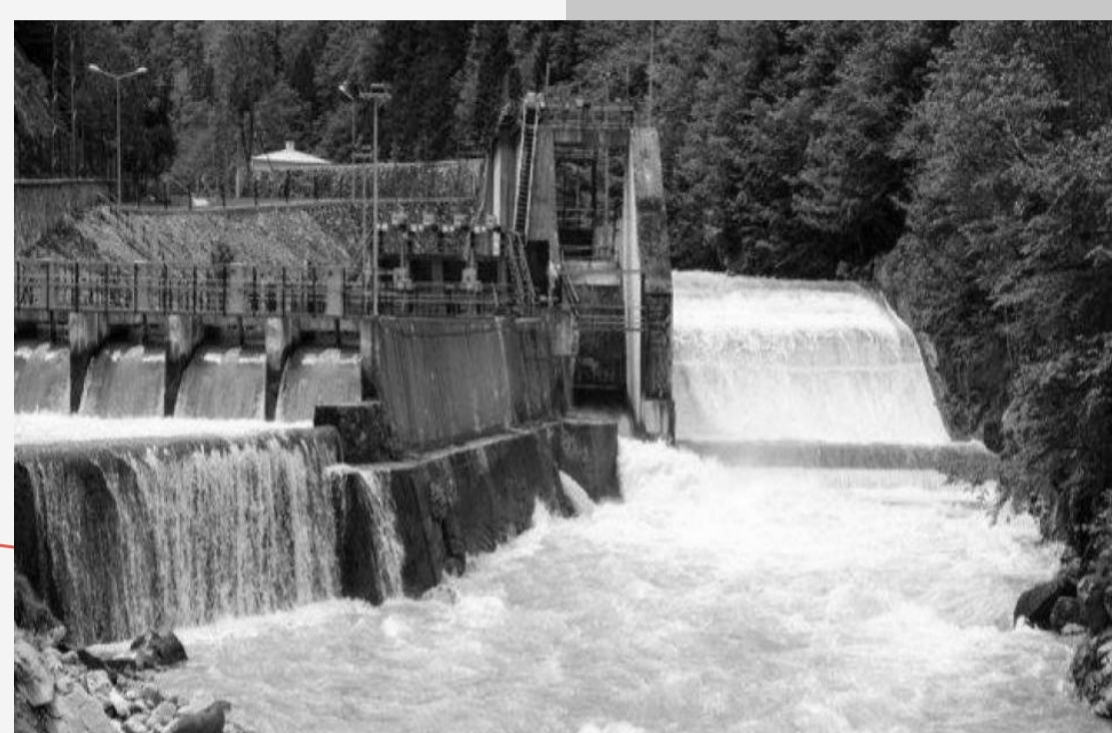


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**A year long investigation conducted in cooperation with Serbian KRIK and TV Vijesti journalists is finally here for you to read. We are bringing so far unpublished videos, pictures and testimonies of protected witnesses, shading new light on ties between criminals and politicians and state officials. This investigative story is so far most comprehensive research on war between Montenegrin cocaine clans that divided Balkan criminal underground. The full investigative story with all the details can be found at the link: <http://www.mans.co.me/en/bad-blood-a-war-between-montenegrin-cocaine-clans-engulfs-the-balkans/> 05/05/2020**

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Previous investigations by MANS have shown that the business with small hydropower plants has mostly gathered a circle of people **associated with the ruling party and the current president**, and that everything that has been done so far on the legal framework in this area has been in favour of their owners, to the detriment of public interest. There is no doubt that with **the new amendments to the Energy Law** that are currently at public discussion, the Government of Montenegro plans to continue helping owners of the small hydropower plants even after the national targets on the share of so-called "green energy" in total consumption at the state level are met. 09/05/2020

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The Supreme State Prosecutor's Office **rejected MANS' complaint** against the decision of the Special Prosecutor Veljko Rutović to **reject criminal charges filed by MANS against the President of the state, Milo Đukanović**, on suspicion that he had used the government aircraft for private purposes on the way to Paris. The letter from the Supreme State Prosecutor's Office, signed by the state prosecutor Veselin Vučković, states that the Special State Prosecutor's Office **"acted in accordance with its legal powers and, after checking the report, issued a reasoned decision in the inquest rejecting the criminal charges"**. 11/05/2020

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We call on the Minister to disclose all information on negotiations and explain to the public when he will submit claims for damages to the Chinese company CRBC. **The statement by the Minister of Transport that the Government will not approve additional payments for the construction of the highway is a transparent attempt of the strawman argument. The government must and is obliged to demand compensation for the destruction of the Tara River from that company, as well as funds for remediation of the area, which is under international protection.** MANS has previously called the Government to make public all information about the negotiations with the Chinese company CRBC, which could reflect on the postponement of the completion of the construction of the highway and possible additional costs. 13/05/2020

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MANS called on the Special State Prosecutor's Office (SSPO) to fully prosecute the **President of the Parliament, Ivan Brajović**, without delay, stating that any further stalling in this investigation is not in the interest of Montenegrin citizens and contributes to further deterioration of trust in state institutions. SSPO has in its possession the evidence necessary for the current President of the Parliament, Ivan Brajović, to be fully prosecuted on suspicion of having committed several serious criminal offences, while transparent and efficient investigation, bearing in mind Brajović's office, represents an indisputable public interest. 14/05/2020

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Within a project supported by the European Union MANS presented new **mobile app "Ask the institutions"** by which all interested citizens can quickly and easily submit a request for free access to information, without going to state institutions. The app aims to help citizens exercise their legally and constitutionally guaranteed right to timely and accurate information. At the same time, users will be provided with the support of MANS, which will take all lawfully prescribed legal steps to ensure that the information is provided by the institution. **The app for Android smartphones can be downloaded from the Google Play Store at the following link: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=me.co.mans.pitajte\\_institucije](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=me.co.mans.pitajte_institucije)** 15/05/2020

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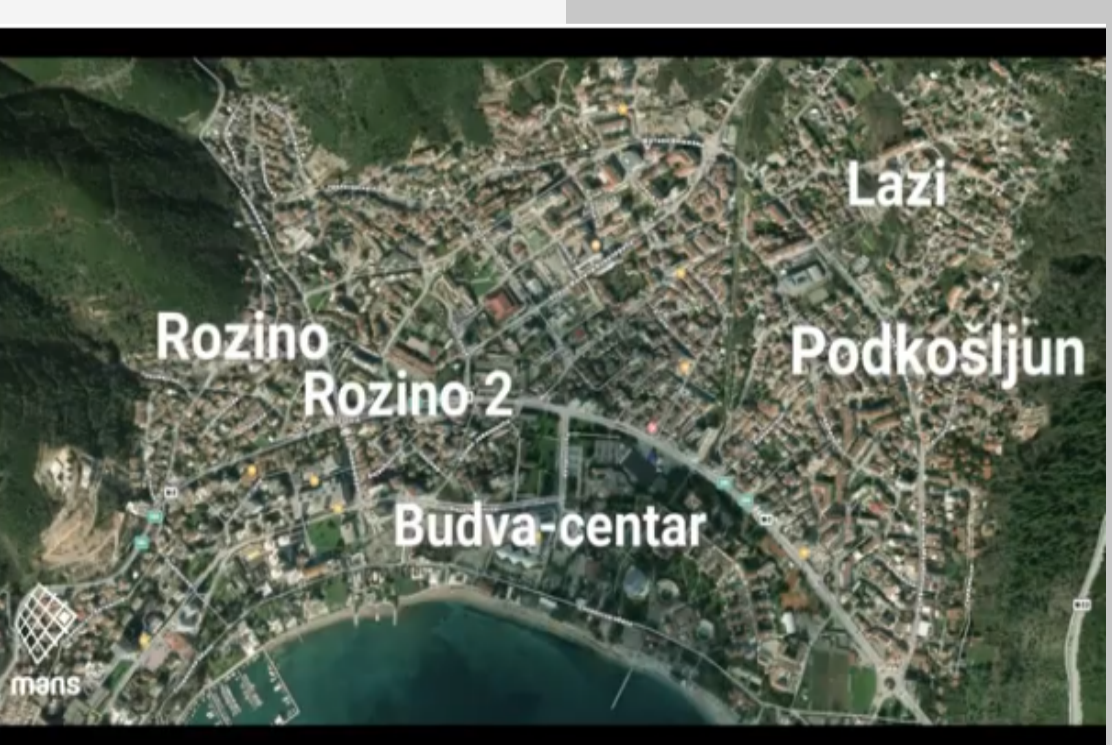
In the latest story, MANS Investigative Centre reveals data on how the Property Administration, although more than a decade late in establishing a system of records of the state-owned property, is procuring new business premises for state bodies. In the last four years alone, the Property Administration has spent around €9.5 million on the purchase of real estate and the lease of business premises owned by people associated to **the ruling Democratic Party of Socialists (DPS) and its boss**. You can read full investigative story with all the details and documentation in support of the investigation at the link below: <http://www.mans.co.me/uprava-za-imovinu-kupuje-nove-nekretnine-evidencija-postojece-kasni-vise-od-deceniju/> 18/05/2020

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The decision of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism (MSDT) to reject the request for free access to information submitted by MANS regarding the actions of the Construction and Urban Inspection in case of **illegal construction on state land** in front of facilities **owned by Miloš Medenica, son of the Supreme Court President Vesna Medenica**, undermines the already low trust of citizens in this institution. Although the construction site was allegedly closed by the decision of MSDT, this is not the case in practice since workers are still on the site performing internal works, while it is not possible to obtain more information on what the inspection found, what measures were imposed, and whether investors will bear any consequences. 19/05/2020

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The documentation obtained by the MANS Investigative Centre shows that **the President of the Municipality of Budva, Marko Carević**, has been using Podgorica-based company "Asfalt-beton gradnja" for a long time in order to participate in tenders announced by the Municipality of Budva as a covert subcontractor. In that way, Carević has concluded as many as 11 contracts with this company since the beginning of his term of office, worth €1 900 000. **Details of the investigative story with full documentation and videos can be found at the link: <http://www.mans.co.me/asfalt-sa-mirisom-korupcije-kako-je-budvanski-predsjednik-opstine-zaradivao-od-gradskih-tendera/>** 24/05/2020

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