

# 01



After almost two years since the then director of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption replied to the NGO MANS that the initiative against President Milo Đukanović for failing to report an increase in assets was unfounded, the Administrative Court ordered making a new, legal decision. It was previously stated that the verification of the data "did not reveal any discrepancies with the data kept in the official records of other state bodies". The facilities that are not "crumbling", as Đukanović reported them to the state authorities until then, are clearly visible in the aerial footage. 01/03/2021

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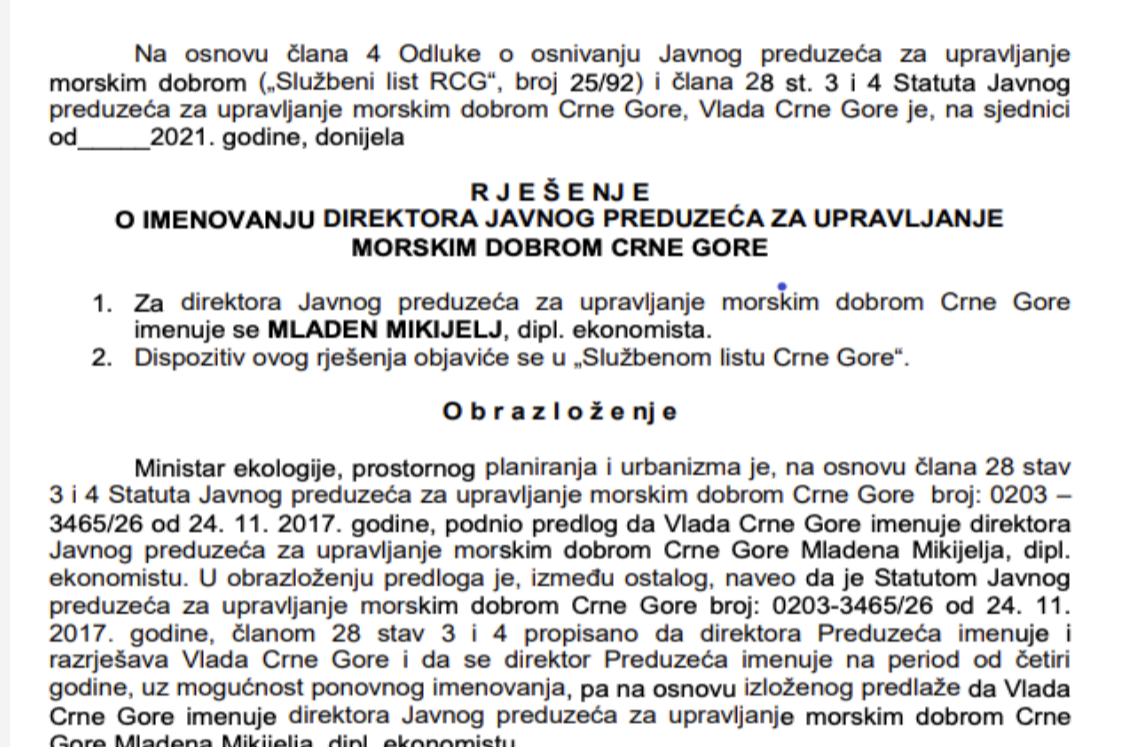
MANS called on the Special State Prosecutor to publish complete documentation he collected during the investigation in the "Envelope" case, on the basis of which the indictment against Slavoljub Stijepović was prepared, because it is of undisputed public interest to determine how it was rejected. The decision of the High Court to dismiss a part of the indictment in the "Envelope" case related to Slavoljub Stijepović represents a new defeat for the Montenegrin judiciary and another in a series of evidence that it is politicized to the extent that even concrete evidence is not enough to prosecute obvious corruption. 02/03/2021

# 03



Based on the Law on Free Access to Information, the Investigative Centre of the Network for Affirmation of NGO Sector (MANS) received data indicating that the National Security Agency traded cars worth nearly 1.2 million euros in late 2017 and early 2018, of which one vehicle alone - "Mercedes Maybach" was paid more than 647,000 euros. However, the National Security Agency refused to submit documentation related to other payments from the State Treasury from the end of 2017, which also relate to the payment of "means of transport". 03/03/2021

# 06



That the Government of Montenegro has once again allowed compromises between politics and the profession that have always resulted in damage to the public interest, is shown by the appointment of the current Secretary for Investments of the Municipality of Budva as the new director of the Public Enterprise for Coastal Zone Management. As a reminder, the new director of the Public Enterprise for Coastal Zone Management worked as the secretary for investments at a time when the company "Asfalt-beton gradnja" received millions-worth of tenders from the Municipality of Budva for asphaltting the streets, while the company "Carinvest" owned by the mayor, performed works as a disguised contractor. 06/03/2021

# 09



Commenting on one hundred days of work of the Government, executive director of the NGO MANS also assessed that the complex relations in the ruling coalition raise the question of the possibility of government reconstruction. "The biggest obstacle in the work of the Government are unrealistic demands, contrary to international standards that come from the ruling majority. There are very few concrete results. In one hundred days, it would not be possible to see significant results even if it had greater political support, let alone in this situation." However, she believes that "despite all the objective obstacles, the Government could have done more in this period, such as accepting proposals coming from the NGO sector." 09/03/2021

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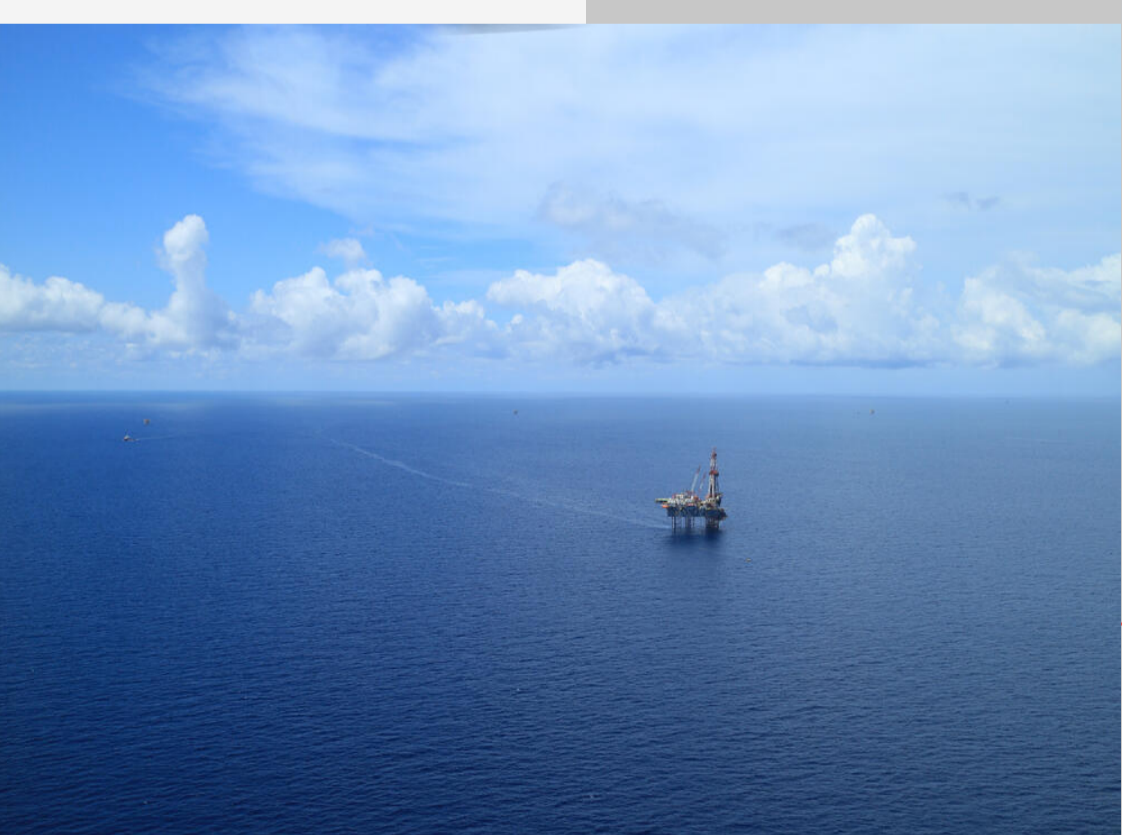
Online panel discussion "Women's Leadership - an opportunity for social changes" brought together prominent women from the diplomatic corps and civil society, role models whose credibility is based not only on their careers or professional status, but also on their courage, personal integrity and support to other women. The event, where one of the panellists was the executive director of the NGO MANS, allowed us to hear strong, prominent women who influence positive social changes, and also sent a message to younger generations, as well as those who seek to participate in public life, on unlimited opportunities regardless of the gender. 18/03/2021

# 19



By appointing the former SNP MP, Aleksandar Damjanović, as the acting director of the Revenue and Customs Administration, the Government of Montenegro continues, at the very least, questionable personnel policy in sectors that are particularly prone to corruption and in which radical changes are necessary. As the Revenue Administration was created by merging two state institutions, which in the past were particularly burdened by abuses and significant omissions when it comes to control and collection of taxes, it is incomprehensible that precisely Damjanović was elected, whose previous career in the Parliament of Montenegro was not deprived of the procedures that had benefited the previous regime and the tycoons associated with it. 19/03/2021

# 31



NGO MANS called on the Government and Prime Minister Krivokapić to urgently suspend the implementation of contracts with offshore companies concluded by the former regime, as well as to hire independent experts in cooperation with the European Union to analyse and evaluate oil exploration work. Otherwise, a change of government can only mean a change of pockets to which the benefits of corruption flow, and not a sincere break with the practices of the previous regime promised by the Prime Minister and all the parties that support him. Previously, 60 NGOs sent an initiative to the Government for the urgent suspension of oil and gas exploration from the Montenegrin underwater and the termination of signed contracts for the exploitation of fossil fuels in the Adriatic. 31/03/2021

## March in photos

