
THE SUPREME STATE PROSECUTOR

Mr Ivica Stanković

Podgorica, 28 October 2015

Dear Mr Stanković,

Bearing in mind all published evidence of police brutality, in particular footage of brutal beating of Miodrag Martinović and destroying his vehicle which has become widely known to the Montenegrin public, including the police and state prosecution on Sunday 25 October 2015, **we expect You to urgently and impartially investigate all those cases and primarily the case of beating up Miodrag Martinović and publish names of police officers suspected.**

If the police does not cooperate with the prosecution in discovering the perpetrators of beating up Martinović and those who ordered, instigated or aided it, as was previously the case in some of the cases of impunity for police torture, we expect You to immediately inform the Government and Montenegrin public of this and initiate criminal proceedings against those responsible in the Police according to the command structure for ineffectiveness of investigation.

Martinović was beaten by numerous police officers in Jovana Tomaševića St., only 100 meters away from the Police Directorate headquarters. There are photo and video records witnessing the incident which You received from the Council for Civil Control of Police and therefore it is reasonable to expect that the public should already be informed of the investigation findings. Determining the identity of police officers for whose movement and actions official records should exist should not be a difficult task.

The civil society organisations we represent urge that the tolerance of torture by police officers in Montenegro is stopped once and for all, that the "thugs" in the police do not once again remain unpunished, thus causing shame for the vast majority of professionals in the police and the entire state of Montenegro, while cases of torture sink into time-bar.

Kind regards,

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