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COURTS ARE BREAKING THE LAW

Center for Civic Education (CCE) notes with regret that the campaign against Ibrahim Čikić continues through the court, while the competent investigating authorities have not announced that there are conducting an investigation concerning the allegations of Mr Čikić and others from the SDA group, who during the nineties survived the torture, which Čikić dared to write about in his book "Where the sun doesn't shine."

CCE points that it is particularly concerned over the fact that the court decided to trial Čikić in absence, although Article 453 of the Law on Criminal Procedure requires that the person which is under trial in absence must be previously provided hearing, and Čikić within this procedure was not questioned at all.

CCE calls upon the competent institutions to urgently respond regarding this issue and to conduct the investigation, in line with the law, on allegations which Čikić presented instead of harassing the victim of torture which represents brutal violation of not only legal provisions but also further burdening of the already slow and complex process of dealing with the past in Montenegro.

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