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## EDUCATION OF STUDENTS THREATENED BECAUSE OF DEAN MUJOVIĆ

**Centre for Civic Education (CCE) has information that the dean of the Law Faculty of the University of Montenegro Ranko Mujović with his actions and decisions continues to inflict damage to this higher education institution and therefore to all its students.**

Specifically, the agreement of students and professors made the time distance between the examinations at the Law Faculty sufficient for the adequate preparation of each one of them. However, by the decision of dean Mujović to schedule the session of the Council for 4 February, the third-year students will be obligated to take four oral exams in four days: the Contract Law, the Criminal Procedure Law, the Administrative Procedural Law and the Public International Law. These are specialized, very demanding and comprehensive examinations, and even in a situation when a student in advance prepares himself sufficiently, it is difficult to withstand this pace and show the quality at the exam, even when being examined by those professors who are lightly familiar their subject.

Also, it is important to emphasize that these are correctional final exams in the winter semester, meaning the last chance for a certain number of students to take these exams, before the beginning of the summer semester with new exams.

Some professors, like professor Snežana Miladinović, were, at the request of students, willing to schedule their exam for a later date, such as 7 February, but this was made impossible by dean Mujović's decision.

Mujović's explanation is that the grades must be verified by the Faculty Council, which is true, but it is surprising that this statement comes from somebody who has been violating that norm in the last year in order to protect his own post. This once again illustrates the complete privatization of the Law Faculty by the man who is able to avoid scheduling Council session for months when he estimates that it does not suit him, or to schedule it without consultation with colleagues and not respecting the needs of students, when it might be in his interest.

CCE reminds the public that last year students' grades gained in the summer semester have not been verified for months, precisely because of the fault of the Dean, who did not want to schedule a session of the Council fearing that a vote of distrust against him will be initiated, which has inflicted great harm to students. Obviously encouraged by the lack of sanctions for such conduct, he now inflicts even greater damage to students who are becoming less important in the struggle to preserve power.

In addition, through making such decisions Mujović is trying to undermine the good relations of students and some professors who are not close to him, which is shown by the hasty



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decision to schedule exams at any cost and despite the continuing work of the student who give up taking the same.

**CCE hopes that the student representatives, members of the Student Council, will successfully manage the communication with the Rector in order to resolve this latest problem at the Law Faculty, already identified by the daily affairs and scandals. At the same time, CCE hopes that the Rector would no longer, as in previous cases, declare "incompetent" and avoid interfering in their own business, while during his term collapses one of the oldest university units in Montenegro.**

Taxpayers' money should provide knowledge-based society, and by paying taxes, parents of students certainly do not want to pay for irresponsible playing with time, effort and energy of their own children. Why the Rector and other authorities at the University ignore Mujović's harmful acts? Why responsible government and other authorities do not engage into resolving this situation? To whom is Ranko Mujović more important than the few remaining professional staff at the Law Faculty and several thousand students?

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