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WHO CONTROLS THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE STATE OF MONTENEGRO?

Centre for Civic Education (CCE) would like to draw the attention of the public and the relevant authorities that the internet site of the so-called RTCG public service (www.rtcg.cg.yu) does not have the 9 (nine) bulletins that according to the Law on PBS must have been available to the public by now.

CCE reminds that today is 16.04.2007, and that the latest decision of the Council published in the Bulletin carries the date of 27.05.2004, depriving the Montenegrin public, in whose service it supposedly exists, of three years of the most basic right to information.

We are asking the following questions:

- Who controls the PBS RTCG in the state of Montenegro?
- Who in this country can sanction the illegal activities of the RTCG Council?
- Will the Parliament of Montenegro initiate parliamentary mechanisms for the control of RTCG?
- Is RTCG private property of the RTCG Council members, its directors and their collaborators?
- What was the reaction of the RTCG Council members representing the non-governmental organisations?

CCE has continuously warned about irregularities in the work of the RTCG, but the genuine political will for real, qualitative changes in the functioning of this important medium is obviously lacking, although its work is recognised as crucial for the (non)democratisation of the Montenegrin society.

We have seen many promises and surprises from those paid to do their work in the Council, although they frequently occupy these positions contrary to the Law.

It is also worth remembering some of the statements by the President of the RTCG Council:

“President of the RTCG Council Branislav Čalić said that he was **surprised by the fact that there are no financial nor audit reports on the RTCG website**. In a statement for the Radio Free Europe, he said that the failure to publish an audit report must be considered a **merely “technical omission”**. (07.03.2007)



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Asked how is it possible that the RTCG website contains only three bulletins, while the Law on PBS requires that there be a minimum of 12, Čalić responded: **“I must see about that and I will come back to you tomorrow”** – in a statement for “Dan” (09.01.2007)

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