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SHOULD MUJOVIĆ REMAIN THE ONLY ONE AT THE LAW FACULTY IN ORDER FOR THE AUTHORITIES TO FINALLY REACT?

Centre for Civic Education urges the authorities in charge to promptly and in accordance with the law take action against the dean Ranko Mujović, after the latest scandal, when acting in vengeance and misusing his position, he excluded from the faculty student Koča Đurišić.

CCE has already called on the Dean Mujović to respond to the initiative of professors of the Law Faculty and open the procedure of his own dismissal. That would create the basic conditions for the beginning of normalization of this academic institution's practice, which has been, through producing unprecedented scandals, reduced to ground level, while the value of diplomas that students can acquire and which they need in order to legitimate themselves on the labor market is compromised.

On the contrary, Mujović continues to privatize Law Faculty using it for protection of his personal interests and for confrontations with everyone who comes in the way of their realization. Like this, he tries, after a well-known scenario of local bullies, to substitute the roles by presenting himself as a victim, and brings a decision on the "temporary exclusion" until the final decision is brought, and that is until the deadline for initiating and conducting disciplinary proceedings to determine the violations of duty of student **Koča Đurišić** expires.

If the student Đurišić is guilty as charged by the dean Mujović, why did not Mujović start a regular disciplinary procedure which would mean that the Disciplinary Committee would decide on the alleged violations, and Đurišić would have an opportunity to be heard in front of this Committee, to present arguments and evidence in his favor?

Of course, this is what Mujović is afraid of, and therefore gives himself the authority to investigate, prosecute and adjudicate, depriving basic rights to excellent student Đurišić (average grade of over 9.30), to whom now only remains to appeal to the Faculty Council. And that is the same Council, whose work is blocked for almost a year because of Mujović!?

Additionally, the only witness to the alleged "serious misconduct" is a person who is directly by nature of work and contract dependent on Mujović: the secretary **Muljka Košuta**, who accidentally or not was a witness during many incidents at the Law Faculty which included participation of dean Mujović. She is also employed in student service department, and it is the representatives of this department who are indicated as accomplices in the felonies that is Mujović charged of in the criminal complaint that was considered by the prosecution.

The decision on "temporary removal" of student Đurišić, into which CCE had direct access, could be rather characterized as an exercise of the first year law student, and not the Dean of the same, since between what is Đurišić charged of and the argumentation for the decision there is no difference.

Mujović charges this student for making a "false police report", whereby as a lawyer knows that every citizen has the right to report to the police an attack on his/her personality, and this time it had happened at the workplace. He determines before the prosecution that the report is false, and with his media





statements in which he states that "he hopes that the authorities would determine the same", he is directly trying to influence the outcome of this case in his favor. There is no doubt that herewith gave a clear guideline to prosecutors in deciding upon this case, especially since as a member of the Prosecution Council, he is authorized to appointment and dismissal of prosecutors. The fact that the law is impermissibly flawed and does not provide procedure for dismissal of members of the Prosecution Council, is most likely encouraging him in doing actions that would in any democratic country not only lead to his dismissal as a dean, but also to the temporary banning of practicing as a professor.

In addition to the criminal charge for assault, student Đurišić filed a charge for falsifying his grade from the subject The International Public Law, which is taught by dean, as well as the forgery of the act on termination of his work contract. Both charges are sufficient ground for the prosecution to initiate a serious investigation.

Apart from the University of Montenegro, the rector, the prosecution and the police, CCE calls the newly elected members of the <u>Student Council to react</u>. They came to that position by presenting themselves to their fellow students as passionate opponents of actions of dean Mujović, so there is nothing more natural to do now than to stand in defense of their colleague, the protection of legality in the exercise of student rights and declare what will they do while the hunt on those who think differently lasts.

Why should be hidden from the public, and why should be sanctioned those who point out that Mujović and his personal assistant are members of 10 of 11 commissions at the Law Faculty, that they get proper compensation for the work therein, even though among these commissions there are those who never had a single session? Why is it a problem to raise a question of effectiveness of these commissions from the standpoint of public interest and spending of taxpayers' money? Why is it not allowed in the Law Faculty to talk about certain employees and the way they got their job positions and additional engagements?

CCE reminds that for Friday, 21 January, is scheduled a session of the Court of Honor of the University of Montenegro, at which should be discussed applications filed against the dean Mujović. President of the Court is professor Velimir Rakočević, whom Mujović appointed as head of the illegally established study program "Safety and criminology", in the period of its foundation. Therefore, any decision made by the Court of Honor requires a detailed analysis from various aspects.

Despite the discomfort with which the employees of CCE face during the process of addressing illegal, dishonest and incomprehensible for one higher education institution acts of dean Mujović, CCE will continue to deal with this issue more intensively, especially in cases when students who have proven their expertise skills and social activism are jeopardized.

Today, Mujović's target is Koča Đurišić, while tomorrow it will be some other student, teacher, etc. Should dean Mujović and those related to him remain the only persons on this faculty in order for the institutions and student representatives to finally devote to resolving of this problem?

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