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Public Statement

Through the media persons whom we do not know addressed us with the claim that they are "stigmatized to their limits of endurance". These are the same persons that the Montenegrin police identified as the potential attackers on Marunović, Vujošević and Bosković.

We are publicly called by persons whom we do not know and that we never mentioned concerning this incident. These persons were linked to this incident by the police, not us, under the suspicion of violent behavior for which they are further prosecuted.

The suspects voiced themselves only when they were discovered and prosecuted. Therefore, we assume that their addressing to the public and our mentioning in their press release is directed towards improvement of their position in the criminal proceeding and that it represents an expression of frustration because we publicly demanded that police and prosecutors reveal the perpetrators of the attack.

We agree with them in part that we also expect the completion of the investigation as soon as possible, followed by the public presentation of the convincing results. We are persistently insisting on that position in all our reactions regarding this and all other similar cases of violence.

In addition, we expect that the competent authorities will present measures to the public, consistent with the Constitution and the law, taken to prosecute representatives of the "Barbarians" (Varvari) who publicly and unequivocally incited to hatred and violence against LGBT people - also citizens of this country, and so prevent the repetition of the same.

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