

Denial concerning article in daily newspaper "Kurir" published on May 13th 2012

Mr. Editor,

The large article that was published on Sunday, on front, the first and the second page, in daily newspaper "Kurir" consisted part about me which was untrue and malicious. Please publish my response in its entirety, as personal denial, concerning Law on public information. I insist on this even more because there is intolerance between "Kurir" and me with sort of prehistory.

In fact, a few months ago I was forced to threats and blackmail obtained by your editor via text message report to the police, indicating inter alia, the political authority of the persons that are inextricably linked with your newspaper. These are the same people who are now working on changing the ownership structure of the most distinguished Serbian daily newspaper "Politika" and "Novosti".

In your article you have incorrectly informed the public about my escape from the country, trying to increase the interpretation of such malicious impression of your writing. I don't run away, I have no reason or intention. I am not in conflict with the law and justice. All judgments by courts of justice over the past six years are in my favor, respectively in the favor of Luka Beograd. In these judgments it is clearly indicated that the privatization of Luka Beograd is carried out by law, what we have quoted couple of times. In a democratic society that should be enough. However, the conflict still exists with one part of the political oligarchy that the land of Luka Beograd sees a nice opportunity. The conflict is even more dramatic because the Law is on my side, and the political will is on their side. If the Law was on their side, this case would be solved long time ago.

I hope that you have incorrectly quoted Mr. Milorad Veljovic, director of police, who reportedly stated that "it would be pleasure for him to arrest" and specifically that "no one is safe!" I believe that this is not stated, because such attitudes are scandalous and they are threatening civil liberties guaranteed by the Constitution. Who arrests in Serbia for pleasure, please! I guess it is arrested by concerning law and duty. Who does today, after all, in a democratic society, publicly praise the arrests? And as security is concerned, quite the opposite gentlemen, we are all protected, and that is guaranteed due to Constitution and the law. It is a fundamental prerequisite of a free society. Concerning this occasion I intend to address a personal letter to Mr Veljović, because of appreciation.

I think it is essential and as well in the public, also in my personal interest that I hold a press conference where I will talk about my "controversial privatizations" soon. I believe that part of the well-meaning concerned citizens lacking these responses.

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