

Stoning of the Lingva Centre

On Tuesday, February 19, around 21:30h, a group of several tenths of Kraljevo's neo-fascists stoned the Lingva Centre and broke several windows in the building. Around 21:45h the Director of Lingva NGO received a phone call from Kraljevo MUP (police) and was informed that several windows were broken in the Lingva Centre and that the duty service of MUP was on the spot conducting a crime scene investigation.

After 15 minutes the Director of Lingva arrived at the Lingva Centre and there were several tenths of policemen. Few windows have been broken in the building, in the lobby of the Women's workshop, where is the gallery of ethno works of IDPs and refugee women, Lingva Centre beneficiaries. In conversation with the police, the director of Lingva hasn't found out who were the perpetrators.

After an hour, the Director of Lingva was called by several citizens and according to their knowledge, the building was stoned by a group of several tenths of neo-fascists, so called "demonstrators", led by members of neo-Nazi organisation "Obraz", and also by members of neo-fascist Radical Party. At about 21h, that group went from The Temple of Saint Sava in Kraljevo, towards the downtown, but the police gave them the direction to Dimitrija Tucovica and Olge Jovicic street (where the Lingva Centre is situated), where neo-fascists stoned the Lingva Centre around 21:30h.

It is not possible that this group wasn't followed by the police in order to protect public peace and order, what is their legal obligation. This fact without a doubt gives a reason to suspect that NGO Lingva, after countless times is exposed to organized attacks. We are sure that the police know who the perpetrators were, but as it happened during 2005/2006 when the tenth of death threats to the Lingva director were reported to the police, as well as neo-Nazi graffiti and threats on May 21st 2006.

The Lingva director has never found out the identity of the perpetrators of these offences (threats are criminal offence according the Article 138 of Criminal Code, more exactly a person who endangers the security of another by a serious threat to attack his life or body, or the life and body of some person close to him)

We must remind and to hypocritical decision of the Municipal Office of the Public Prosecutor from December 29, 2006 which is enclosed.

*Republic of Serbia
Municipal Office of the Public Prosecutor
Numb. 1260/06
Kraljevo, 29th December 2006*

We inform you that regarding the graffiti written on the premises of NGO Lingva, which Director you are, that Prosecution did not find grounds for criminal prosecution against any person for any criminal action for which prosecution is taken executing the official duty.

If you are not satisfied with our decision, you may file a criminal complaint to this Prosecution, against a certain person for a certain criminal action, for which prosecution is taken performing the official duty, providing concrete evidences.

*Deputy Public Prosecutor
Jelena Belopavlovic*

Alter these actions of the police and prosecution we are sure that the perpetrators of the newest attack on Lingva will never be punished. We have a reason for grounded suspicion that those attacks are organised in order to intimidate the director and activists of Lingva. Surely, those neo-fascist attacks can not frighten us, but we can conclude with regret that in these days as well as in the following period, things that we warned about three years will reach its highest point.

Neo-fascism is galloping through Serbia.

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