

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
HIGHER PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN NOVI SAD

Contribution to the Investigation of the Collapse of the Canopy at the Novi Sad Railway Station

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am addressing the Prosecutor's Office as the investor of ATP "Vojvodina," who has constructed a new intercity and international bus station in Novi Sad, based on the contract signed with the City, and in accordance with planning documents. These documents stipulated that the suburban bus station with the name "Riblja pijaca" would be relocated to the old bus station, while the intercity and international station would move to the newly built one, as regulated by Article 1 of the contract, which I am enclosing.

"ATP Vojvodina" fulfilled its contractual obligations, and the City began to fulfill its own by relocating suburban traffic to the old bus station, which previously hosted intercity and international traffic. Subsequently, inexplicably, some authorized individuals from the City of Novi Sad inexplicably, drastically and non-transparently violated the contract by preventing the transfer of intercity and international traffic to the new bus station. Due to the inability to accommodate all bus traffic at the old station, illegal by the way, the suburban terminal was relocated in front of the Railway Station building, at the so-called "Potkovicica" (Horseshoe). This action was taken without any legal document or decision based on the Law on Road Transport.

That is why our suburban traffic still operates from the address of the Railway Station, Jaše Tomića 4, while the bus station is at Jaše Tomića 6. The bus station neither own the land, nor have a terminal platform, which is required by the Law on Road Transport and Safety. This illegal and unlawful state of affairs has persisted since 2007, with no response or measures taken by any competent state authority to shut down or prohibit its operation.

For 17 years, the authorities in Novi Sad have continuously conducted unlawful activities towards citizens and businesses. Due to their arrogance and negligence, tragic consequences have

occurred in the city. Mayors Maja Gojković, Igor Pavličić, and Miloš Vučević have perpetuated theft and exploitation.

The City of Novi Sad, due to its non-compliance with the contract with ATP "Vojvodina," paid €4 million. The fact remains that this tragedy occurred and that mayors Miloš Vučević, Maja Gojković, and Igor Pavličić cannot escape criminal responsibility. Đorđe Ostojić, a longtime deputy of the Republic Public Prosecutor's Office, was assigned to Novi Sad to oversee the Prosecutor's Office. As a deputy, he protected, coordinated, and implemented decisions with the aim to shield perpetrators of criminal acts.

In the specific case of ATP "Vojvodina," for dozens of filed criminal charges supported by evident and proven suspicions, he served as a protector of institutions and individuals who made decisions, but failed to implement them, or obstructed their execution, all that from local to national levels. He has amortized their actions, acting as a guardian of thieves, and he still continues to do so. Later, he shielded irresponsible judges, bankruptcy and receivership officials, as well as some local and national authorities.

Fifteen years ago, ten years ago, or even five years ago, when I filed criminal charges for well-founded criminal offenses with evidence, he would send them back from the Higher Prosecutor's Office to the Local Prosecutor's Office, merge them with other criminal charges, and thereby cause them to be lost and diluted, even making it impossible to determine their case numbers.

Instead of prosecuting the perpetrators and holding them accountable, he protected them while they invoked morality!

The collapse of the canopy is a result of negligence in the City, a negligence I have been pointing out for over 15 years, targeting the organization of the Prosecutor's Office, courts, inspection, and oversight bodies. Through the submission of these criminal charges, I fought for my property, which I had built over decades as a reputable businessman. I am still the victim of this negligence and persecution through fabricated and contrived proceedings aimed at destroying me. However,

there are many other victims: first and foremost, the innocent people who perished under the canopy, and before them, the 600 employees of my companies and their families. That is why the culprits must be criminally prosecuted, rather than being shielded by appeals to political and moral accountability.

In Belgrade, on November 24, 2024

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