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RESPONSE

**Two months after the tragic death of Xheneta Gashi, we have no
indictment or resignation**

Two months after the tragic death of three years old Xheneta Gashi, on the street "Marin Barleti" in Prizren, institutions of various powers have shown tepid in handling this case, that entails accountability before the public, but above all prosecution for irresponsibility.

During this period, it was reported that the Basic Prosecution of Prizren was pending to criminal charges by police investigators, while there were no public announcements by the State Prosecutor, that the Prosecution in Prizren has filed any indictment on this case.

Heads of the governmental institutions, of the central and local level, that are responsible for the management of the Historic Zone of Prizren, namely the Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Spatial Planning and Municipality of Prizren have not offered resignation to this case. The Minister of Spatial Planning was dismissed, but only after the indictment against him was initiated, but for another case.

Meanwhile, the actions of these governmental institutions, after the tragedy on the street "Marin Barleti", have included placement of barriers before old buildings that are in danger to collapse, and the implementation of procurement procedures for emergency work to ensure safety from any collapse of cultural heritage buildings in the Historic Centre of Prizren. Thus, the MCYS in the announcement for signing the contract has notified that it has selected the economic operator for the execution of emergency works to ensure safety from the collapse of national heritage buildings in the Historic Centre of Prizren, in the amount of about 37 thousand Euros. In another later notice of MCYS, it has announced that will be invested 910 thousand Euros for a house of culture in another municipality in Kosovo, while for two years, the same ministry had not given a cent for rescuing endangered monuments in Prizren.

Developments during this period show that these governmental authorities have failed to increase their level of responsibility in relation to the Historic Centre of Prizren. Furthermore an inter-institutional body, so called the Task Force for the Historic Centre of Prizren, did not meet since May 30th of 2016. Particularly in the last meeting of this body, senior officials of the Government of Kosovo had confirmed worsening of the situation in the Historic Center in Prizren, and had concluded that lack of coordinated and on time actions of state authorities has had an impact on this matter.

Taking into account what is mentioned above, EC considers that the case of the tragic death of the 3 years old Xheneta Gashi, on the street "Marin Barleti", should be treated with urgency by the investigation authorities and justice, because it differs from the usual cases, because we are dealing with negligence and irresponsibility of the heads of central and local government authorities.

Meanwhile, EC urges the Government of Kosovo to radically change its current approach towards the Historic Centre of Prizren and to implement concrete policies for rescue and restoration of the monuments under protection, and to establish order in this area, thus contributing to increase public safety and local economic development.

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