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Directorate of Inspections in the absence of a list of buildings for demolition

Over the past few weeks, within the project of monitoring the work of Prizren's municipal executive, EC Ma Ndryshe has reviewed the issue of the demolition of structures built without a permit by the Directorate of Inspections.

Research conducted by EC Ma Ndryshe has revealed the fact that the Directorate of Inspections, respectively the Inspectorate of Civil Engineering is not in possession of a list of objects/structures for demolition.

EC Ma Ndryshe has requested from the Directorate of Inspections to unveil the list of buildings or structures built without a construction permit that should be demolished within the territory of Prizren municipality. Instead of the list, the Directorate has provided a response for being awaiting the approval of the Law on Legalisation of Built Structures.

"During the year 2012 construction inspectors have received a total of ten decisions for mandatory demolition of structures of various nature and purpose; however, for subjective and objective reasons, we are awaiting primarily the approval of the Law on Legalisation of Built Structures and the constructions which do not meet the requirements set forth on the Law on Legalisation shall be demolished.", says in DI's response.

In February of this year Prizren municipal government has approved the request of DI for the announcement of the tender for contracting a company that would deal with the demolition of structures built without a construction permit and other construction works, in the estimated amount of 50,000 EUR.

EC Ma Ndryshe considers that the absence of a list of objects that should be demolished proves that the DI and municipal government are not sufficiently committed for restoring urban order within Prizren municipality. Local executive is empowered to act vigorously according to the existing applicable laws, therefore conjectural referral on the laws to be adopted shows nothing but a pure escape from the responsibility to act and bring order in the field of civil engineering.

So far, EC Ma Ndryshe has repeatedly voiced its concern with the situation created in the field of urban planning, where, according to the DUSP, around 80 percent of the buildings did not follow constructions permits and regulatory plans, the cases such as in Jeni Mëhallë, Lakuriq and Dardania neighbourhoods, Prevallë/Prevala resort, etc.

EC Ma Ndryshe calls on the mayor to immediately summon the DI to draw up and publish a list of structures built without a permit and those overbuilt that should be demolished;

EC Ma Ndryshe recommends the local government that as soon as possible begins with the procedures of demolishing the structures built without a construction permit and those that have not complied with urban regulatory plans;

EC Ma Ndryshe deems that municipality must act according to its legal responsibilities and take concrete actions to prevent violations of urban requirements. Otherwise, municipal government's lack of readiness to confront with the violators of permits and plans creates room for doubts about the involvement of the municipal executive on the "urban crime" that has gripped Prizren recent years.

Project of EC Ma Ndryshe for transparency oversight of the executive branch shall continue on publicizing the monitoring findings through regular press releases and project's website, where the findings shall be posted directly by the monitors. So far, all the monitoring findings, including regular press releases and other information relative to local government of Prizren, are published on regular basis on the project's website: www.online-transparency.org.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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