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PRESS RELEASE

To Investigate Irregular Employment Cases in Prizren Schools

Transparency Forum is following with concern the recent developments related to suspicious cases of irregular employment in Prizren municipality schools. In recent days, reports emerged for a number of employment cases in schools, where the suspicions were raised for the violation of vacancy terms and conditions, illegal payments for getting a job and influence of strong political figures. These suspicions are also an indicator of the degradation of education in Prizren during the post war period.

All these suspected cases are sufficient reason for relevant authorities to undertake immediate action in compliance with the law. Therefore, the Transparency Forum calls upon the Prizren local Government and Kosovo central Government (firstly and fore mostly the Ministry of Education) to investigate these cases and inform the public on the findings for Prizren schools. At the same time, due to serious suspicions raised in the course of recent days, we also call upon the justice authorities to initiate investigations in line with their authorities.

During the last year, the Transparency Forum also tackled problematic issues of education in Prizren, and requested institutional action. Due to the lack of this action, recently we have gathered a considerable number of reported cases by the citizens themselves that were published in local and central media. Lack of immediate institutional action to investigate these cases would be considered as an attempt to hush them down and would discourage all those who challenged the irregularities in this sector.

Transparency Forum calls upon all citizens to report the suspicion cases on irregular employment in Prizren schools. Only through wide social mobilization, further degradation of education sector in Prizren can be brought to a halt.

Transparency Forum was established in March 2014, amidst coordinated efforts of civil society activists and media in Prizren, aimed at improving the transparency and accountability level of Prizren local Government. This informal body is composed of civil society activists and journalist from Prizren who are active in democratic governance.

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