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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CENTER FOR DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION

The joint committee for monitoring the pre-election campaign held today its last meeting before the elections. It is noted that the campaign in the last 10 days is conducted in an atmosphere that be characterized as positive.

The Center for Democratic Transition criticized the event in Niksic on October 14, just before the beginning of the pre-election meeting of the Liberal Alliance, when certain persons physically attacked one citizen from Niksic. CDT expresses its regret because of this event. We believe that violence should not be part of a pre-election campaign and there is no justification for this type of behavior. We would like to emphasize that a representative of the Municipal Board of Liberal Alliance in Niksic informed us that, according to his allegation, DPS activists – backed up by State Security – damaged all the LS propaganda material on the night before the Liberal Alliance meeting. CDT sought an explanation of the event from the Municipal Board of DPS Niksic but, in the memorandum that we received, the allegations of the Liberal Alliance are not denied. The representatives of DPS Niksic commented on the work of the Municipal Government and the lack of designated areas for putting up propaganda materials. We believe that it is unacceptable to damage propaganda materials of political opponents and note that this act represents a violation of the signed Code. We also criticize the events in Berane where the physical clash of SNP-DPS activists happened due to uncontrolled and unacceptable posting of pre-election materials. We invite Municipal Boards of those parties to influence their activists so that similar events are not repeated.

In the last week, the Center for Democratic Transition noticed that, in the majority of Montenegrin municipalities, anonymous propaganda materials with accusing and insulting content were distributed and posted. We would like to emphasis that it is obvious to CDT and the citizens who are the authors of these unsigned posters. We are surprised that they have no political courage to sign these posters considering that they use much worse vocabulary in their pre-election presentations. Our opinion is that this type of political campaign is unacceptable and clearly emphasizes the lack of culture on the political scene. We would like to point out that only in the municipalities of Bijelo Polje and Podgorica have the municipal services done everything they could to protect buildings from excessive postering. We emphasize that putting up posters, particularly on traffic signs, damages public property and endangers the security of all drivers and that the citizens as taxpayers will have to pay for it at the end of the day.



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The Municipal Board of NS in Zabljak informs CDT that, on the evening of October 15, unknown persons broke windows of the party headquarters. We insist that Municipal Security in Zabljak inform the public about this event as soon as possible.

During the course of the pre-election campaign, the Center for Democratic Transition has monitored the work of the Republic and Municipal Election Commissions up until now. On the day of the elections (October 20), we will observe the course of the electoral procedures at more than 90% of the polling stations with more than 1,000 monitors. We emphasize that during election day, CDT will organize press conferences in the NDI office and inform the public in a timely manner about any irregularities.

Also, after closing the polling stations, CDT will announce the projection of the preliminary results of the parliamentary and local elections in Podgorica and Tivat. The results will be given based on use of the PVT method. We would like to mention that our PVT results for the previous parliamentary and local elections were precise, and we are convinced that again this time we will be the first who would inform the Montenegrin public about the election results.

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