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BALTAG AND OPRINA'S MESSAGE FOR THE ELECTED POLITICIANS - Parliamentarians, think again if you abolish the SIIJ: "Don't accept treacherous ploys or poisoned apples... The only guarantees for a fair act of justice are already in the law... The not so long forgotten year's burden can press you soon... After the judges, you yourself will be the first oppressed... Assume that you choose to release a monster that will put its mark on the life of each judge and on the destiny of the citizens"

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The wish of the Minister of Justice Stelian Ion to abolish the Section for the Investigation of Crimes in Justice (SIJ) and the determination with which **this wish is fulfilled in the Romanian Parliament will turn, at some point, against deputies and senators who "choose to release a monster". And it will affect not only the magistrates, but also the MPs and the citizens of the country.** This will happen as a "reward" for those who choose to punish the Section for the Investigation of Crimes in Justice, although they know that **currently the SIJ is the only institution that operates without any political interference**, with prosecutors holding at least 18 years of seniority, with the rank of prosecutor's office attached to court of appeal, whereby only the CSM has a say in the appointment of the chief prosecutor and the prosecutors with executive functions.

Lumea Justitiei presents exclusively the shocking letter sent by judges Gabriela Baltag (photo left) and Evelina Oprina (photo right) - members of the Superior Council of Magistracy, as representatives of the county-court judges, who managed through their positions to truly represent the interests of the magistrates, defending the constitutional values and the independence of the Judiciary - to the Romanian deputies and senators on Monday, March 22, 2021, informing the MPs that instead of being abolished, "SIJ it must be strengthened and allowed to function at its maximum capacity and only then, possibly, re-evaluated".

Otherwise, judges Baltag and Oprina point out that by approving the abolition of the SIJ, as Justice Minister Stelian Ion demanded, the members of the Parliament will release "a monster that will leave its mark on the life and career of each judge and, implicitly, on the fate of the citizens that you represent".

"By voting for the abolition of the SIJ, you are condemning this people to not have a justice system with judges over which abuses will not be made!"

And not only that! In the letter sent to all Romanian MPs, judges Gabriela Baltag and Evelina Oprina underline that **with the abolition of the SIIJ, the practices from the time when the deep state functioned unhindered will return, senators and deputies being among the first ones to be oppressed: "After the judges, you will be the first ones to be oppressed, regardless of your place and social role".**

It will be unfortunate, however, that the decision of the MPs will also affect the citizens who, in turn, will endure the suffering of the facts and decisions of the MPs:

"After endless years of filings, illegal interceptions, threats, intrusions into personal life, all completed, most often, with cases permanently annulled by the courts, by setting up the SIIJ, judges finally had the certainty that the abuses to which they were subjects will become history.

Today, the cruel reality of destroyed destinies, which no one has assumed, is ready to return to the previous status quo".

Therefore, in the letter addressed to the MPs, judges Baltag and Oprina appeal to the Romanian senators and deputies not to allow the use of justice as a political weapon, not to easily adopt decisions that can mark destinies, not to allow innocent people to bear the consequences of hasty decisions, and not to soil their hands and conscience "with deeds that will be difficult to forget in time, but especially impossible to forgive".

We further reproduce the letter sent to the Romanian senators and deputies by judges Gabriela Baltag and Evelina Oprina:

"Your Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen Deputies and Senators,

You are soon called to decide on the preservation and thus on the strengthening of the independence of those who administer justice in Romania.

The vote you will give will not only be a form of respect for the citizens who have given you their full confidence, but will also be a declaration of faith towards the country at a time that may be one of rebirth of consciousness or, on the contrary, of perdition.

Do not let the Pharisees take the place of the teachers, for the time of these trials can become one of the great achievements!

You cannot accept compromises, you are not allowed to make any compromise from the principles to which you have sworn faith and which you have a moral obligation to keep unaltered in the name of Truth, the only ideal we each serve!

*The truth can't have more facets! **The truth is one and for it we live or die!** You can't ask for justice if you don't fight for it! Do not waste the chance you have now, to prove that wisdom and courage cannot sit at the same table together with betrayal and cowardice. Do not condemn the Romanian people to relive their history like a Sisyphus trying forever to reach the top of the hill!*

By voting for the abolition of the SIIJ, no matter what apparent guarantees you imagine you are putting in place, you condemn this people to not having, in the foreseeable future, a justice system with judges that cannot to be abused!

What stronger guarantees could be imagined over those already provided by law, namely: prosecutors with at least 18 years of experience, with the rank of a prosecutor's office attached to a court of appeal, with the involvement of the CSM in appointing the chief prosecutor and prosecutors with executive functions within the SIIJ, without any political interference?

Do not accept, ladies and gentlemen MPs, treacherous ploys or poisoned apples, because the only guarantees for a fair act of justice are already in the law. SIIJ must be strengthened and allowed to function at its maximum capacity and only then, possibly, re-evaluated.

Do not allow that, under the pretext of necessary guarantees, to open the possibility of power "filters"!

The burden of times not long gone, about which the present has spoken at length, may soon weigh on you, if you allow yourself to place the lie over the truth! How can you accept that the Romanian justice, which is barely healing its wounds, should once again put on the clothes of the muddy past?!

After the judges, you will be the first ones to be oppressed, regardless of the place and the social role you will have, and the citizens of the country will endure the suffering of the facts, but especially of the decisions for which you are responsible!

The Romanians chose you because they believed in you, ladies and gentlemen deputies and senators! They hoped that you could free them from suffering and that the future you had promised, in the sense of a truly

independent judiciary, would not remain a mere illusion.

After endless years of filings, illegal interceptions, threats, intrusions into personal life, all completed, most often, with files permanently annulled by the courts, by setting up the SIIJ, judges finally had the certainty that the abuses to which they were subjects will become history.

Today, the cruel reality of destroyed destinies, which no one has assumed, is ready to return to the previous status quo. By approving the normative act of abolishing the SIIJ, you will have to assume that you choose to release a monster that will leave its mark on the life and career of each judge and, implicitly, on the destiny of the citizens you represent.

Ladies and gentlemen, deputies and senators,

- stop allowing justice to be a political weapon,

- do not accept to become partakers of the Evil that can be reinstalled,

- do not refuse to see the Truth,

- do not easily make decisions that can mark destinies,

- stop allowing innocent people to bear the consequences of hasty decisions,

- do not get your hands, but especially your conscience, dirty with deeds that will be difficult to forget in time, but especially impossible to forgive!"

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