



Urgent resolution on the situation in Serbia

Submitted by DY Serbia

On behalf of the Democratic Youth due to the recent events, happening in Serbia, we would like to submit an urgent resolution.

We live in the time when democracy is facing crisis and that crisis is leading towards strengthening populism and right-wing extremism.

Youth of Serbia wants Europe that does not hesitate with enlargement process, Europe that understands and does not forget the importance of uniting nations all over the Europe. Youth of Serbia are the millennials who were born during the wars, sanctions and NATO bombing, war crimes and poverty that was logical outcome of the war policies.

Youth of Serbia wants clear European perspective, clear picture of Serbia and an equal part of European Union. We want for our Youth to be motivated to be active, to bear in mind importance of the dialogue and not to live in the fear and to think of leaving Serbia for better tomorrow.

Youth of Serbia wants a country with rule of law, country that cares about human rights and has a decent approach to each and every citizen.

Serbia nowadays is facing regime of Aleksandar Vucic's government. In April presidential elections were held under unfair conditions and no other candidate than Vucic himself had a chance to get media space for promoting his ideas. We are living in times of media censorship, time when political opponents were getting threats and time of oppression.

Serbia is about to elect first female and openly gay prime minister. Democratic Youth supports the idea of involving less represented gender into power decision making process but still doubting whether we are facing a democratic process.

By saying so, significant part of the current government is unwilling to vote for Brnabic's candidacy because of her sexual orientation.

Current government has no legitimacy to form new government

Year after the incident the government show no intention of finding delinquents who demolished buildings overnight in the Savamala District. Additionally, a week ago another object that was a private property was expropriate with no legal basis in order to create enough space for government's project with company Eagle Hills.

A year ago a group of masked men blocked Hercegovacka Street, seized mobile phones from eyewitnesses, tied some of them up and then demolished with bulldozers several buildings in the street where the huge complex Belgrade Waterfront is to be built. The nocturnal action was widely seen as a move by the authorities to clear the ground quickly for the government-backed construction project.

We are aiming to live in the society without fear, discrimination and condemn of any differences in opinion, sexual, gender or political orientation.

To create a free, prosperous and equal Serbia:

YES urges intervention on media censorship.

YES urges that international community condemn situation in Savamala.

YES urges that representatives of the European Union take more active role in situation in Serbia.