

SUPPORT FOR PAVOL FORISCH

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To whom it may concern,

With a deep concern we received an information that Pavol Forisch, an applicant of political asylum in Norway, was taken into custody. For several years he has been actively trying and nowadays still is trying to point out to the bad situation and committing of serious crimes at the highest levels in Slovak Republic.

In 2019, Pavol Forisch was arrested during the police raid named "Hyena" based on false accusation of a blackmailing the MECOM company belonging under a PENTA group portfolio at that time. In the past, the MECOM company sold products that were infected by a deadly bacteria *Listeria monocytogenes*, which was proved by the tests done by an independent laboratory located in Czech Republic, and after several rounds of verifications of the presence of said bacteria in their products, the MECOM management was informed about the results.

While in a police custody, Pavol Forisch developed a serious health problems threatening his life, namely swelling of the tongue and blood in his stool. After his release from a custody, his state of health spiraled down rapidly, and out of the fear for his life, he escaped to Norway where soon after he was hospitalized and ended up in coma.

Any attempt to extradite Pavol Forisch to Slovak Republic would mean a huge risk and could be life-threatening for him. We are worried for him based on how he was already treated back in 2019, especially now that he is considered a serious threat to people currently in power. They are trying by all means to silence a man who is speaking the truth about the crimes at the highest levels and who wants that all serious crimes are thoroughly investigated and punished.

Office of Attorney General of Slovak Republic had withdrawn the above mentioned accusation against Pavol Forisch on June 17th, 2020 and all charges against him were dropped.

There is also of no little significance that just last December, general Milan Lučanský, a former Police President, died in police custody within days of being arrested, under very doubtful and unclear circumstances. His untimely and violent death has not been rightfully investigated to this day.

Such practices of discredit, criminalization, intimidation, persecution and elimination were used in the former communist regime against political prisoners, and therefore in a free society we cannot stand aside silently. We fully support Pavol Forisch.

At the same time, we ask you to take into account the worrying situation in Slovak Republic happening especially within Police Department and Special Attorney General's Office. Current Head of Special Attorney General' Office, Mr. Daniel Lipšic, was a former legal counsel of the opposing parties in the cases directly involving Pavol Forisch:

-Legal representation of MECOM company

-Legal representation of family in case of murder of the journalist Ján Kuciak and his fiancée Martina Kušnírová

-Legal representation of former Prime Minister (March 2020 - April 2021) and current Secretary of Department of Finance Igor Matovič (video interview with Daniel Lipšic

<https://www.aktuality.sk/clanok/849129/na-rovinu-s-danielom-lipšicom-obhajujem-ajkajucnikov-lebo-odkryvaju-velku-spinu-v-politike/>)

-Legal representation of so-called universal witnesses or also called “penitents” in the criminal cases where there is a suspicion of tempering them through the coordination of depositions

-Currently there is ongoing investigation on doubtful form of receiving security clearance for Daniel Lipšic via Secretary of Department of Labor, Social affairs and Family, Mr. Milan Krajniak, who is his former subordinate, a friend and a direct neighbour

-Daniel Lipšic is currently serving his conditional sentence for a killing a man at the sidewalk during a traffic accident. He is a unique case in the world where a charged and sentenced criminal serves as a Special Attorney General.

Mentioning the practices of totalitarian regime, when they could not break the moral integrity of inconvenient people, even by torturing them or by use of other psychological practice, they looked for bogus offenses only to let the inconvenient people to lose their freedom or voices.

Therefore with all seriousness we beg you to satisfy the justice and protect basic human rights and freedom of Pavol Forisch, and we kindly request his release from custody. After thirty years since a fall of totalitarian regime, Slovakia does not need nor want any political prisoners or what is worse victims.

Sincerely,

Supporter of Pavol Forisch