## MONITORING OF HATE SPEECH IN ALBANIA

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## CASES OF HATE SPEECH BASED ON POLITICAL AFFILIATION

Mr. Berisha: "11.02.2023, 12:00 the day of the most powerful revolution where Albanians will over-throw monism." (information from rtvklan)

At the meeting of the parliamentary group of the Democratic Party, the chief democrat Berisha gave the tasks to the members of the group. During his speech, the chief democrat expressed his conviction that what he calls the revolution will never fail and will only recognize victory as he said that Albania must be saved by Prime Minister Edi Rama.

Sali Berisha: As a parliamentary group, we have a great task, first in an intensive debate and dialogue with our constituents, to clarify everything. Why is this battle, this revolution, vital? Will we deliver? Never, this revolution will never fail.

This revolution will only know victory. We must save Albania from this man. You are witnesses of what attitudes are held towards us in the parliament. You must explain to the voters that they do not know in what shameful and thuggish way, Linda of the parliament behaves on the orders of Edi Rama.

They must know what low intrigues are woven against the Albanian deputies in the parliament. As it behooved us and as the Albanians and our friends expected, we asked for a debate, we signed to ask for a debate on this affair that has shocked, has reduced the relations between the two countries to the deepest point. What happened? They refused illegally. They read what they had and voted in a criminal and Stalinist manner for Alibasha's proposal for exclusion from the parliamentary group. Alibasha, taken hostage by the file, blindly obeys the orders of Linda and Edi Rama.

What this means, we must clarify to the citizens: how can the exclusion of four deputies be accepted without any law, without any rule, without anything. Today, you cannot exclude four students from the class. But these behave like thugs, like people who share the biggest shame with each other. We will stand up this situation can't be accepted./tvklan.al

Prime Minister Edi Rama has chosen to respond to opposition accusations in the McGonigal case with a Twitter post. In it, he says that the opposition has never been more miserable, degraded, disrespected and unbalanced than now. Accusing him of being "stumbled by the non-stop fabrication of the most extreme dirt", he points out that "this is the consequence of a fatal kiss with a dead man." (03.02.2023, information from rtvklan)

Prime Minister Edi Rama describes the opposition as "degraded as never before", in a response to accusations that he lobbied former FBI official Charles McGonigal to harm the PD.

In a reaction on Twitter, the head of the government says that they spread lies and pollute the public environment. According to Rama, all their actions are the consequences of the fatal kiss with a dead person, which he seems to use as a metaphor for all those who support Sali Berisha.

"Never more wretched, more degraded, more disfigured and unbalanced has the opposition politics with its loudspeakers ever appeared; never has the emptiness of ideas, the constipation of communication, the amount of lies and nonsense released into the air been so painful! No opposition and no time until today has so badly polluted the public environment, so spread over all communication channels with the tongue out and the body writhing from the non-stop fabrication of the most extreme dirt!

 $\textbf{\textit{This is the consequence of the fatal \textit{kiss with a dead person"}} \text{-} \text{writes Rama on Twitter./gazeta-tema.net}$ 

In the show "Now" by Erla Mehillin, Fight with strong tones, SP MP Arben Pellumbi clashes with Andi Bushati: You are dirty. (09.01.2023, information from euronews\_albania)

The discussion arose because Prime Minister Rama says that "in 2023 we will make the terms", following the televised debate Andi Bushati addresses the deputy of the PS, Mr. Pellumb with the words: "... is shame to protect those filth, basins of societies (PS)... which are used in AKSHI as toilets to vomit the elections...".

Mr. Pëllumb addresses him: "in front of the patron Nazis, you are drunk." Degradation of discussion or broad debate, at such levels as it has become the norm for people dealing with politics, this element is not at all friendly, educational and suitable to be heard by children or adults./Euronews Albania

In the show "Now" by Erla Mehillin, Andy Bushati hits Alibeaj MPs: They stay like donkeys and idiots, fools hiding. (12.01.2023, information from euronews\_albania)

The topic of the discussion was "Alibeja or Salianji, who will take over the PD group?", the journalist asked Mr. Bushati: "It seems that even in the Alibeja group there is a breakup after the decision (the decision of who will lead the PD), what do you think?"

Mr. Bushati says that he is concerned by the fact that the deputies do not react, they sit like deputies, like donkeys, that when the microphone is directed to them to speak, they have no answer and that Alibeaj's supporters do not go anywhere and they are defamed, they want some money and some tender./Euronews Albania



In the local elections of 2023, the candidate Këlliçi placed posters in the capital of Albania, Tirana, with the bare fingers of both hands, with the claim that he is addressing "those" who steal citizens' taxes. Date 26.04.2023 Mr. Berisha states that: "Those who steal from the citizens deserve much more". (information from tyklannews)

The anti-corruption electoral poster of the "Together We Win" coalition candidate for Tirana municipality, Belind Kelliçi, has content that is not suitable for middle fingers and is placed in different areas of Tirana.

The use of offensive images and gestures in electoral campaigns that violate human dignity are unacceptable and sanctionable by the electoral law./shqiptarja.com





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