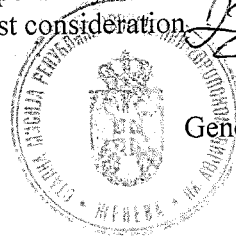




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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and, in reference to the joint communication from special procedures AL SRB 1/2023, dated 1 March 2023, has the honour to enclose herewith the response from the Government of the Republic of Serbia.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



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Responses to a joint letter by the Special Rapporteur on human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment, The Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (WGAD), the Special Rapporteur for human rights defenders, and the Special Rapporteur on the Implications for Human Rights of the Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal of Hazardous Substances and Waste, regarding the information they received on the alleged arbitrary detention of four environmental activists in the Municipality of Majdanpek

On the issue of execution of works on hill Komo and Starica mountain, we would like to inform you that it concerns a rehabilitation process on a part of Starica mountain. On 16 December 2021 Republic Mining Inspector made a visual field inspection on the Starica mountain and noticed that the slope at the end of the access road is steep, almost vertical, and that horizontal, vertical, and oblique cracks are visible on the limestone rock mass. According to the oral statement by the responsible person at the supervised entity, a few years ago there was a slide and landslide of the rock mass endangering the workers, equipment, and the mining work site. An on-site inspection established that the rock mass that slid and caused the landslide was of the same composition as the rock mass above the access road zone where there is a crack about 30 cm wide and 200 m long of unknown depth, along with countless smaller cracks. Considering the above, the Republic Mining Inspector ordered that the supervised entity take urgent measures to carry out preparatory works including the clearing of woods and forests to prepare the ground for mining works on the rehabilitation of the cracked rock mass above the access road zone in the north-east flank of the Severni revir open-pit mine. The works are necessary in order to prevent the sliding and crushing of the limestone rock. In the written statement on potential dangers at the open-pit mine Severni revir, the supervised entity stated that the measured slope angle is 51° which significantly exceeds the prescribed 38°. The project documentation for terrain rehabilitation was prepared and, after issuing the notification of works, the Ministry of Mining and Energy started the terrain rehabilitation works, carried out by the company Serbia Zijin Copper doo Bor.

Therefore, the ordered measures were justified and carried out in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Serbia, with the prime aim to protect the lives and health of workers and residents living in that area.

The competent mining inspectorate found that the company Serbia Zijin Bor Copper d.o.o. has permits for all the above activities from the relevant Ministry of Mining and Energy.

Competent inspection services regularly carry out inspection supervision over the performance of works and compliance with the provisions indicated in the decisions approving research and/or exploitation of mineral raw materials.

We would like to emphasise that the Republic of Serbia and the Government of the Republic of Serbia pass all legal acts in accordance with EU standards and regulations, including those related to the exploration and exploitation of mineral resources and environmental protection. Zijin Mining Group is a strategic partner of the Republic of Serbia as the company Serbia Zijin Copper d.o.o. Bor. This company is investing large resources in the improvement and protection of life and health of people and the environment.

The Ministry of Mining and Energy acts in accordance with the Law on Mining and Geological Research (The Official Gazette of the RS no. 101/15. 95/18 -as amended, and 40/21) and by-laws pertaining to geology and mining, as well as laws related to environmental protection, taking into account human health and environmental protection.

The Ministry of Environmental Protection has approved the Environmental Impact Assessment Study of the additional mining project of raising the flotation tailings "Valja Fundata" in Majdanpek, which defines air protection measures, surface and underground water protection measures, soil protection measures, noise protection measures, nature protection measures, waste management measures, accident protection measures and other environmental protection measures, as well as plans and technical solutions for environmental protection (recycling, treatment and disposal of waste materials, recultivation, rehabilitation, etc.).

Article 51, paragraph 1 item 1 of the Law on Forests stipulates that without the permission of the forest owner, that is, the user, it shall be prohibited to make temporary improvements, tents, or campsites. The forest user where the Ne dam - Nu dau activist camp was set up is PE "SRBIJAŠUME" Belgrade, ŠG "Severni kučaj" Kučevo, which submitted to this prosecutor's office a notification about the activities on the cadastral plot no. 624/1 CM Majdanpek, on the Starica hill, in a part owned by the Republic of Serbia, managed by the said public enterprise. According to the submitted information, based on which criminal prosecution procedure was initiated prior to the event itself, which is the subject of the investigation conducted before this prosecution, during an official field inspection, Igor Sekulić, who performs the duties of the director in the "Severni Kučaj" Forest management in Kučevo, found Nikola Dragošanović, whom he warned that he was in the state forest, that he had no right to camp there, light a fire or throw garbage, to which Nikola Dragošanović reacted by grabbing himself between his legs with his left hand and showing the middle finger with his right hand, and grabbed a stone and walked towards Igor Sekulić, saying: "Come on, come on you pussy", prompting Igor Sekulić to ran towards the vehicle, and together with employees of the Serbia Zijin copper doo, Branch RMB, left the scene in order to avoid physical confrontation.

It follows that the right to protest is invoked by those who act outside legal scope, while considering themselves protectors of the environment, who failed to submit a criminal complaint to the competent prosecutor's office for any of the criminal offenses regulated by the Criminal Code of the Republic of Serbia pertaining to criminal offenses against environment.

In their attempt to prevent the performance of works, they did not only damage other people's property by setting fire to the work machine, but they also attacked the injured worker, a Chinese national, who was just doing his job that night, and who was composed enough at the moment when the mining drill was on fire to turn it off and jump out of the cabin from a height of almost two meters onto a very uneven surface. When he landed on the ground, one of the three people he saw around the drill started hitting him with a metal bar and continued to chase him and hit him when he tried to run away. The man sustained minor injuries that were confirmed by the existing documentation submitted to the prosecution.

It was also mentioned that the police carried out a search and even looked for drugs. The police can legally temporarily confiscate all items that can be linked to the commission of a criminal offense, and not only the offense to which the search is related, and in this specific case there was grounds for such action because during the inspection based on the order of 09/27/2022, the presence of THC was detected in the urine of the suspect Nikola Dragošanić, a substance that is on the list of narcotic drugs.

Therefore, all allegations of alleged illegal behaviour are only an attempt to influence the investigation, especially in the context of the fact that the suspect Nikola Dragošanić in the pre-investigation process in the presence of the defence attorney, as well as during the hearing by the public prosecutor, described in detail both his role and that of the suspect Mladen Vlačić and the suspect Vladimir Božić, somewhat diminishing his own role since during the interrogation the injured Chinese citizen designated him as the person who attacked him. His confession was in agreement with the material evidence, ie. the DNA traces found on the objects at the scene, as well as with the testimony by Nenad Miladinović, who was excluded from the investigation but he was later questioned as a witness and, after being warned about the consequences of false testimony, he repeated everything he said as a suspect about the actions of other suspects.

We have no information about the engagement of members of private security services. That is an internal company matter.

On 24 September 2022 at 11:30 p.m., an employee of the "JinShan Construction" company reported by telephone that a mining machine (drill) had been set on fire by several unidentified persons in the vicinity of the mine at the "Severni revir" site. The police officers of the Majdanpek Police Station interviewed the Chinese citizen, who was operating the drill, and learned that several unknown persons, with masks on their heads, entered the company grounds from the direction of "Severni revir" and threw stones at the mining machine. Three unidentified persons, one of whom had a lead pipe, another a Molotov cocktail, and the third a gun, approached the machine and told the Chinese citizen to get out of it, which he did. After getting out of the machine, the Chinese citizen was physically attacked by unidentified persons who hit him in the arm and back, after which they set the drill cabin on fire with a Molotov cocktail. Physical and technical security workers came to the scene in a van that was also stoned by unidentified masked persons, as a result of which the physical and technical security workers retreated for their own safety.

During the tour of the camp by police officers, no one was found, nor were any unknown persons sighted. No traces of blood were observed at the scene, and the Chinese citizen had a visible injury to his hand in the form of swelling, so he reported to the Medical Center in Majdanpek for medical assistance where he was treated for minor injuries. The deputy Public Prosecutor in Negotin was informed about the incident, who ordered an investigation and collection of information from the Chinese citizen who was operating the machine.

On 25 September 2022 the police officers of the crime prevention group of the Majdanpek Police Station and the fire protection inspector investigated the scene, and determined that the control cabin on the drill was burned down. The van used by the security workers was found in the area near the workers' housing barracks at "Severni revir" and the right-side window was broken and the lock on the driver's side was damaged.

On 26 September 2022 Deputy Higher Public Prosecutor from Negotin qualified the above event as a criminal offense of inciting national, racial, religious hatred and intolerance from Article 317, paragraph 2, in connection with paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code, after which, acting on the above-mentioned event, the police officers of the Police Station in Majdanpek, discovered that activists of the group of citizens "Ne Dam - Nu Dau", all from Majdanpek, including Vladimir Božić participated in the events of 24 September 2022, as well as that they could have information about possible perpetrators of the crime. After obtaining search warrants for the apartments and other premises from the judge for the preliminary proceedings of the High Court in Negotin and after performing the search of the apartments, the suspects were called to appear at the Majdanpek Police Station.

At the order of the Higher Public Prosecutor in Negotin, three persons, including Vladimir Božić, were detained up to 48 hours on suspicion that they had committed the criminal acts of inciting national, racial, and religious hatred and intolerance from Article 317, paragraph 1, and unauthorised possession of illicit drugs from Article 246a of the Criminal Code.

On 27 September 2022 the police searched the apartments of persons suspected of participating in the event of 24 September 2022, who could have information about the possible perpetrators of the aforementioned criminal act. According to the orders received by the judge in the preliminary proceedings of the High Court in Negotin, the apartments and other premises of a total of 6 persons were searched, including Nenad Kovačević, Dragan Dmitrović, Nikola Dragošanić and Mladen Vladić, all from Majdanpek. After the searches were completed, the persons were called to the Majdanpek Police Station. The Higher Public Prosecutor in Negotin ordered Nikola Dragošanić and another person to remain in custody up to 48 hours, due to the existence of grounds for suspicion that they committed the criminal act of inciting national, racial and religious hatred and intolerance from Article 317, paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code. The following persons were also charged with the same criminal offense: Dragan Dmitrović, against whom a criminal charge was filed in the regular procedure, one person who is serving a prison sentence in the Negotin District Prison, and who is suspected of participating in the commission of the criminal offense during the weekend release program, and Mladen Vladić, who, having learned what was happening, left Majdanpek and took refuge at an unknown location, which is why a police search was ordered by the Higher Public Prosecutor.

Suspect Mladen Vladić was unavailable several times at his home address, parents, relatives, and friends. It was established that Mladen Vladić used two Facebook profiles, one under the name Mladen Vladić and one fake profile under the name of Marko Petrović and the profile "Citizens' Group Ne Dam" to publish photos of police officers, along with a text spreading hatred and calling to the lynching of police officers who participated in the searches and interrogation of persons who, in addition to Vladić, participated in the perpetration of the criminal act. In addition to publishing pictures and texts directed against police officers, Mladen Vladić sent threatening messages to police officers and their families via Messenger application and through comments on certain posts, which is why police officers reported the incidents and filed criminal charges, of which the Higher Public Prosecutor's Office in Negotin was informed. The Higher Public Prosecutor's Office in Negotin qualified the acts as endangerment of safety from Article 138, paragraph 3 of the Criminal Code.

On 6 October 2022, at 12:00 p.m., the suspect Mladen Vladić came to the Higher Public Prosecutor's Office in Negotin with his lawyer. After the hearing, the Higher Public Prosecutor ordered him to be detained for up to thirty days. After leaving the detention unit, Mladen Vladić

was ordered home detention at his place of residence. Mladen Vladić changed his lawyer and give a power of attorney to a lawyer from Belgrade.

On 28 and 29 September 2022 Dragan Dmitrović shared a video on Facebook that was previously published on the N1 info portal, the official portal of the N1 Television, and the Nova S Television portal. In the video, Dmitrović made a statement that on 27 September 2022, while at the Police station in Majdanpek, the inspector landed “brutal blows with a fist” on his back, face, and head, and that he also received threats against his life. The Higher Public Prosecutor in Negotin was informed about the above, and ordered that that Dragan Dmitrović be called to the premises of the Majdanpek Police Station, as a citizen, and provide information on the circumstances related to the statements he made in the video.

On 3 October 2022 Dragan Dmitrović was interviewed and when asked whether on 27,28, or 29 September 2022 he reported to the Medical Center in Majdanpek to receive medical assistance due to the injuries allegedly inflicted on 27 October 2022 by the police officers at the Police Station in Majdanpek, he stated that he did not, nor did he call the Emergency Service, because he was very scared and upset at that moment. In consultation with the Higher Public Prosecutor in Negotin, on 3 October 2022 Dmitrović was offered to be examined at the Medical Center in Majdanpek, for the purpose of determining the degree of injuries allegedly inflicted on him on 27 September 2022 by police officers. He agreed and was accompanied by a police officer to the Medical Center. After examination by specialists, no injuries were found on Dmitrović’s face, head or back (as he stated in the video published by the media), but injuries were found on other parts of his body, all in the healing phase, which brought on suspicion that these injuries, as determined by the doctor, could have been sustained on 9 September 2022, in a fight with Chinese citizens.

The Higher Public Prosecutor in Negotin was informed about the circumstances of the event, related to the video published by Dragan Dmitrović on Facebook. Due to dissemination of false news and claims in the public and causing panic, with the aim of causing a feeling of dissatisfaction, revolt, and disapproval in relation to the police officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, who perform their duties in accordance with the legal mandate, the offense was qualified as the criminal offense of causing panic and public disorder from Article 343, paragraph 2, in connection with paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Serbia.

On 7 October 2022 a criminal complaint was filed against Dragan Dmitrović for the criminal offense of causing panic and public disorder from Article 343, paragraph 2, in connection with paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Serbia.

In addition to all the above, it was established that most of the activists of the “Ne dam - Nu dau” group of citizens who were suspected of the criminal offense of inciting national, racial, religious hatred and intolerance from Article 317, paragraph 2, in connection with paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code, have changed their lawyers after leaving the detention unit, and gave a power of attorney to a lawyer from Belgrade. Also, those who confessed to committing the aforementioned crime, changed their statements and published videos on social networks, saying that they confessed to the crimes after being brutally beaten by police officers at the Majdanpek Police Station.

One of the activists of the citizens’ group “Ne dam - Nu dau” from Majdanpek, suspected of the criminal offense of inciting national, racial, and religious hatred and intolerance from Article 317, paragraph 2, in connection with paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code, admitted before

the Higher Public Prosecutor in Negotin, the commission of the criminal offense, described the act of committing the offense and listed all persons who participated in the organisation and execution of the criminal offense. Fearing for his safety and the safety of his family, on 24 October, 3 November, and 11 November 2022, he personally reported to the Police Station in Majdanpek that, due to his unchanged statement, he was threatened by certain activists of the citizens' group "Ne Dam - Nu Dau" via social networks, and personally, as well as that he was pressured to change his statement which gave in the Higher Public Prosecutor's Office in Negotin. He also stated that the activists put pressure on him to change his lawyer and hire a lawyer from Belgrade, who will tell him what to say and do. The Higher Public Prosecutor's Office in Negotin was informed about the mentioned events, which qualified the acts as a threat to security from Article 138, paragraph 3 of the Criminal Code, and criminal reports were taken from the persons on the record and forwarded to the Higher Public Prosecutor's Office in Negotin for further proceedings.

Due to the events of 24 September 2022, three representatives of the Protector of Citizens of the Republic of Serbia visited the Police Station in Majdanpek on 5 October 2022. Representatives of the Protector of Citizens collected the necessary information and had an overview of the complete case files. The Protector of Citizens delivered the Conclusion of the Protector of Citizens to the Majdanpek Police Station, ref. no. 2091/22. Also, on 25 October 2022 two police officers from the Internal Control Sector visited Majdanpek Police Station, and collected the necessary information and gained insight into the complete case files related to the event of 24 September 2022.

In connection with allegations of abuse of official authority by police officers, we inform you that the police officers of the Internal Control Sector of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia acted on four requests of the Basic Public Prosecutor's Office in Negotin, Department in Majdanpek and, in accordance with Article 225 of the Law on police, carried out a control of the legality of work of police officers of the Police Administration in Bor, regarding the respect and protection of human rights and freedoms while exercising police powers when dealing with citizens of Majdanpek, and based on the inspection of the official documentation and collected information, prepared reports, which were submitted to the Basic Public Prosecutor's Office in Negotin, Department in Majdanpek, in accordance with Article 282, paragraph 5 of the Criminal Procedure Code, for jurisdiction and decision.

1. On 18 October 2022 the Internal Control Sector of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia received a request from the Basic Public Prosecutor's Office in Negotin, Department in Majdanpek dated 12 October 2022, for the verification of allegations from the criminal charges filed by the lawyer from Belgrade - the attorney of the injured party Dragan Dmitrović from Majdanpek, which states that the police officers of the Majdanpek Police Station and the Kladovo Police Station committed criminal acts Extortion of statements from Article 136, paragraph 1 and Abuse and torture from Article 137, paragraph 3 of the Criminal Code against Dragan Dmitrović. The same lawyer from Belgrade also submitted an identical written address to the Internal Control Sector on 3 October 2022, via e-mail. On 18 October 2022 the same lawyer from Belgrade, attorney of the injured party Nikola Dragošanović from Majdanpek, submitted a written submission to the Department of Internal Control, via e-mail, indicating that the police officers of the Majdanpek Police Station and the Kladovo Police Station committed the criminal acts of extortion of testimony from Article 136, paragraph 1 and Abuse and torture from Article 137, paragraph 3 of the Criminal Code against Nikola Dragošanović. On 19 October 2022, the Department of Internal Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia received the conclusion of the Protector of Citizens,

by which the Protector of Citizens initiated the procedure of examination of work of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Police Directorate, the Police Department in Bor, Majdanpek Police Station, stating that the Protector of Citizens will collect the necessary information and inspect the relevant documentation and videos directly at the Majdanpek Police Station. On 19 October 2022 a Member of Parliament and a member of the Committee for Defence and Internal Affairs, submitted a request for the submission of a report regarding the events that took place in the area of the municipality of Majdanpek in the previous month related to the citizens' opposition to the demolition of the Starica mountain, on which occasion the police officers of the Police Administration in Bor took official measures and actions against the citizens. On 19 October 2022 the Internal Control Sector of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia received, via e-mail, two links in connection with the statements of Nikola Dragošanić from Majdanpek, in which he states that he was tortured by police officers of the Police Administration in Bor at the Majdanpek Police Station.

Based on collected information, conducted interviews, and review of documentation, the police officers of the Internal Control Sector prepared a report on 1 November 2022 on the verification of the allegations from the criminal complaint filed by the lawyer from Belgrade, as well as the allegations from the written addresses of the MP and member of the Committee for Defence and Internal Affairs and another person, who submitted the written address by e-mail. The report was submitted to the Basic Public Prosecutor's Office in Negotin, Department in Majdanpek, for further consideration.

2. On 8 November 2022 the Basic Public Prosecutor's Office in Negotin, Department in Majdanpek, submitted a request dated 2 November 2022 to the Department of Internal Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia for the verification of the allegations from the criminal complaint filed by the lawyer from Belgrade, the attorney of the injured party Nikola Dragošanić from Majdanpek, which states that the police officers of the Majdanpek Police Station and the Kladovo Police Station committed criminal acts of extortion of testimony from Article 136, paragraph 1 and Abuse and torture from Article 137, paragraph 3 of the Criminal Code.

Based on collected information, conducted interviews, and review of documentation, the police officers of the Internal Control Sector prepared a report on 1 November 2022 on the verification of the allegations from the criminal complaint filed by the lawyer from Belgrade which was submitted to the Basic Public Prosecutor's Office in Negotin, Department in Majdanpek, for further consideration.

3. On 8 November 2022 the Basic Public Prosecutor's Office in Negotin, Department in Majdanpek, submitted a request dated 15 November 2022 to the Internal Control Sector of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia for the verification of the allegations from the criminal complaint filed by the citizens' group "Ne dam!", which states that the police officers of the Majdanpek Police Station and the Kladovo Police Station committed criminal acts of extortion of testimony from Article 136, paragraph 1 and Abuse and torture from Article 137, paragraph 3 of the Criminal Code, against Vladimir Božić and another person, both from Majdanpek.

Based on collected information, conducted interviews, and review of documentation, the police officers of the Internal Control Sector prepared a report on the performed verifications dated 15 December 2022, which was submitted to the Basic Public Prosecutor's Office in Negotin, Department in Majdanpek, for further consideration.

4. On 30 December 2022 the Basic Public Prosecutor's Office in Negotin, Department in Majdanpek, submitted a request dated 27 December 2022 to the Internal Control Sector of the

Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia for the purpose of collecting information from the police officer of the Majdanpek Police Station and obtaining medical reports from the Negotin Medical Centre, for Vladimir Božić and another person, both from Majdanpek. The police officers of the Internal Control Sector acted according to the above-mentioned request and informed the Basic Public Prosecutor's Office in Negotin, Department in Majdanpek by act of 26 January 2023.

On 26 September 2022, pursuant to the provision of Article 294, paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code, the acting public prosecutor of the Higher Public Prosecutor's Office in Negotin ordered detention for the suspect Vladimir Božić and the suspect Ivan Đorđević, and on 27 September 2022 for the suspect Nikola Dragošanić and the suspect Nenad Miladinović.

Upon the approval of the public prosecutor, the police issued and delivered the order of detention to each of them, which also contained a legal instruction on the right to appeal, which must be submitted to the judge for preliminary proceedings of the Higher Court in Negotin within 6 hours of receiving the decision. On delivery of the decision to all four suspects, ex officio defence attorneys were appointed because the suspects did not want to hire defenders.

All suspects were brought before the public prosecutor for questioning within the legally prescribed term of 48 hours. After the hearing, the custody order was submitted to the competent judge for the preliminary proceedings of the Higher Court in Negotin, against the suspects Vladimir Božić, Ivan Đorđević and Nikola Dragošanić. Concerning the suspect Nenad Miladinović, a proposal was submitted to the judge to impose a measure of prohibition of leaving the place of residence, in order to ensure his presence in the criminal proceedings, and after consideration the judge ordered a 30-day detention.

Therefore, the allegation that the prosecutor ordered detention is unfounded because such a possibility is not even provided for by the Criminal Procedure Code, and in this case, as in all other cases, the legal regulation was adhered to. At the same time, Dragan Dmitrović, whose rights were allegedly violated in terms of arbitrary detention, according to the contents of the delivered letter, was neither detained nor was the detention measure proposed for him later. It is true that the detention measure is not carried out in Majdanpek, where the detained persons reside, but in Negotin, 70 km away, but this is because in the area of jurisdiction of the Higher Court in Negotin, which includes the territory of the municipalities of Kladovo, Majdanpek and Negotin, a District Prison exists only in Negotin where the imposed measures can be carried out.

The suspect Mladen Vladić was not detained in terms of the provisions of Article 294, paragraph 1 of the Criminal Procedure Code because he could not be questioned at the Police Station in Majdanpek, given that he was unavailable to the judicial authorities until 6 October 6, 2022, when, in the presence of a hired defence attorney, he reported to the Higher Public Prosecutor's Office in Negotin. After his hearing, a proposal for detention was submitted to the judge for preliminary proceedings of the Higher Court in Negotin, who, after the hearing, ordered detention up to 30 days.

On 9 September 2022 at 11:01 a.m., a report was received by phone that activists who oppose the works on the Starica Mountain in Majdanpek were attacked by several Chinese citizens. The Deputy Basic Public Prosecutor in Negotin was informed about the event, and ordered that the identity of the participants in the event be determined, the necessary information be

collected, including the extent of the injuries sustained, and a report be submitted to the prosecutor's office.

On 9 September 2022 at 11:04 a.m., a legal officer at the mine of the company "Serbia Zijin Copper DOO" – RBM branch Majdanpek, reported by telephone that several activists who oppose the execution of works on Starica mountain in Majdanpek, are stoning the work equipment at the Severni revir elevation point 740. The police officers determined that there was no damage on the work equipment. The Deputy Basic Public Prosecutor in Negotin was informed about the event, and stated that there are no elements of a criminal offense for which prosecution is undertaken ex officio.

On 9 September 2022 at 02:00 p.m. Vladimir Božić approached the police patrol and reported that earth and stones had been unloaded by the company on the local forest road on Starica mountain. The Deputy Basic Public Prosecutor in Negotin was informed about the event, who stated that there are no elements of a criminal offense, nor a misdemeanour for which prosecution is undertaken ex officio.

On 9 September 2022 at 05:45 p.m., a security officer reported by telephone that about 20 activists who oppose the work at the site on Starica mountain had entered the mine area. The Deputy Basic Public Prosecutor in Negotin was informed about the event, and stated that there are no elements of a criminal offense for which prosecution is undertaken ex officio.