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**MEETING OF THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE
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The High Inspector of Justice Mr. Artur Regarding the meeting, Secretary Blinken Metani and heads of the justice institutions mentioned on Twitter that: "Justice reform of the country, President of Constitutional is fundamental for Albania and its attempts Court Mrs. Holta Zaçaj, President of the for integration in the EU. I met with the Supreme Court Mr. Sokol Sadushi and the heads of the Justice reform in Tirana to head of SPAK Mr. Altin Dumani, held a congratulate them for their progress in meeting with the United State Secretary of advancing the rule of Law and war against state Mr. Antony Blinken, during his visit in currption." Tirana, on 16 February 2024.

Secretary Blinken said on Twitter that: "Justice reform is crucial for Albania and its EU integration efforts. I met with justice reform leaders in Tirana to commend their progress in advancing the rule of law and combating corruption".



The US Embassy in Albania conveyed moment for new justice institutions to act through a post on Twitter the messages of boldly against impunity and foster public the meeting: "Secretary of State Antony confidence in the rule of law. These Blinken reiterated the United States' challenges are great, but the United continued commitment to justice reform States stands firmly behind these in Albania during a meeting with the institutions, and we will remain steadfast justice chiefs yesterday. Although reform in our support." is not quick, perfect, or easy, this is the





HIJ TEAM TRAINED ON CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST ISSUES

The Unit of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors of the High Inspector of Justice Office participated in the targeted training on identifying and addressing the issues of

conflict of interest in the framework of the disciplinary investigation, organized by the experts' mission of The EU4Justice project, which assists the HIJ.





In his welcoming speech, High Inspector of Justice Artur Metani expressed his appreciation for the EU4Justice Project, one of the important international partners that supports the HIJ goal for a continuous and professional training of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors team with the best prac-

tices of disciplinary investigation in general and in this specific case of the ECHR, on issues regarding the magistrates' conflicts of interest.

“Identifying, addressing and handling issues of conflict of interest, within discipli-





nary investigation, remains important for the very role of this process, which is the protection of the public interest through the investigation of disciplinary violations of magistrates, said Mr. Metani.

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The main expert of the Project Mr. Álvaro García Pérez-Iraola thanked the High Inspector of Justice for the fruitful cooperation and praised the commitment of the

staff in the activities offered by the Project, which aim to increase the capacities of the institution by sharing the best European experiences. Mr. Pérez-Iraola brought to attention the conception of this training in the field of dealing with the conflict of interest in the framework of the disciplinary investigation, through combining theoretical aspect with practical cases.

The two-day training conducted by the former French inspector of justice, magistrate





Vincent Delbos, combined theory with the development of practical skills, encouraging team work to create strategies for effective conflict of interest management, through four case studies from the European Court of Human Rights and other international experiences, related to the identified issues of conflict of interest.

Part of the training sessions were also the discussion and comparison of the Albanian and international experience on the importance and consequences of not respecting the principles and standards of the conflict of interest.



FEBRUARY OF HIJ IN NUMBER

During **February** the Office of High Inspector of Justice has administered **89** complaints, which were submitted **88 by citizens** and **1 complaint** submitted by the institution.

The High Inspector of Justice Office has performed the standard confirmation process of receiving complaints for all the new complaints submitted during **February** 2024. Complaints against judges and prosecutors are referred to the inspectors and they are at different stages of the process such as the initial consideration, verification and the archiving together with relevant decisions.

ARCHIVED	VERIFICATION	DISCIPLINARY PROCESS
<p>46 decisions out of 159 reviewed complaints, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 41 archiving decisions after the initial review - 5 archiving decisions after verification 	<p>- 13 verification decisions, from the practices of the HIJ.</p>	<p>--1 decision to end the disciplinary investigation for 1 prosecutor.</p> <p>-3 requests for disciplinary proceedings for 2 judges, 1 prosecutor.</p>

COMPLAINT PROCESS AT HIJ

The Office of the High Inspector of Justice continues with intensive work to confirm the complaints carried and those administered since February 1, 2020, when it was established as an institution.

To facilitate this process for interested persons, HIJ has published on the official website a special complaint form, which:

- Can be completed directly and submitted online;
- Can be downloaded, completed and sent by email to info@ild.al or by mail at the address Boulevard "Dëshmorët e Kombit", Building no.13, Tirana.

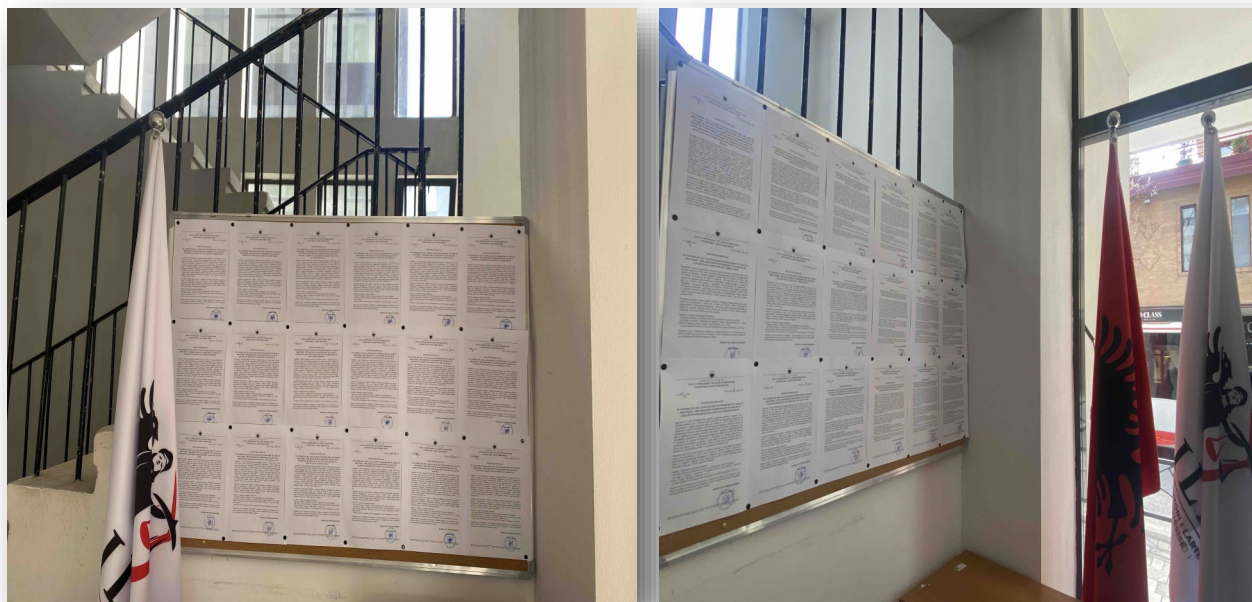
It can also be completed by presenting at the Office of the High Inspector of Justice, if necessary, to ask for assistance of the team of the Complaints Office.

Upon receipt of the complaint, the High Inspector of Justice within 5 days confirms in writing its receipt.

The criteria for the admissibility of the complaint are published on the official website of HIJ www.ild.al, in the section "How to receive complaints".

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISIONS

Even during the month of **February 2024**, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice made public announcements of archiving decisions for **3 complainants**, who were unreachable at the addresses communicated by them. In addition to the stands of the HIJ, according to the law, these announcements are also found on our official website and posted in the stands of the municipalities where the complainants come from.

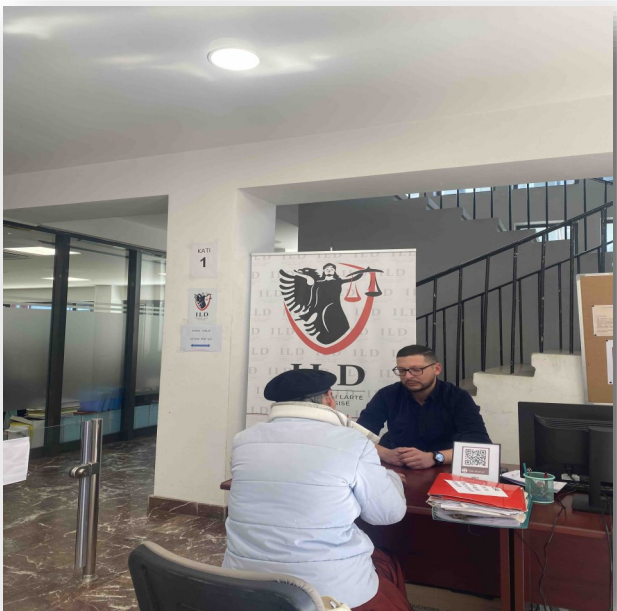




While assisting the complainants

The team of complaints office welcomes citizens-complainants every working day from 09:00 am to 02:00 pm, while for increased communication with interested citizens, in addition to communication through the web-

site and official address, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice has made available the phone number +355 4 2217217. Coordinator for the right to information is part of this sector.



During the month of February 2024, the Complaints and Public Relations Sector received 25 complainants, who appeared at the premises of the Office of the High Inspector of Justice, and 33 phone calls from citizens, who requested information on the stage of their complaints or Information on completing the TIP complaint form.



COORDINATOR FOR THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION

In accordance with the principles and rules provided for in law no. 119/2014 "On the right to information", the coordinator for the right to information in the Office of the High Inspector of Justice, enables every applicant the right to be familiar with public information, as well as communicates according to the need with the applicant regarding the processing of the request for public information.

Requests for information are filed by

citizens, legal entities, interested groups, and can be send through the "Albanian Post", e-mail at the address: info@ild.al, as well as the e-mail of the coordinator for the right to information: amanta.jasa@ild.al.

The information provided in the transparency program is published and continuously updated in the register of requests and responses, within the legal deadline.

MONTHLY FIGURES

During **February 2024**, at the Office of High Inspector of Justice, **13 requests for information** were received, which were processed in all cases within 5 days (the law provides that applicants to return response within 10 days).

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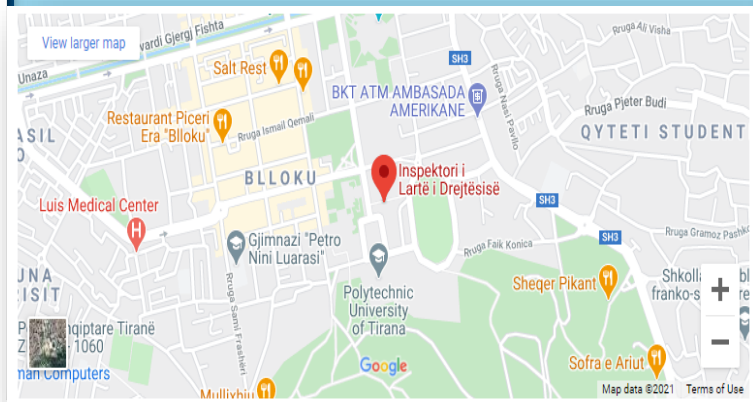
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