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The citizen at HIJ

During April 2026:

- welcomed **35 complainants**, which were present personally at the premises of the Office of the High Inspector of Justice;
- has had **28 phone calls** from citizens, who requested information on the stage of their complaints or information on completing the complaint form;
- **13 requests** for information were received.

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At the OPDAT office, Mr. Metani met with Deputy Director George Huber and Regional Director for Europe Pragna Soni. During these meetings, the High Inspector of Justice was accompanied by OPDAT Resident Legal Advisor in Albania Dave Backman and Inspector Mr. Periand Teta.

Discussions focused on increasing standards of integrity and professionalism in the judicial system in Albania as essential elements in the fight against organized crime and corruption.

In this context, the High Inspector of Justice shared views on the importance of strengthening inspection and accountability mechanisms for judges and prosecutors, as well as the need to ensure high ethical and professional standards.

Mr. Metani also emphasized that the functioning of an independent, impartial, and accountable judicial system constitutes a key element in guaranteeing the rule of law and strengthening democracy in Albania. The interlocutors appreciated the progress achieved and expressed their willingness to continue support and interinstitutional cooperation, including in terms of technical assistance and exchanging best practices.

These meetings constitute an important step in deepening international cooperation and advancing reforms in the justice system, with the aim of increasing public trust and strengthening justice institutions in Albania.



OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE TO THE STATES OF TEXAS AND FLORIDA, USA



As part of an official visit to the United States of America, the High Inspector of Justice, Mr. Artur Metani, conducted a visit to the state of Texas, during which he held a series of high-level institutional meetings with representatives of public institutions and actors of the justice system. These meetings were organized with the support of Mr. Harry Hardman, member of the Conroe County Council, as well as the organization Open Gov Hub Albania, with the aim of strengthening inter-institutional dialogue and promoting the exchange of experience and best professional practices between the institution of the High Inspector of Justice and other public institutions in the United States of America.

In honor of the High Inspector of Justice's visit to the state of Texas, the welcome was marked by a symbolic one-day flag-raising ceremony in Austin, at the Texas State Capitol, as an act of particular protocol and institutional significance. Subsequently, during an official ceremony held in the presence of local authorities, as a sign of appreciation and mutual inter-institutional respect, the flag was presented to Mr. Metani on behalf of Mr. Will Metcalf, Member of the Texas House of Representatives (District 16), by the Mayor of Conroe, Mr. Duke Coon.

As part of the official agenda, the High Inspector of Justice also visited the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University, where he was received by Executive Associate Dean Prof. Maria Escobar-Lemmon and Associate Dean Prof. Robert R. Shandley. During this meeting, issues related to academic programs and the essential role of continuous professional training in strengthening and developing the institutional capacities of the High Inspector of Justice were discussed in depth.

In this context, the parties identified concrete areas of cooperation and discussed the establishment of a sustainable and long-term inter-institutional partnership between the university and the Office of the High Inspector of Justice, aimed at promoting the exchange of academic programs, knowledge transfer, and the delivery of specialized training for the staff of the Office of the High Inspector of Justice by the Bush School.

The High Inspector of Justice, Mr. Artur Metani, was also received at the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office by District Attorney Mr. Mike Holley. During this meeting, the interlocutors exchanged in detail their institutional experiences and best professional practices to be followed to enhance independence, accountability, ensure the institutional integrity of prosecutors, and further consolidate the principles of the rule of law in a democratic society. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Holley presented Mr. Metani with a certificate from the District Attorney's Office in honor of the visit, with the following citation:

"Your work reflects the highest principles of integrity, accountability, and public service, strengthening the pursuit of justice both within your nation and across the global community." During the visit, the High Inspector of Justice held a meeting with Judge Jay Wright of the 9th Court of Appeals of Texas, as part of an exchange of experiences on the organization, functioning, and standards of judicial practice.

As part of the visit to Texas, the High Inspector of Justice was invited to the Montgomery County Veterans Memorial Park, where he was closely acquainted with the mission, role,

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and activities of this center, which is dedicated to honoring the sacrifices of United States veterans, active-duty military personnel, and first responders from all states. On this occasion, he was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his visit, as an expression of institutional gratitude.

Continuing the official visit to the United States of America, the High Inspector of Justice also conducted a working visit to the state of Florida, accompanied by the visit organizer, Dr. Judithanne Scourfield McLaughlan, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg. During his stay in Florida, the High Inspector of Justice held a series of meetings with magistrates and representatives of academia, with a particular focus on analyzing different models of organization and functioning of the justice system in the United States, as well as the standards of institutional integrity of magistrates. In this context, meetings were held with U.S. Magistrate Judge Natalie Hirt Adams of the Middle District of Florida, as well as with Judges Pat Siracusa and Keith Meyer of the 6th Judicial Circuit of Florida, where opinions and experiences were exchanged regarding mechanisms of justice administration, judicial ethics, and procedural guarantees aimed at strengthening the rule of law and legal certainty.

Subsequently, the High Inspector of Justice also held a meeting with Dr. Thomas Smith, Interim Regional Chancellor and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg. During this meeting, discussions focused on issues related to inter-institutional cooperation, the development of joint academic and professional programs, and the creation of sustainable mechanisms for the exchange of expertise and the strengthening of institutional capacities of the staff of the Office of the High Inspector of Justice.

These meetings constitute an important step toward deepening international cooperation and further advancing reforms in the justice system, aiming to consolidate the institutional standards of the High Inspector of Justice and align them with international best practices. In this context, these engagements are intended to increase public trust in the justice system and strengthen the institutional capacities of the Office of the High Inspector of Justice, in line with the principles of the rule of law and contemporary standards of democratic governance.







SELECTION OF THE DEPUTY HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE



High Inspector of Justice carried out the procedure for the selection of the Deputy High Inspector of Justice, in accordance with Law No. 115/2016, as amended, and Decision No. 65, dated 09.11.2023.

After reviewing the submitted candidacy and conducting a secret ballot by the General Meeting of Inspectors, the latter decided to propose to the High Inspector of Justice the candidacy of Ms. Elena Pelushi for appointment as Deputy High Inspector of Justice.

After taking into consideration the advisory opinion of the General Meeting of Inspectors, High Inspector of Justice Mr. Artur Metani decided to appoint Ms. Pelushi to this position.

Deputy High Inspector of Justice, Ms. Elena Pelushi, graduated from the School of Magistrates in 2002, with a specialization in prosecution. Subsequently, she served as a prosecutor until February 2021,

when she was seconded to the Office of the High Inspector of Justice to perform the duties of magistrate inspector.

During her career as a prosecutor, Ms. Pelushi has been engaged in many professional trainings organized by the School of Magistrates, Prosecutor General Office as well as various national and international institutions and organizations. She speaks French, Italian, and English.

Deputy High Inspector of Justice exercises all the powers of the High Inspector of Justice in the absence of the latter, or when the position is temporarily vacant, with the exception of institutional powers related to issuing orders for the proper functioning of the institution, verifying complaints, investigating violations and conducting inspections as well as ensuring compliance with ethical and professional rules by inspectors and administrative staff. Deputy High Inspector of Justice serves a term of two years with the possibility of reappointment.







APRIL OF HIJ IN NUMBERS

During **April 2026**, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice administered **116 complaints** which were submitted by **citizens**. The Office ensured the standardized confirmation process of receiving complaints for newly submitted complaints in accordance with procedural requirements.

Complaints involving judges and prosecutors were assigned to Inspectors and are currently at different stages of processing, including initial review, archiving, verification, or draft decision issuance.

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COMPLAINT PROCESS AT HIJ

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 being present personally at the Office of the High Inspector of Justice and if necessary, asking assistance by the team of the Complaints and Public relations Office.

Within 5 days Upon receiving the complaint, the High Inspector of Justice confirms in writing its receiving.

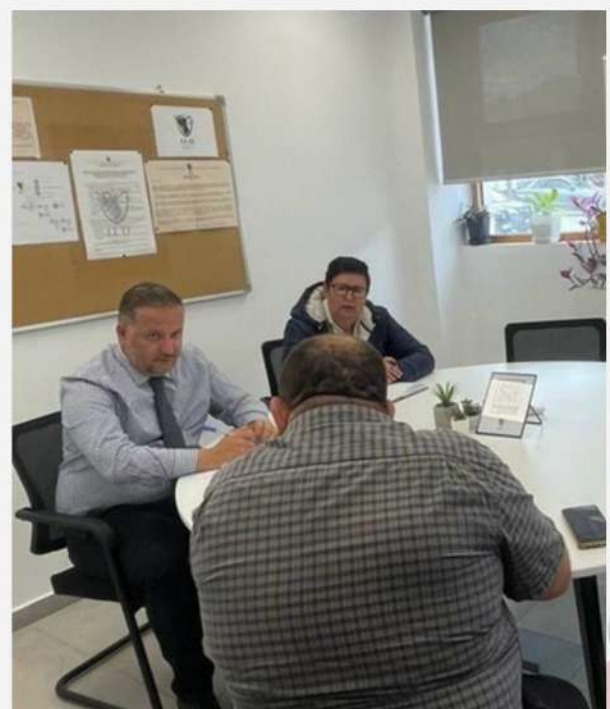
The criteria for the admissibility of the complaint are published on the official website of HIJ www.ild.al, in the section "How complaints are accepted".



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 website 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.



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISIONS

Even during the month of **April 2026**, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice made public announcements of archiving decisions for **6 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.



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: elis.kuci@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.

*During **April 2026**, 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 a response must be return to the applicant within 10 days).*

THREE JUSTICE INSTITUTIONS HOLD A DISCUSSION WITH DIASPORA LAWYERS



The Albanian-British Lawyers Association (BALA), in cooperation with the High Inspector of Justice, organized a high-level panel discussion with lawyers from the Albanian diaspora, who were in Tirana during the 4th Diaspora Summit.

The meeting, hosted by the High Inspector of Justice, Artur Metani, was also attended by the Chairman of the High Judicial Council, Ilir Rusi, and the Prosecutor General, Olsian Çela.

The discussion, moderated by the Chairwoman of the Albanian-British Lawyers Association, Ms. Brikena Muharremi, focused on the topic “Justice Reform in Albania and the Contribution of the Albanian Diaspora to the Rule of Law,” emphasizing the importance of cooperation between domestic institutions and diaspora expertise in strengthening the justice system.

Welcoming the participants, Mr. Metani stated that institutions have an obligation to give the same level of attention to Albanians living abroad as they do to citizens residing in Albania.

During a brief presentation of the functions of the Office of the High Inspector of Justice, he emphasized that the foundation of the institution’s work is finding the balance between the accountability that magistrates must have for their duties and the respect for their independence. According to him, oversight by the High Inspector of Justice is not a matter of emotions, but a legal obligation. Mr. Metani underlined that it is essential for judges and prosecutors to feel that their work is monitored in a constitutional manner.

The Prosecutor General, Olsian Çela, considered the meeting important, emphasizing that it is essential for professionals from the diaspora to understand the services provided by the prosecution institution and to have a correct perception of its work. He highlighted the profound transformation the system has undergone due to justice reform, noting that public expectations are high, but this remains a long-term and ongoing challenge. As one of the main innovations of the reform, Mr. Çela pointed out that the prosecution system is now fully decentralized and ensures the independence of prosecutors.

Lawyers from the diaspora, coming from the United Kingdom, France, Germany, and Switzerland, expressed interest in concrete opportunities to contribute in Albania.

Mr. Metani referred to the case of the High Inspector of Justice, announcing that two law students living in London will undertake internships at the institution in June, while three other applications are under review. He emphasized that the institution welcomes any contribution, whether through employment in accordance with Albanian legislation or through consultancy or research engagements.

Regarding the concrete contribution of the diaspora, Mr. Rusi stated that the doors of the High Judicial Council are open to professionals in the field in accordance with legal criteria, and even more so for students interested in practical opportunities.

He announced that the Council has issued calls for facilitators and trainers for the judicial administration and that, through cooperation with partners such as the European Union, OSCE, and the Council of Europe, anyone interested can become involved.

For his part, Prosecutor General Olsian Çela emphasized that at the negotiation stage Albania is currently in on its path toward European Union membership, any contribution from the Albanian diaspora is welcomed and valuable for achieving this national objective.

In response to questions about increasing public trust, the three institutional leaders stated that high expectations remain a challenge, but efforts are continuous to ensure that decision-making is based not on momentary emotions,

but on sustainable, law-based solutions that stand the test of time.

“Justice reform has built a new architecture of the separation of powers, while simultaneously guaranteeing independence and control mechanisms. An important element for public trust is precisely this architecture, where institutions oversee each other. In this sense, the High Inspector of Justice is not an absolute authority, as his decisions can be appealed and reviewed by the Councils. On the other hand, the Councils’ decisions are subject to review by appellate judicial bodies, while the Councils themselves are overseen by the High Inspector of Justice. Thus, the entire structure of the reform is based on the principle of separation of powers, as well as on control and balance among them,” stated the High Inspector of Justice, Artur Metani.









HIJ AND MOJ SIGN AGREEMENT ON JUSTICE SYSTEM STATISTICAL DATA



The High Inspector of Justice signed today with the Ministry of Justice an agreement on the harmonization, implementation and publication of national justice system statistical data.

In a special ceremony, the agreement was signed on behalf of the respective institutions by Mr. Artur Metani and Mr. Toni Gogu. It aims to create a framework for inter-institutional cooperation and to regulate the processes of collecting, processing, reporting and publishing justice system statistical data, in accordance with the methodology of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) and the national legislation in force.

In his speech, Mr. Metani emphasized that building a system with accurate and accessible statistical data serves not only to measure the performance and efficiency of courts and prosecutors' offices, but is also essential for increasing transparency, strengthening accountability and identifying the needs for continuous improvement in the functioning of the justice system. *"Only if we manage to create and realize a complete and accurate picture of the state of the justice system (regarding the average time a magistrate needs for judicial review, the progress and completion of backlog cases in the courts, their workload) can we manage to identify concrete measures, accurate assessments and effective strategies that fulfill the goal of increasing the quality and efficiency of the justice system"*, said Mr. Metani.

On the other hand, the High Inspector of Justice also underlined the impact of statistics on the work processes of the institution he leads. *"Justice system statistics also have a significant impact on the planning of thematic inspections that address the most fundamental issues of the justice system, increasing the effectiveness of recommendations."*

The clarity, comprehensibility and accuracy of statistical data also contribute to the assessment of the impact of completed thematic and institutional inspections. By comparing justice system statistics before and after each inspection, the impact of recommendations on improving the efficiency of the justice system and public trust in this system can be assessed more effectively. In this sense, it is necessary to ensure the standardization of data collection and processing, as well as the construction of integrated systems that guarantee transparency, traceability and controlled access to information. Only through such an infrastructure can statistical data be transformed into a real decision-making instrument, which supports a fair assessment based on accurate data. At the same time, this process cannot be understood in isolation from the infrastructure, material and functional conditions in which it is exercised the activity of courts and prosecutor's offices. For this reason, the improvement of the infrastructure and systems of courts and prosecutor's offices constitutes an essential component, which directly affects the efficiency of work, the quality of data."

In the presence of the Ambassador of the European Union to Albania, Mr. Silvio Gonzato, similar agreements were signed today with the Ministry of Justice by other institutions of the justice system, such as the High Judicial Council, the High Prosecutorial Council, the Prosecutor General and the School of Magistrates.

These agreements are part of the National Reform Agenda and are directly related to the objective of increasing the efficiency of the justice system at all levels. They contribute in a concrete way to the European integration process, guaranteeing comparable and reliable data for reporting to the European Commission.

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SPEECH OF THE HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE AT THE AGREEMENT SIGNING MEETING ON THE HARMONIZATION OF JUSTICE SYSTEM STATISTICS



Honorable Minister,

Honorable representatives of state institutions,

Honorable Ambassador,

Honorable colleagues and attendees,

Let me first say that it is a special pleasure for me that today we are at this important moment of formalizing a cooperation that directly serves to strengthen transparency and increase the efficiency of the justice system in our country.

The signing of this agreement between the High Inspector of Justice and the Minister of Justice is not simply a formal act, nor only about harmonizing the methodology for collecting, processing, and publishing statistical data with the standards of the European Commission within the framework of the European integration process. Rather, it is a concrete step toward building a more transparent, more accountable, and more efficient system, through improving the collection, processing, and analysis of statistical data in justice.

The High Inspector of Justice, as a key contributor to the implementation of the priorities of Chapter 23, has played an active role in pursuing them with absolute priority by taking concrete steps in working practices and standards. In this context, our contribution goes beyond data harmonization, extending to the promotion and implementation of working practices aligned with the highest European standards, the model toward which our institutions, our society, and our country aspire.

Given that public trust in justice institutions is essential, accurate and reliable data play a key role, not only as indicators of our performance, but also as important instruments for drafting sound policies, identifying problems, and undertaking sustainable reforms and functional methodologies for every justice institution in the country, including the High Inspector of Justice.

Establishing a system with accurate and accessible statistical data serves not only to measure the performance and efficiency of courts and prosecution offices, but is also essential in terms of transparency, accountability, and identifying the need for continuous improvement within the justice system.

Only if we manage to create a complete and accurate picture of the state of the justice system, (*such as the average time required for judicial review, the progress in reducing court backlogs and the workload of magistrates*) we can identify concrete measures, make accurate assessments, and design effective strategies that increase the quality and efficiency of justice.

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The cooperation formalized through this agreement, aims to create a unified and standardized approach to managing justice statistics, ensuring that the information produced is accessible, comparable, and useful for informed decision-making. Through this joint commitment, our institutions seek to improve the quality of services provided to citizens.

The High Inspector of Justice remains committed to its mission of ensuring accountability and high professional standards within the judicial and investigative system.

In this context, working together with the Ministry of Justice in areas of common interest is essential to ensure that every initiative is based on accurate data and sound analysis.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Ministry of Justice and to all those who contributed to achieving this agreement. I am confident that this is only the beginning of a fruitful cooperation that will bring concrete and tangible results in the service of justice and citizens.

In conclusion, let me emphasize that building a reliable justice system is an ongoing process that requires commitment, cooperation and a long-term vision. The agreement we are signing today is an important step in this direction.

In this context, to address this stage of development and the problems of the system today, in my personal view, we must clearly understand that justice reform is a vital undertaking for Albanian society.

The implementation of justice reform is the definitely the responsibility of justice institutions. However, such a deep, long and complex process, in terms of the social and political values that this reform aims to cultivate in Albanian society, necessarily requires the commitment of the political and institutional system, as well as of Albanian society as a whole.



SPEECH OF MR. METANI AT THE MEETING OF THE COUNCILS ON ETHICAL-PROFESSIONAL EVALUATIONS AND REDUCTION OF BACKLOG



Honorable Chairwoman of the High Prosecutorial Council, Ms. Mirela Bogdani,

Honorable Chairman of the High Judicial Council, Mr. Ilir Rusi,

Honorable Minister of Justice, Mr. Toni Gogu,

Honorable Prosecutor General, Mr. Olsian Çela,

Honorable Chairman of the Supreme Court, Mr. Sokol Sadushi,

Honorable participants,

Thank you for the invitation and the opportunity to share some considerations within the framework of this fourth joint meeting of our institutions. This joint meeting comes at an important moment, which requires more than reflection; it requires clarity in positions, real coordination, and concrete decision-making. The challenge we have today in front of us, and not only in relation to today's topic, which has to do with the ethical and professional evaluation of magistrates, but also many other issues related to the organization and functioning of the judicial power, is no longer only the identification of problems, since they are already known, but our ability to address them in a sustainable way, with institutional responsibility and with results as quick and concrete as possible.

Firstly, in every case this process must be real and not formal. The evaluation process must be conceived and built as a reliable mechanism that functions in practice and produces measurable results.

The evaluation must cover the entire professional experience of magistrates, the merits of the magistrate, his/her qualification, integrity, ability and efficiency, while respecting the principle of independence of magistrates. The objectives for the professional development of the magistrate must respond to real needs, which arise from the evaluation of his/her work, so that the recommendations for improvement are realistic and possible to be implemented. The objectives for the professional development of the magistrate must derive from the concrete experience of exercising the function and from the daily reality of work. Not from general models nor from approaches detached from practice. Only in this way do recommendations for improvement gain real value, when they are applicable, measurable, and when they truly contribute to increasing the quality of the exercise of duty.

Secondly, the evaluation process must be built in such a way as to ensure the timely ethical and professional evaluation of magistrates. The lack of coherence between the evaluation and the promotion of magistrates must be minimized. An ethical-professional evaluation system that is not based on meritocracy, and that does not serve as a tool for the magistrate's career, risks weakening the very foundations on which justice is built and creating unfair perceptions in public opinion regarding the organization and functioning of the judicial power. On the other hand, the accumulation of unfinished evaluations is a clear indicator of a system that is not functioning at the proper pace. This backlog creates uncertainty, delays in career development, and weakens the effectiveness of the evaluation process itself.

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This situation requires immediate measures to reduce the backlog, but at the same time also the taking of a series of measures that prevent its re-creation. Accelerating the process requires not only commitment, but also reorganization and clear monitoring mechanisms.

Thirdly, an equally important dimension is the quality of the evaluation process itself while the review of the ethical-professional evaluation methodology must aim at less formalism and more substance, simplification of indicators, improvement of statistical data, and increase in the weight of qualitative elements or indicators. Improving the quality and reliability of statistical data constitutes an essential prerequisite for building an objective and sustainable ethical-professional evaluation process over time. Without an accurate, complete, and updated database, any effort for evaluation risks being based on partial or inaccurate indicators, thereby undermining the very integrity of the ethical-professional evaluation process of magistrates.

In this regard, it is necessary to ensure the standardization of data collection and processing, as well as the establishment of integrated systems that guarantee transparency, traceability, and controlled access to information. Only through such an infrastructure can statistical data be transformed into a real decision-making instrument, which supports a fair evaluation based on accurate data. At the same time, this process cannot be understood as detached from the infrastructure, material and functional conditions in which the activity of courts and prosecution offices is carried out. For this reason, the improvement of infrastructure and systems of courts and prosecution offices constitutes an essential component, which directly affects the efficiency of work, the quality of data and consequently also the objectivity of the ethical-professional evaluation process of magistrates.

Honorable participants,

The process of ethical and professional evaluation of magistrates is a mechanism that functions only if its links are synchronized. Any lack of clarity in roles, or any delay in cooperation produces chain effects throughout the judicial power. It is time for inter-institutional cooperation not to be based on a formal approach, but to turn into a functional, measurable mechanism oriented toward results.

The role of the High Inspector of Justice is closely linked to guaranteeing integrity and strengthening accountability in the judicial power. However, we must be clear that this is not the responsibility of a single institution. It depends on our ability to act as a coordinated system, where each institution contributes in a measurable and timely manner, and where each institution plays its constitutional and legal role. In this framework, it is worth emphasizing that the harmonization of standards between the High Prosecutorial Council, the High Judicial Council, the High Inspector of Justice, and the Prosecutor General is a necessity. A system with different standards cannot produce an equal process nor public trust.

This approach does not require only goodwill but also requires real action. This meeting today must serve precisely this purpose, by moving from analysis to action; from identifying problems to implementing solutions; from expectations to concrete results. I am convinced that through this joint dialogue and concrete institutional engagement we will succeed in addressing existing challenges and building a more effective, fairer, and more functional ethical-professional evaluation process for magistrates. Thanking you for your cooperation and your contribution, I wish you good work.

Thank you!



HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE, OPEN LECTURE WITH STUDENTS OF “LUARASI”



High Inspector of Justice Mr. Artur Metani held an open lecture with students of the law department at “Luarasi” University, where he shared with them reflections on the functioning of the justice system after the reform, focusing on the activity of the High Inspector of Justice, the independence of the judiciary, accountability and the separation of powers.

During his speech, the High Inspector of Justice Mr. Artur Metani said that the justice reform has created a new institutional architecture, which constitutes a stable and functional structure. One of the main achievements of this reform, said Mr. Metani, is the fact that today judges and prosecutors exercise their duties without pressure or coercion, thanks to legal and constitutional mechanisms that guarantee the investigation and punishment of any possible violation.

The High Inspector of Justice explained how the institution he leads is set in motion, emphasizing that “the process starts mainly from complaints from citizens and institutions, but also on the initiative of the HIJ itself, based on information obtained, including from the media, but the complaints must be clear and detailed, including the identity of the judge and a concrete description of the alleged violation”.

An essential element, according to Mr. Metani, remains maintaining the balance between the independence of judges and their accountability, which guarantees an impartial and blackmail-free justice system. The High Inspector of Justice also explained that “the HIJ does not have the authority to change court decisions, as provided for in the law they are overturned or changed by a higher level of the judicial system”.

The High Inspector of Justice then explained the three stages of handling a complaint: “initial verification, investigation based on reasonable suspicion and disciplinary proceedings.

Among the most frequent violations found, he mentioned delays in the disclosure of decisions, which are often related to the high workload of the judiciary.

The High Inspector of Justice emphasized that citizens have the right to appeal his decisions to the relevant bodies, as control mechanisms, and also noted the importance of inspections in the justice system, which contribute to increasing its performance and credibility”.

During the conversation with the students, special attention was also paid to the impact of the vetting process on the justice system. The High Inspector of Justice emphasized that vetting has halved the number of judges, creating an increased workload on the system, but remaining a necessary process for increasing integrity and public trust.

Students raised questions about the nature of violations in decision-making and cases when these may violate the integrity of the judge, including through corruption. In response, the Inspector explained that each case is reviewed on the basis of facts and legal procedures, respecting the standards of investigation and the balance between independence and accountability.

Regarding the question about the volume of complaints, Mr. Metani announced that approximately 9 thousand complaints have been filed with the institution, of which approximately 6700 have been reviewed. Of these, approximately 150 investigations have been conducted against magistrates and 53 disciplinary proceedings have been initiated.

Finally, the High Inspector of Justice spoke about the inspections, which he said could serve as a basis for institutional reflection and further improvements, including recommendations, while adding that all inspection reports have been addressed to the Assembly.











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Pleased that with the Chair of the HJC&the Prosecutor General we held a discussion with Albanian diaspora lawyers. As institutions we must ensure that relations with Albanians living abroad receive the same level of attention as those within the country.



THREE JUSTICE INSTITUTIONS HOLD A DISCUSSION WITH DIASP...

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🇸🇰 Always a pleasure to engage in discussions with law students 🎓 and faculty. 🇸🇰 Their interest and commitment to the rule of law 🇸🇰 offer hope for the future.

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#HIJ concludes selection procedure, appoints Elena Pelushi as Deputy High Inspector of Justice. 🇹🇽



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🇸🇰 Building a reliable justice system is an ongoing process that requires commitment, cooperation and a long-term vision. The agreement we are signing today is an important step in this direction.

#ArturMetani #HIJ 🇸🇰



SPEECH OF THE HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE AT THE AGREEMEN...

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Grateful for the opportunity to discuss with the office of OIG&OPDAT@US Department of Justice in Washington DC 🇸🇰 the work of the HIJ 🇸🇰. Valuable discussions on strengthening inter-institutional cooperation 🇸🇰 and promoting the rule of law and democracy. 🇸🇰



THE HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE CONDUCTED AN OFFICIAL VISI...

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The establishment of a system with accessible statistical data serves to measure the performance and efficiency of courts and prosecution offices activities as well as to enhance transparency, accountability, and the improvement of the justice system. 🇹🇽



HIJ AND MOJ SIGN AGREEMENT ON JUSTICE SYSTEM STATISTICAL...

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The process of ethical and professional evaluation of magistrates 🇸🇰 is a mechanism that functions only if its links are synchronized. #HIJ #HJC #HPC 🇹🇽



SPEECH OF MR. METANI AT THE MEETING OF THE COUNCILS ON E...

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🇹🇽 Weekly Processing of Complaints in #ILD

- ✅ 9019 confirmed
- ✅ 6745 processed
- ✅ 2274 in processing
- ✅ 148 in verification process
- ✅ 148 investigated magistrates
- ✅ 53 requests for disciplinary proceedings
- ✅ 18 completed inspections

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9,019+ Confirmed Complaints | 6,745 Processed Complaints | 2,274 Complaints in the verification process | 148 Investigated magistrates | 53 Requests for disciplinary proceedings

This information is updated every month.

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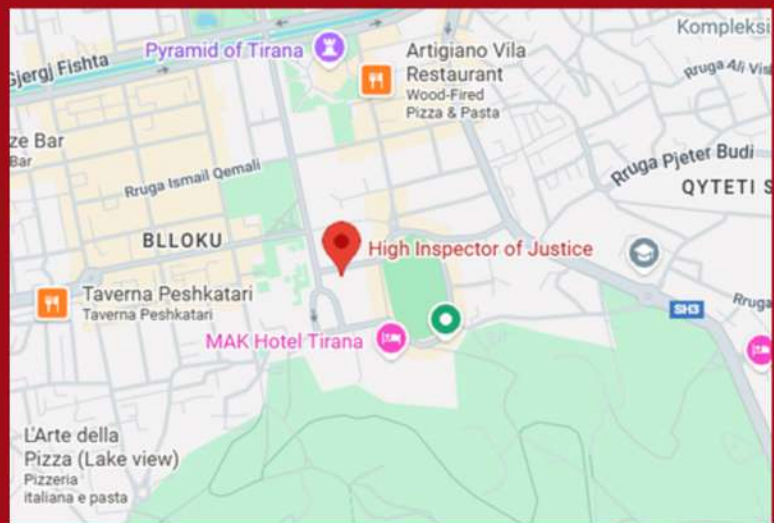
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