

Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

YUCOM addressed the Ministry of Culture and the Special Prosecutor for Organized Crime on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2008, seeking that they take appropriate measures regarding the publishing of a so-called feuilleton in the *Kurir* daily in the period between September 26<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup>, titled "*How Đinđić was killed* ", based on the recent publishing of an alleged book "Secret Transcripts" by an unknown author and the letters of *Milorad Ulemek Legija*, convicted for the murder of Prime Minister Zoran Đinđić and other political murders. The text brings a series of most vulgar and primitive attacks against Mrs. Sonja Biserko.

It was pointed out at the fact that the text contains *false information* which are being used since 2003 as "the truth" regarding the murder of Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Đinđić; again the "theory of the third bullet" is being revived, as well as the story about the involvement of British intelligence service MI6 in the murder and about MI6's influence on the then Serbian Government to introduce a state of emergency in Serbia, all this based on statements of a *person* (unnamed, of course) *"close to the intelligence service"*, by which the *Kurir* daily, violating all *legal standards* and *standards of professional ethics*, in a delicate moment coinciding with the process before the *Supreme Court*, again *launches* a campaign of untrue and *false facts* and *information* regarding the circumstances of the Prime Minister's murder.

Reacting to the writing of *Kurir*, YUCOM demanded from the Special Prosecutor to determine who stands behind these unsigned articles, underlining the fact that this is one of the key issues for the determining of the political background of the Prime Minister's murder, as well as of the background of publishing Ulemek's letter to Sonja Biserko in which he, in the name of a right to an opinion, in fact calls for violence and makes direct threats. YUCOM also demanded an adequate reaction from the Minister of Culture.

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