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STATEMENT

The Belgrade 1st Municipal Court dismissed the charges by private plaintiff Aleksandar Tijanić against Biljana Kovačević Vučo, publisher of the book "The Case of Civil Servant Aleksandar Tijanić", for the reason of being belated.

This process began in 2005 before the 1st Municipal Court in Belgrade, regarding the said book which was published by YUCOM as part of the edition "Not to be Forgotten".

Aleksandar Tijanić, who at first was grateful and 'proud because no other Serbian journalist has received a greater monument during his lifetime', a few months later felt insulted, after all, by this reminder of his own *oeuvre* so he belatedly decided to initiate a whole series of legal procedures against those who built this "monument".

Beside the fact that this court process was groundlessly being carried out for almost four years, the manner in which Aleksandar Tijanić misused the court, insulted the defendant, lawyers, as well as all means which he used in order to dehumanize everybody he considers his enemies – all that in his capacity of the RTS (National Television) General Director – causes the most concern.

Still, beside five (of a total of six) processes regarding the said publication which Aleksandar Tijanić lost, it still remains for the court to rule in a litigation process on whether the belated defamation of Aleksandar Tijanić had caused "emotional anguish" in the amount of 8,500,000 dinars.

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