

# Former Mayor of Bužim, Agan Bunić put in the dock

Una-Sana Canton Prosecutor's Office accused Agan Bunić, former mayor of Bužim and Elmir Aldžić, director of Bužim Social Welfare Center for misappropriating BAM 3,510 from this institution.

They have been charged with using the money of the Center to pay the Bunić's promotional interview in the BH Business Magazine in September 2015. According to the indictment, Bunić and Aldžić arranged for the bill for 100 copies of a book and 20 copies of the magazine presenting Bunić as „The Best Mayor in 2015“ to be paid by the Center.

The charges were confirmed by the Bosanska Krupa Municipal Court in early February this year.

CIN wrote about this misappropriation five years ago. Bunić told CIN reporters at the time that due to the small number of births, some money intended for women on maternity leave was left unspent, so he redirected the money to media services.

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## Marketing of Mayors at Expense of the Poor

Aldžić supported the idea of publishing the interview and conducted a public procurement procedure, and within the same day signed a contract with Medium LLC, the publisher of BH Business Magazine.

However, Samra Mehić, acting director of the Social Welfare Center, following the instruction of the management Board, refused to foot the bill for the promo material ordered by Bunić.

As a result of refusing to pay the magazine and books with the Bunić's interview, the then-mayor blocked funds intended for

the Social Welfare Center leaving the Center's employees and their beneficiaries with no welfare for 2.5 months.

This is the second indictment against Bunić. In 2019, while he was in the mayoral office, the Una-Sana Canton PO charged him with unlawfully signing four service agreements for municipality jobs envisaged under the systematization.

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### Indictment Against Agan Bunić Approved

Since these posts required a call for applications to be published, the prosecutors accused Bunić of breaking the USK Law on Civil Servants. The indictment describes that he signed and stamped an official document presenting to the USK Ministry of Justice and Administration incorrect information – that the municipality Bužim concluded no service agreements.