

A pair of weathered, brown hands, likely belonging to a person of African descent, are shown from the chest up, holding a pile of broken bread crumbs. The hands are cupped together, and the bread is broken into small, irregular pieces. The background is dark and textured, possibly a wall or a piece of fabric. The overall tone is somber and evocative.

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We wish to remind you of some of our most notable stories, which shed light on significant social issues and individuals or groups who, motivated by personal interests, have flouted laws and sought to evade accountability.



ABOUT US

The Centre for Investigative Journalism (CIN) undertakes investigative reporting across all societal spheres, aiming to deliver verified and accurate information grounded in facts and evidence, to enhance public understanding of current events.

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Health care in BiH is Sick (2004)

Medical staff and patients talk about their experiences, and they all agree: the system has become unmanageable, scandalously wasteful and ultimately dangerous to patients.



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Energy Trading Master Mixes Skill and Boldness (2006)

The story about self-effacing businessman. Neither Vuk Hamović himself, or his friends wanted to talk about his life, and his business.



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A lucky Real Estate Deal (2007)

It took only seven days and BAM 900 for Nedžad Branković to buy almost half a million dolar worth apartment, the ownership of the Government of FBiH.



Under public pressure, Nedžad Branković tendered his resignation as Prime Minister of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. He was subsequently accused, yet the court dismissed the charges due to insufficient evidence.



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Dodik: Three Times Higher Installments than Salary (2009)

How did RS prime minister Milorad Dodik buy two apartments and a villa in Belgrade? Four million BAM worth answer to a question...



In 2022, Milorad Dodik gave a statement to the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina about the purchase of a villa.



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Court-appointed Attorneys: Between Justice and Profit (2011-2024)

Court-appointed defense lawyers cost citizens approximately ten million marks annually: how they are assigned to defendants, their earnings, and why the same lawyer has been at the top of the list for years - find out more at www.cin.ba.



The HJPC has introduced a new system for monitoring court-appointed defense counsels. In RS, legislation stipulates that only court presidents can assign court-appointed defense lawyers. Similar measures are expected in the FBiH.



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Camping Around Fire Instead of Going to Prison (2011)

There is no guarantee that people sentenced to prison will ever serve any time. Some of the guilty, including some officeholders, have figured out how to postpone lock up for years. Others don't ever go in.



Robert F. Kennedy award



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Government Millions for Private News Outlets in the RS (2012)

The government of the Republika Srpska donates app. five million BAM to media in the entity, and most of it goes to boost financing of private media – with no publicly available expenditure financial reports.



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The Former Head of UIO BiH Owns a Million in Assets (2013)

Kemal Čaušević bought nine apartments and offices plus 20,000 square meters of land for seven years. His income did not come close to that cost, but he said that he's been making money since 1986.



Kemal Čaušević was sentenced to five and a half years in prison for receiving a gift, and BAM 1.7 million shall be confiscated from him.



ACCOUNT award



Allowance for Accommodation in One's Own Apartment (2014)

Four ministers collect reimbursements even though they own apartments in the same towns where they work.



Criminal complaint was filed against Salmir Kaplan accusing him of abuse of office, but the prosecutor's office said everything was in accordance with the law.



EU award



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OPERACIJA KASTEL

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Policemen and Criminals (2014)

Policemen and Commissioner Ramo Brkić from USK have been arrested in an operation code-named Kastel in 2011. CIN's team made a documentary, following these events.



Ramo Brkić was sentenced to 11 years in prison for corruption and trade in narcotics.



ACCOUNT and EU award



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Life on Toxic Soil (2015)

The Tuzla Power Plant deposited toxic residue left from the production of electrical energy, and slowly poisoning nearby settlements.



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Post Term Severance – Allowance for Leisure (2015)

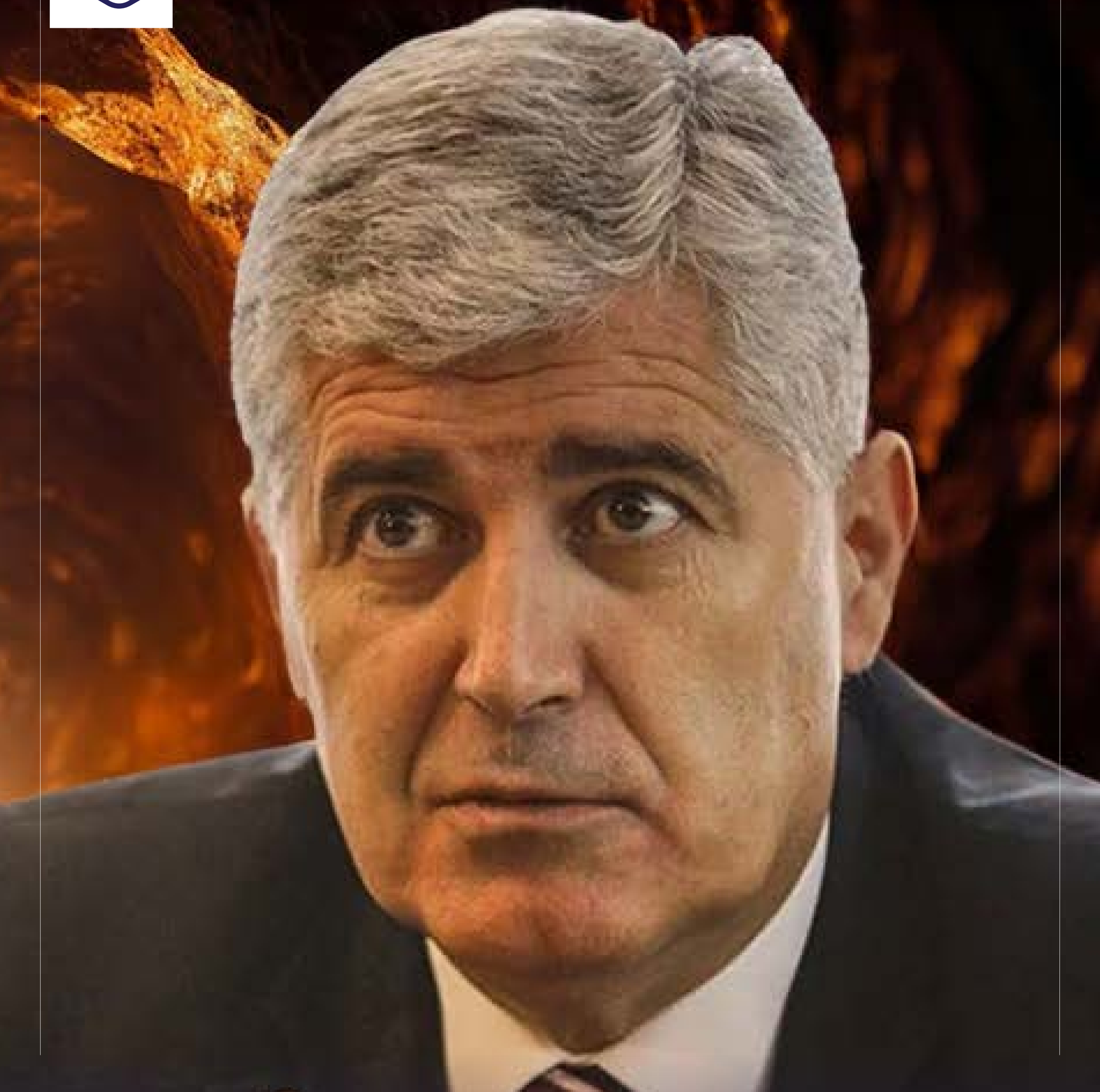
Public officials are entitled to receive their salary for up to a year after their term of office ends. CIN has been monitoring who uses this right, how many times, and the cost of this incredible perk to citizens.



This kind of post-term severance pay colloquially referred to as “white bread” has been abolished at the state level, in the Brčko District, and five cantons in the FBiH following a series of stories.



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Čović's Rich Father-in-law (2015)

Dragan and Bernadica Čović have received most of their property as gifts or as purchases they made before 2003. After police started investigating Čović, his wife started buying property in family's name - and receiving gifts.



ACCOUNT and EU award



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The Cost of Pills for Bosnalijek (2016)

Two years after Russian investors took over Bosnalijek for 32 million KM their firm went bankrupt, defaulting on as much debt to the Sarajevo factory as they had put down for its acquisition.



**UNDP Moldova award and Društvo novinara
BiH „Novinar godine“ award**



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A Bribe for Freedom (2017)

Inmates serving prison time are entitled to temporary unsupervised releases. Some pay guards for such releases.



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Fake Accommodation for Additional Income (2017)

Over two and half years, legislators from the FBiH Parliament have collected more than 825,000 KM in accommodation, living-away-from-home and transport allowances. Most of them have taken advantage of the loopholes in regulations.



The House of Peoples of the Parliament of the FBiH has introduced new regulations regarding the use of allowances for separate living and apartment rentals. The prosecutor's office has initiated an inquiry into fraudulent accommodations of delegates.



SEEMO award



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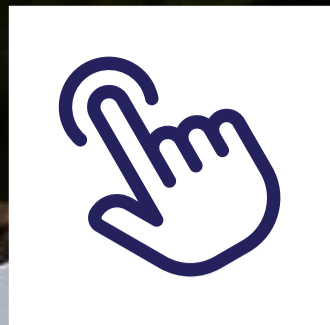


Fahrudin Radončić's Montenegrin Paradise (2017)

Money from the sale of Avaz-Roto Press was not credited to Radončić's bank accounts as planned, still he managed to invest into luxurious properties in Porto Montenegro marina and Montenegro telecom.



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Hazardous Waste Under the Feet of Tuzla Residents (2018)

For years, Tuzla chemical companies produced hazardous waste and never deposited them properly. These facilities have long been shut down, but waste remains in the old complexes, within reach of iron pickers.



SEEMO award



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Judge Fazlagić Disinherited Holocaust Victims (2019)

The properties of Sarajevo's Jewish victims of the Holocaust have been transferred to new owners due to illegal judgments by a judge who herself acquired two properties in the city's prime area using the same method.



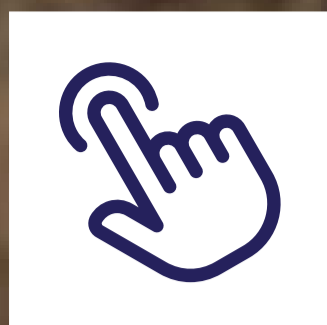
The heirs of these properties' original owners have sued Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Sarajevo Canton for the damages caused by Judge Fazlagić.



**Duško Jovanović Foundation award (MNE)
and EU award**



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TERORISTA

The Terrorist (2019)

Documentary film about Bosnian citizens who left to fight under the ISIL flag.



Grants in Brčko to Friends and Voters (2019)

Doling out grants to NGOs has become a lucrative business for their founders and local politicians in BD. Politicians buy votes in this way, while their friends from associations spend money without oversight.



The Brčko District Prosecutor's Office has filed four indictments for grant misuse against association owners and parliamentary representatives, one of which has resulted in a final verdict.



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Politicians profiting from the bent Drina (2020)

Due to the undetermined boundaries between BiH and Serbia, 3,600 hectares of land along the Drina river is beyond the control of institutions. This suits the local politicians who illegally mine the gravel in this area.



Vote selling network exposed by CIN reporters (2020)

CIN reporters revealed a vote seller's network in the Brčko District.



Exposure of the election fraud led to the arrest of vote-selling organizers.



EU award and European Press Prize nomination



A Coffee Gratuity to Custom Officers Instead of Millions to the State Budget (2021)

In exchange for a BAM 2,500 kickback paid to customs officers per truck, the textile importers pay lower customs duty and taxes. BiH thus loses tens of millions a year.



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Fighting Bureaucrats for Children's Lives (2021)

Children suffering from cystic fibrosis in USK have been waiting for months for the Health Insurance Institute to approve expensive medicines. While waiting, the health condition of some has deteriorated and some have moved abroad.



The Health Insurance Institute of the Una-Sana Canton approved expensive medications for young patients only after journalists from CIN began investigating the issue.



UNICEF award and SEEMO award



The Double Life Of Officer Čegar

(2022)

The head of the FBiH Uniformed Police was accused of fraud in Croatia. CIN reveals that part of his property in BiH was acquired illegally.

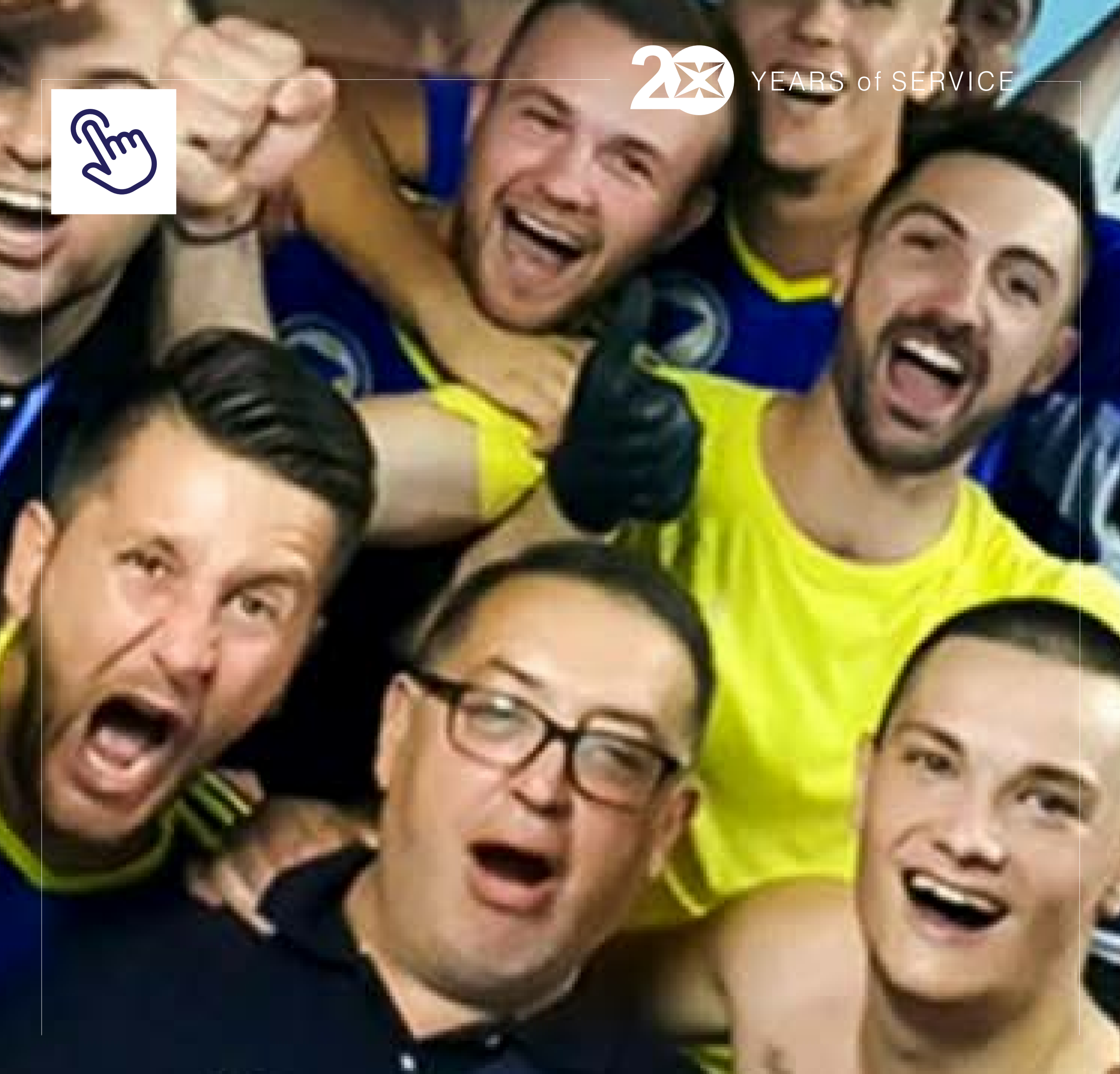
Čegar was indicted for assaulting CIN's journalists, and subsequently, he was suspended.



The first-instance verdict annulled the documents upon which he was registered as the owner of the property near Sarajevo.



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The Sugary Scam of the European Futsal (2022)

After winning three European titles, members of the BiH national diabetic futsal team are revealing a long-kept secret: it was not based on a fair play because the players had false diagnoses.



Pediatric diabetologist Midhat Mujić, who was found to have signed false diagnosis certificates for players, resigned and left Bosnia and Herzegovina.



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The Secret of Swiss bank account of BiH customs officer (2022)

The Jovanovićs from Doboј have bought thirteen properties in the country and abroad while saving about three million marks in a Swiss bank. Both of them are public servants.



Lamb Alla Police (2022)

Police officer Elvedin Džigum from Bosanski Petrovac has been taken money from truck drivers for years to turn the blind eye to their traffic violations.



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“Vučko” Made Off With Millions From State Land (2023)

Falsified documents, deceived partners, and millions in debt – these all were the controversies that for decades followed the construction and operations of the Vučko Hotel complex in Jahorina.



The owners and director of the Aparthotel Vučko have been reported to the prosecutors in Istočno Sarajevo and SIPA on suspicion of committing criminal acts during the construction and operation of the complex.



Bulletproof Vests Sitting In The Storage While Policemen Risk Their Lives Working Unprotected (2023)

Sarajevo policemen work without protection while expensive body armor collects dust in a warehouse, thanks to a suspicious public procurement.



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The Zenica Government Treat For The World's Ore Traders (2023)

The ZDK favored the company Adriatic Metals, awarding them concessions in Vareš thus depriving the budget of nearly five million marks. In return, the locals left with a devastated picnic area and stream.



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Call The Bey For Car Park (2023)

Former mayor of Sarajevo's oldest municipality, Ibrahim Hadžibajrić, leased several public car parks in the tourist center of the city to his friends, striking deals that would render his son a millionaire.



Sarajevo Prosecutor's Office accused Ibrahim Hadžibajrić of allegedly conspiring with friends and relatives to form a criminal group, which allegedly misused public spaces for personal gain.



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Where is Sara? (2024)

In their relentless search for Sara, her parents were compelled to exhume two bodies from a children's plot at the Banja Luka cemetery on Pobrđe.



The Banja Luka Prosecutor's Office has launched an investigation following the release of CIN's documentary "Where is Sara?", which has stirred public concern and heightened pressure on institutions to provide answers to long-avoided questions.



Departure from Freedom of Access to Information (2015)



Years of Waiting for Cleaner Air (2015)



Officeholders Received 346,000 KM in Retirement Severance (2015)



Rigged Deal Costs a Mine Millions (2018)



Millions Invested in Exchange for Polluted Water (2018)



Sarajevo Advisors More Important Than Law (2018)



Patients Shoulder the Cost of Lenses (2018)



Cash for the President, Pennies for the Veterans (2018)



Tight Quarters Puts BH Telecom in a Tight Spot (2018)



Corrupt Public Officials Buy Freedom Cheaply (2019)



Citizens Wronged on the Doljanka River (2019)



Hospitals on Ventilators (2020)



Firefighters Requested Boots, Got Fire Swatters Instead (2020)



Protected Areas Without Protection (2020)



Legislators On The Other Side Of The Law (2021)



Stockpiling concessions (2021)



The King of Poisons leaking from the Mostar landfill (2021)



Cash Leaking Through Permeable Borders of BiH (2021)



Rockets Launched Against The Property Of The Special-Purpose Industry



Green Agenda (2022)



Citizens Pay A High Cost for a Term of Inactivity (2022)



Millions Allocated to Commissions in the FBiH Ministries (2023)



Alms For The Disabled, Bonanzas For Private Individuals (2024)



Convicts Freed, Judges Rebuked (2024)



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