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Demolition of Mullafazliu family Inn, another failure in protection of Prizren heritage

EC Ma Ndryshe reacts against demolition of Mullafazliu family Inn, an action occurred with permission of the local and central authorities. This building, maybe the only one of its kind, situated in Historic Center of Prizren, was demolished on Tuesday afternoon.

Based on the attitude of the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports which is one of key authorities in protection, conservation and promotion of cultural heritage countrywide, the Inn of Mullafazliu family didn't have the temporary protection status, so it's not part of the Cultural Heritage under Temporary Protection List and it was never before proposed to be.

MCYS has considered that the building is extremely damaged and almost lost all values in absence of systematic maintenance. At the same time informed that has received a request and an act-decision from Prizren Municipality, with which the Mullafazliu family requests its demolition because it poses danger to passengers.

The same case, according to the responsible officials for protection of cultural heritage in this ministry, is reviewed in respective commission of MCYS and in accordance with the reports, proposals and findings on the field it is concluded that the building lost all values and as such didn't have a status of temporary protection.

But in its letter, the MCYS besides other, accepted that we are talking about the only building of its kind.

EC Ma Ndryshe reminds that in the Law on Historic Center of Prizren respectively in Annex II of the Law, which talks about the Cultural Monuments in Historic Center of Prizren, in paragraph 12 which defines the "statute of buildings under protection" says that: "The rare buildings or buildings with special value receive the status of a building under protection as i.e. illumination pillars from XX century, old workshops, cinema etc. Thus the buildings with values can't be wrapped up with numbers of buildings with values and the ones not in list doesn't have values".

Based on this principle EC Ma Ndryshe considers that the cultural and architectural heritage and the collective remembrance of Prizren City have suffered considerable damage with demolition of this building.

Thus, once again invites all institutions of all levels to add on the level of their responsibility and engagements in direction of protection, conservation and promotion of rare values of Prizren city's heritage.

With respect,

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