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PRESS RELEASE

Naming of the school in Mamuşa/Mamushë – in quod of institutional [mis]communication

As part of monitoring the work of the municipal executive of Mamuşa/Mamushë, EC Ma Ndryshe has reviewed the issue of re-naming of the Lower Secondary School in this municipality back in May.

According to the observations during monitoring process, it was found that the Mamuşa/Mamushë Municipality uses the name “Anadolu” for the school in question, while the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, in their official documents, refers to it as PLSS “Haxhi Ymer Lutfiu”.

In an effort to address the issue, the Municipal Assembly of Mamuşa/Mamushë, in its meeting held on March 31st, 2011, voted for the re-naming of the PLSS to “Anadolu”. On 12 April 2011, the Mayor, Mr. Arif Bütüç, through an official letter addressed to the Minister of MEST, Mr. Ramë Buja, requested for the approval of the new name of the school. As Mamuşa/Mamushë municipality has received no response from the Ministry of Education, the request was repeated on the 19th of August, 2011. The same request on 4th of July, 2012 was also submitted to the Committee on School Denomination at MEST. However, according to the Mayor of Mamuşa/Mamushë, MEST still has not yet issued an official response to whether the name of the PLSS in Mamuşa/Mamushë was approved or not.

Administrative Instruction 10/2008 of MEST defines the procedure for naming and renaming of schools. It is clarified therein that schools can be named by: a) Name of personality, b) Geographic name, or c) A name that carries significant meaning. It also determines the procedure to be followed for naming or renaming of schools, where it is required that “to the MED recommendation, a written reason should be given” and that “the complete request should be sent to MEST for the name of the school.” In the case of Mamuşa/Mamushë these procedures were not properly followed. However, the highest municipal body, the Municipal Assembly, has approved the decision for the naming of the PLSS.

Therefore, EC Ma Ndryshe considers that MEST would prove rectitude if it would send an official response to Mamuşa/Mamushë Municipality regarding the request for the (re)naming of this school. Also to clarify whether or not the procedures were adhered to and what steps should further take Mamuşa/Mamushë Municipality for this matter to be resolved within the existing legal framework.

EC Ma Ndryshe considers that institutional communication between central and local levels should be channelled on daily basis in order to provide solutions to citizens’ concerns. EC Ma

Ndryshe expresses its view that the resolution of this procedural matter should not have lasted for more than two years, but it supposed to be settled in an optimal timeframe so that the official name of the school would not remain in abeyance.

EC Ma Ndryshe calls upon the MEST to review this issue and give a merited response to the Mamuşa/Mamushë Municipality. Whereas Mamuşa/Mamushë Municipality is recommended that, when rendering decisions, to be thorough in adhering to the procedures set forth by laws and sub-acts (bylaws).

EC Ma Ndryshe's project for transparency oversight of the executive branch shall continue on publicizing the monitoring findings through regular press releases and on the project's website, where the findings shall be posted directly by the monitors. So far, all the monitoring findings, including regular press releases and other information relative to local government of Mamuşa/Mamushë, are published regularly on the project's website: www.online-transparency.org.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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