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RCCH finds excess of building permit, whereas DI says that the case is in process

The Regional Center for Cultural Heritage in Prizren a month ago identified an excess of a building permit for the renovation of a building in "Adem Jashari" Street, respectively "Sheshi i Lidhjes", and informed the Directorate of Inspectorates of Prizren about it, which days ago confirmed the excess of the permit and announced that the case is in process.

According to the RCCH's letter, the authorities have approved the renovation project in this part of the building with the recommendation that the individual is obliged to make the adaptation of the elements on the façade with the architecture of the existing building and in cooperation with RCCH, while respecting the Conservation and the Development Plan for the Historic Zone of Prizren. But in the letter, it is said that during the inspection of the works on 14 December 2017, "RCCH officials have noticed a mismatch with the building permit, and through a letter have informed the Municipality of Prizren-Directorate of Inspectorates, MCYS-DCH and KIPM".

In the respective letter, the RCCH has announced that the renovation works in this building have started after the project has been approved by the respective Commission of KIPM, according to decision no. 23/2016, dated 21.06.2016. "During the inspection of the construction, the team of RCCH Prizren has noticed that the investor is not in compliance with the conditions issued in the decision no.23 / 2016", states the paper. The RCCH, on 14 December 2017, requested from the Inspectorate to take the necessary steps to stop the works and remove the parts that appear as excess of the issued building permit.

To EC's requests for the access to official information regarding this case, the Directorate of Inspectorates of the Municipality of Prizren responded on 17 January 2018, stating that the individual has permission for the renovation of the building in question as well as in the annex of the main project is also allowed the installation of ironwork around the concrete pillars of the business.

"After the inspection, it was found that the permit was exceeded and thus it was ordered to terminate the works until they were provided with additional building permit for the usage of the public space, within 15 days from the time of inspection. After the expiration of the legal deadline

for the termination, there has been voluntary actions to remove the iron structure from the public space. For objective reasons the mandatory execution is postponed. The case is under procedure", reads the DI's response.

EC Ma Ndryshe recalls that they have repeatedly called for more rigorous oversight of any construction activity in the Historic Center of Prizren. RCCH's leaders have confirmed that in 90 percent of building permits for the buildings in the Historic Center of Prizren there are excesses of different nature, such as in the contours, floors, detail or facade.

EC once again reiterates the view that this is the time that state institutions must act seriously and energetically for the full implementation of the legislation in relation to this protected area.

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