

News

Albania: Theft at the Bank of Albania, governor Ardian Fullani arrested

Ardian Fullani, governor of the Bank of Albania, has been arrested related to the theft of 713 million ALL, together with other 17 public servants of the Bank.

Independent Balkan News Agency, 5 September, 2014.

Bosnia: Two ministers arrested over tax fraud in Bosnia

Bosnian police arrested 11 civil servants including two regional ministers due to a multi-million-euro tax fraud regarded as a "complex organized criminal case" by national authorities. Both ministers are suspected of organized crime, tax evasion and money laundering.

Globalpost.com, 10 September, 2014

Kosovo: Jahjaga appeals for fight against corruption

Kosovo's president declared corruption and organized crime should be fought with actions through enforcement of laws and political will. This is a crucial challenge for the country since corruption is damaging democratic processes and the rule of law, affecting the quality of life of Kosovars, Jahjaga said.

Independent Balkan News Agency, 10 September, 2014.

Kosovo: UNDP Kosovo and Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative join efforts to fight corruption

UNDP focus on its support to the anti-corruption bodies to participate in international level to gain experience on good practices on anti-corruption. For this purpose, UNDP Kosovo has signed an agreement with Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) that will enable anti-corruption bodies to benefit from a general framework for coordination, optimization and permanent dialogue with the RAI member states.

RAI-SEE, UNDP Kosovo, 11 August, 2014.

Moldova: Prosecutor: Judicial system covers the criminals and exempt them from punishment

According to Ion Diacov, Moldavia's judicial system covers up criminal activities and keeps them away from punishment because of the corruption and bribery network within the system. This phenomenon reaches the peak in the fight against drug addictions in the country.

RAI-SEE, 22 September, 2014.

Serbia: Serbian Minister of Justice not satisfied with the country's fight against corruption

Nikola Selakovic, Serbian Minister of Justice, said he is not satisfied with the results of the country's strategy on fighting corruption. Selakovic states Serbia has demonstrated a strong political will but this has not raised the fight against corruption to the highest possible level.

Ceelnsight.net, 10 September, 2014.

Turkey: Battle lines drawn in struggle for influence over Turkish judiciary

Senior Turkish judge warned against government interference in the judiciary, signaling a looming struggle for influence over the courts as President Erdogan pursues a drive against his political foes. "A judiciary which is under the influence of the executive cannot be expected to implement real supervision", chairman of Turkey's top appeals court added.

Trust.org, 01 September, 2014.

Upcoming Events

The Economics of Corruption 2014: Seeking the Nudges for Reform, 27 September – 4 October, 2014, Passau, Germany. Hosted by the Internet Center for Corruption Research.

Training on Integrity and Anti-Corruption, 27 October – 7 November, 2014, The Hague, The Netherlands. Hosted by The Hague Academy for Local Governance.

31st International Conference on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, 17-20 November, 2014, Washington DC, USA. Hosted by the American Conference Institute.

Graduate Conference on Corruption and Anti-Corruption, 12-13 January, 2015, University of Sussex, Brighton, United Kingdom. Hosted by the Political Studies Association Specialist Group on Corruption and Political Misconduct and by the Sussex Centre for the Study of Corruption.

Reports and Analyses

Single Sourcing: A multi-country analysis of non-competitive defence procurement

Full and open competition is one tool for governments to help ensure best value for money. Yet previous studies highlight that the defence sector is poor in this respect. This report explores trends in the award of non-competitive or single-source contracts in defence.

Transparency International, 11 September 2014

Few and Far: The Hard Facts on Stolen Asset Recovery

Corruption has a devastating impact on developing and transition countries, with estimates of at least \$20 billion per year stolen by public officials, equivalent to 20 percent of official development assistance flows. The return of the proceeds of corruption can have a significant development impact, being used directly for development purposes.

Larissa Gray, The Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative, World Bank and UNODC, 10 September 2014

Impact of foreign bribery legislation on developing countries and the role of donor agencies

Legislation prohibiting foreign bribery has been enacted and enforced by several countries, notably the United States and the United Kingdom, but its impact on developing countries is poorly understood. This analysis of literature and practice provides insights into factors that may help developing countries benefit from foreign bribery laws and minimize negative externalities. Lack of capacity, lack of political will, and weak flows of information emerge as key obstacles.

Chr. Michelsen Institute, September 2014.

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