
ROMANIAN PARLIAMENT MAY PARDON BRIBERY AND INFLUENCE PEDDLING, STIRS PROTESTS

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The Senates Legal Committee adopted yesterday several amendments that grant pardon to detainees sentenced for bribery and influence peddling if they pay the damages they had caused.

Former president Traian Basescu, who is now a senator, Social-Democrat MP Serban Nicolae and Social-Democrat senator Liviu Brailoiu proposed the amendments to the pardon law.

The Government doesnt support these amendments, but it supports the pardon law in the form proposed by the Justice Ministry, Prime Minister Sorin Grindeanu wrote yesterday on Facebook.

The amendments adopted today by the Senates Legal Committee on pardoning corruption deeds dont have the Executives support, Grindeanu wrote.

The senators of the National Liberal Party (PNL) and the Union to Save Bucharest (USR) said that they oppose these amendments and voted against them. However, the Social Democratic Party (PSD) senators have the majority in the Senates Legal Committee and the amendments passed.

Some 1,000 people protested against the amendments in the Victoriei Square yesterday evening. The protest, which was summoned on the Facebook page Coruptia Ucide (Corruption Kills), lasted for about four hours.

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