
ROMANIA PARTY BOSS CALLS RIVAL'S COMMENT ON EU POST TREASON

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The leader of Romanias ruling party has asked a party colleague to press charges against the countrys president for saying Romania wasnt prepared to assume the European Unions rotating presidency.

Social Democratic Party chairman Liviu Dragnea alleged Sunday that President Klaus Iohannis committed treason when he questioned Romanias readiness for the EU presidency that starts Jan. 1

During a 90-minute speech at a party meeting, Dragnea also asked the government to give amnesty to thousands of people he claims were wrongly imprisoned by anti-corruption prosecutors.

Dragnea is widely perceived to be the person running Romanias government even though he cant be prime minister due to a 2016 conviction for vote-rigging.

The EU has expressed concern about the rule of law in Romania. Dragnea said corruption was worse elsewhere.

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