
MONTENEGRO: COHABITATION CREATES MAJOR PROBLEMS IN THE FUNCTIONING OF THE STATE

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The principle according to which the president of the state derives from a political party different than that of the prime minister, popularly called cohabitation, has already caused damage in the functioning of the Montenegrin state, and leaders are called upon to address it for the benefit of citizens.

Montenegro President Milo Đukanović, has already refused to approve the decrees on the promulgation of several laws and decisions submitted to him for signature by the Government, the Assembly or some third competent body. The latest case was the dissent to the proposal for the dismissal of two generals of the Army of Montenegro, Dragutin Drakić and Rajko Pešić. Among the adopted but unsigned laws is the Law on Freedom of Religion, which returns the provisions on the Serbian Orthodox Church to their previous state. This law and the revocation of provisions were one of the pre-election promises of the new ruling coalition, however Đukanović refused to sign and make it official.

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