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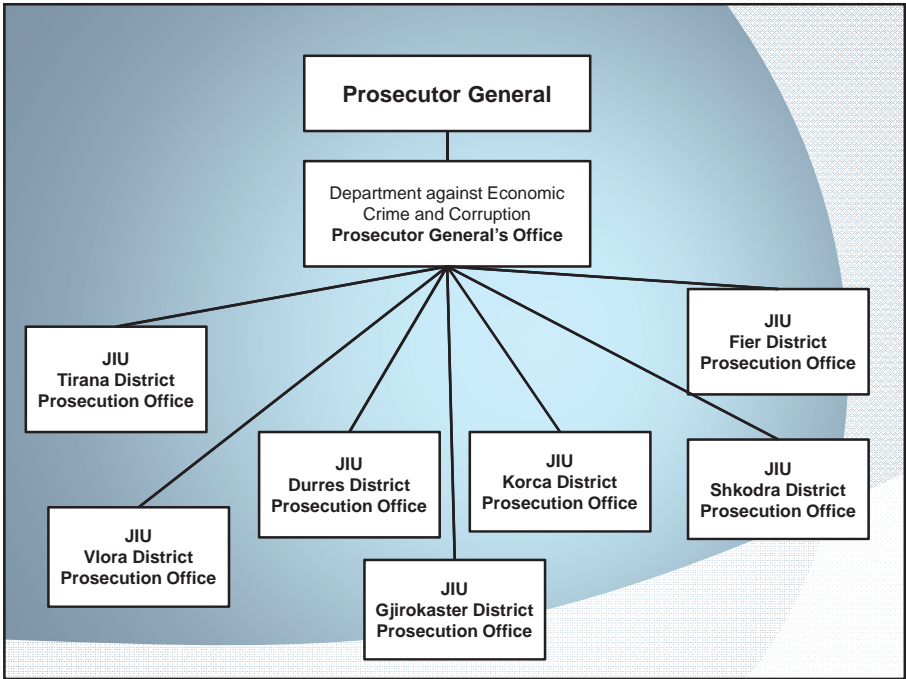
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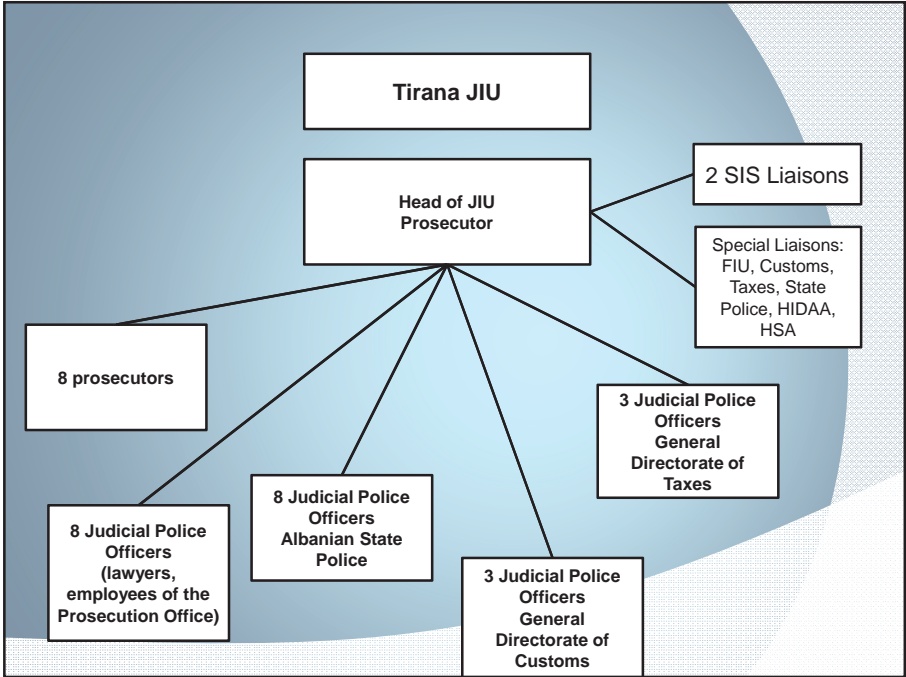
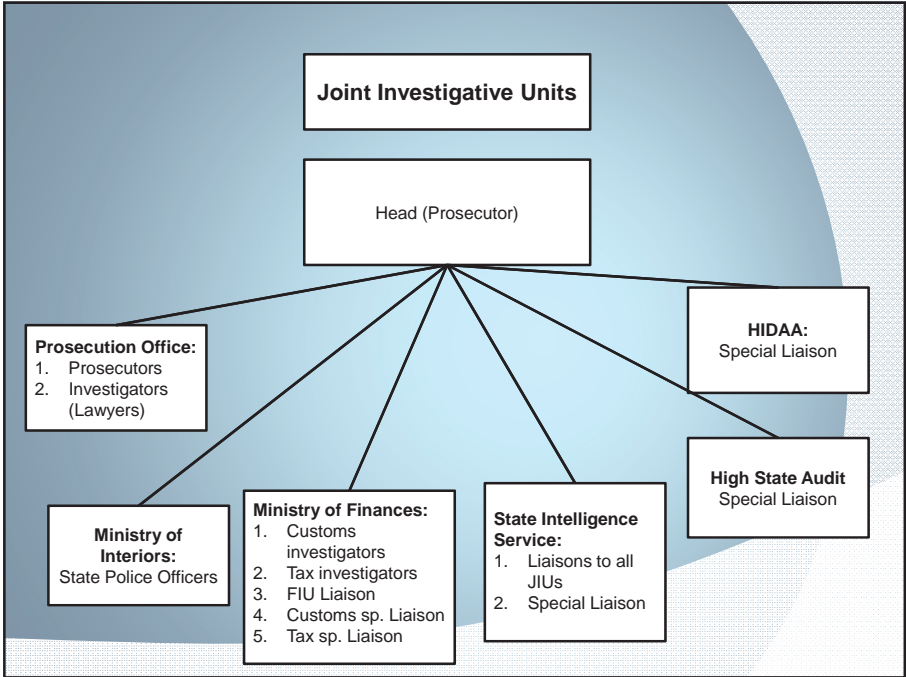
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Deputy Minister of Transportation

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DAY'S BRIEFING

- Albania Signs Visa Facilitation Agreement with the EU**
 "The signing of the agreement is a further proof of the EU's commitment to the region's European perspective," Commissioner for Enlargement Rehn said.
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- SP Forwards Request on Establishment of Commissions**
 "Socialist Party requests establishment of parliamentary commissions on Albtelecom, public procurements and concessions," deputy head of parliamentary group Braçe said.
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- Construction of New Bridge in Tirana Starts**
 Works for the construction of the new bridge over Lina river have started with a fund of about Lek37.2 million from the Municipality of Tirana.
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- Albania's Q2'07 Sales Index Rises 16.2% Q/Q**
 Albania's sales index, which covers sales in the industrial and services sectors, rose in the second quarter of the current year by 16.2% from the previous quarter.
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- Vodafone Albania Provides Gifts to Tirana Schoolchildren**
 "Today I do represent not only Vodafone Albania, but also myself as a parent," said Director-General of Vodafone Albania Thomas Pappaspyrou.
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Police Arrest Senior Officials On Corruption Charges



TIRANA - Albanian police arrested on Monday night seven officials and two businessmen on charges of bribery and abuse of office in a two-month investigation, code-named "Clean Hands".
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DAY'S BRIEFING

- Albania and Italy on Same Wavelength on Kosovo**
 Italian Ambassador to Albania, Saba D'Elia has told President Bamir Topi that Italy and Albania shared the same interest regarding the solution of Kosovo's status.
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- SP Official Relinquishes Immunity**
 "Foreign Minister Lulzim Basha should be transparent and not hide behind his immunity, because all should be equal in front of the law," said Erjon Braçe.
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- PM Urges for Transfer of Water Utilities to Local Govt**
 Prime Minister Sali Berisha requested that the process of transferring water supply and sewerage enterprises under the administration of the local gov't finish by the year-end.
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- Albtelecom's Shares Transferred to Turkish Calik Group**
 Turkey's Calik Group took over Albania's fixed line telephone operator Albtelecom and the country's GSM operator Eagle Mobile, Calik said in a statement on Tuesday.
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- Albania, EC Boost Cooperation on Education**
 "Our universities must take the necessary steps to guarantee quality which is a pillar of making the Albanian diplomas equivalent with the European ones," Pollo said.
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Corruption Sweep Nets Six Other Albanian Officials

Police arrested six former officials of oil company Albpetrol and oil distribution firm Armo accused of misuse of office and illegally favoring companies in tenders.



TIRANA - The police codenamed operation "Clean Hands" has reached its third stage and some other alleged corrupt officials were arrested late Tuesday night after a three-month police investigation. Police forces handcuffed four former officials of Albania's state-owned oil company, Albpetrol in the southern city of Për.

Deputy Minister of Transport Nazim Jaka (center) and several senior officials from his ministry were arrested on charges of corruption in a police operation codenamed "Clean Hands" two weeks ago. Wednesday's operation was codenamed "Clean Hands 2".
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The bitter coffee of the 10%

Korrupsioni "mbërthen" dy zyrtarë dhe një biznesmen
 "Në përgjime rezultojnë emrat e disa politikanëve"

Policia kreu arrestimet, kur zyrtarët po falënderonin biznesmenin për shpërblimin "Kafeja e hidhur" për 10%-shin e tenderit të Ministrisë së Punës

Ata kanë deklaruar se nuk kishin kryer asnjë veprim të jushkëligshëm


FESTIVALI DON BOSKO
 Festivali i Shënigjes së Shënave të Rinj
 Komiteta Shqiptare e Shënigjes së Shënave të Rinj
 më datë 18 Janar 2008, ora 11.00, organizimi mbledhjen e 9^{të} të FESTIVALI DON BOSKO, Festivali i Shënigjes së Shënave të Rinj.
 Kërkëti (teku/C3) shëruar të dorëzuarën tërësisht datë 18 Janar 2008.

Tax inspectors

"Tax Gangs" Asked Euro 5,000 From Companies, No Other Taxes to Pay

Daily Tirana Observer commented on the scheme tax officers followed to put some money in their own pockets but were soon recaptured by police following the denouncement of a businessman

The interceptions of Tirana police have unveiled the scheme how the officers of Tax Police fine the private companies. Sources from Tirana Police told daily "Tirana Observer" that this scheme functioned in this way: the broker contacted every company saying in case they paid Euro5,000, they won't pay taxes. In face of such a bargain, the companies were allured by falling into the trap. The broker shared the money with the Tax Police officers and no money was encased to the state budget. The peak of this scheme was that if the companies were not acting this way, they would be under intensive controls. Now everything has been closed and at least, the businessmen at Tirane-Durres highway will be calm now. The Tirana police have provided all the necessary evidences which implicate four tax officers and their former director and the economist of private company "Tar Tenda" in corruption. Though only three months in the post of Tax Police director, Fiamur Mallkuçi had managed to create his own group to "design the bribery scheme". Four tax officers, led by their chief and assisted by a broker, who was economist of a private company, had prepared the ground for making a lot of money. They chose to "punish" the businessmen alongside Tirana-Durres highway. The economist of "Tar Tenda" company, Klodian Myrtari was responsible to make contacts with the private companies. He informed them of the "penalty" in order not to pay taxes. After coming to the bargains with the businessmen, the "penalty" (Euro5000) was divided among six persons involved. They were the head of Tax Police, Mallkuçi, the inspectors, Migen Katroshti, Genet Murubi, Dritan Metani and Aurel Cenolli, and the economist Myrtari. This scheme has functioned until one of the businessmen was not convinced of the bargain and addressed to Tirana Police. After the denouncement of the businessman, the Anti-Economic Crime agents have received the permission to intercept the suspected. This method has lasted for one month and after collecting all the necessary evidences



Credit fraud

Bad Credits, Eight People Charged With Multiple Fraud

Daily Metropol said on Wednesday that the arrested people are accused of abusing with the credits



General Prosecution

Experts of the investigating unit Task Force said that 8 persons were arrested last Tuesday un-

der the framework of the operation "Bad Credit". Concretely, the names of the accused are Taip Ceja,

the banking officer of credit, Sotirag Vito, Mahmut Barziu, Luan Gjika, Blendi Sharra and Selaman Mici.

Sources from the Prosecution said that the arrested are accused of "Theft through the Abuse of Duty", "Multiple Fraud", and "Non Return of Credits to the Private Sector."

Also, the experts declared that during the investigations, it has been concluded that the accused have profited around 100m Lek, by impersonating others.

From the investigations of the Task Force, it seems that the head of the group was the banking officer, while the other seven people found the clients.

The mechanisms that they used was complicated and simple at the same time, since they first requested a famous name and with the generalities they appeared in banks to re-

ceive 100m Lek in credits, and it is believed that they have done this 10 times, thus reaching the sum of 100mLek.

Knowing each other through old acquaintances, primarily through their profession as economists, the members of this group met the credit officer of Raiffeisen Bank from whom they requested access to forge documents.

The collaboration between the group members started six months ago, when two inhabitants of Elbasan supplied themselves with a 10,000,000 Lek credit and immediately insured visas for Italy, since at that time the bank favored people who had taken credits.

With fake generalities, fraud and the expansion of the activity in Elbasan, Berat and Tirana, the accused thus committed a series of fraud.

Visa fraud

Vizat false, "Triumf" me 14 të arrestuar

Antikrimi ekonomik zbulon organizatën e drejtuar nga disa biznesmenë

Një grup i gjerë nga... (text continues with details of the investigation and the group's activities)



- Emrat e të arrestuarve:**
- Blendi Sharra, 44 vjeç, banor në Elbasan
 - Luan Gjika, 36 vjeç, banor në Elbasan
 - Karim Mustafa Luma, 36 vjeç, banor në Elbasan
 - Mykëll Përgesa, 60 vjeç, banor në Elbasan
 - Andreas Bertsho, 38 vjeç, banor në Elbasan
 - Blendi Sharra, 44 vjeç, banor në Elbasan
 - Palon Gjigjaj, 40 vjeç, banor në Elbasan
 - Thomas Grigor Toth, 50 vjeç, banor në Elbasan
 - Terzi
 - Asim Mirash Haxhi, 38 vjeç, banor në Elbasan
 - Terzi
 - Armen Shkurti, 42 vjeç, banor në Elbasan
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Shkollat në Fier, kontrole rëndësore për drogë... (text continues with details of the investigation and the group's activities)

The Last Procurement

- Procurement corruption re: procurement of new police uniforms
- 6 arrested, including Interior ministry chief



Operation Pyramid



Surgeon Arrested for Bribery

TIRANA - A surgeon at the Mother Teresa hospital center in Tirana has been arrested on bribery charges, police said.

Oncology surgeon Agim Karaj was arrested on Monday afternoon after several months of investigation into bribery by Tirana police anticorruption department.

Police sources said the surgeon demanded Euro500-1000 bribes for each surgical intervention he performed.

Police said they possess

shootings and testimonies by patients and their relatives showing him taking bribes.

The surgeon's arrest comes few days after another doctor of prison's hospital in Tirana was arrested last Friday. Ardian Nelaj, 38, was also arrested on bribery charges and has been put under house arrest.

The Albanian health system is perceived as one of the most corrupt sectors, according to polls.



The Heir

Police Arrest Doctors and Nurses On Bribery Charges

The three doctors and two nurses were being investigated since eight months

TIRANA - The Tirana District Court has put under house arrest three doctors and two nurses on charges of bribery and corruption.

The Albanian police reported on Monday that the doctors Dritan Lutfi Xhangolli, 38, Petrit Ferik Rexhepi, 56,

Lefter Pando Mano53 and the nurses Hyre Brahim Recic, 54 and Nilka Hasan Perhati were cuffed on Monday during a codenamed operation "The Heir", while police said that the investigations into them had started since eight months ago.

"The penal proceed-

ing against the employees of the maternity "Kico Glozheni" in capital Tirana started based on the denunciations of some patients, who had declared that they had asked from them considerable sums of money at the exchange of medical treatment," says a press release of the state police.

Police said that the doctors and nurses requested Lek 30,000-50000 for an operation.

Pension Fraud

Nine Cuffed on Forgery Charges

TIRANA - Nine people were arrested Thursday in capital Tirana as they are suspected to have forged the official documents to benefit a pension.

Police reported the nine persons, who are residents of the suburb areas of Kamza, Berxull and Bathore will face charges of

bribery and forgery of official documents.

Meantime the prosecution office of Tirana has launched investigations to determine if other people have forged their pension files, while a team of prosecutors would start the review of files in the coming days.

Customs officials

Seven Customs Officers Arrested

TIRANA - Some 7 customs officers have been arrested by the Albanian police of charges of passive corruption and misuse of office.

Police sources said Thursday that the 7 officials, four employees of

the Tirana customs directorate and three of the Shkodra customs directorate were cuffed following an arrest warrant issued by the Tirana District Court, while police have not made known their names.

Police reported that the customs officers were arrested during an operation conducted by the section of the fight against economic crime and after monthly investigations proved they had abused with the duty.

REGIONAL JIUs CASES

Vlora

on member states ratify it. | Hotel. Klaus will also the foreword.

Chairman of Vlora Real Estate Registration Office Arrested

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TIRANA - The director of the real estate registration office in the southern city of Vlora and the former jurist of the institution have been arrested on charges of misuse of office and forgery of official documents by the Albanian police.

Edmond Banushaj, 48 and Viktor Kulaj were cuffed on Saturday during the codenamed operation "The Start of Fall" by the agents of the Vlora police directorate as lengthy investigations proved that they overlapped private lands by forging documents.

Police have also arrested the local businessman, Oart Begaj.

Police said that the arrested people had illegally benefited lands in the coastal areas, while other arrests are expected in the coming days.



View of Vlora town

Humor Traffic Law A...

Shkodra

Head of Velipoja's Urban Planning Office Arrested

TIRANA - The head of the urban planning office of the commune of Velipoja, northern region of Shkodra, was arrested early Tuesday on charges of bribery and passive corruption. Police reported that Leke Marku, 37, was caught red-handed in a local hotel while he was taking Lek 25,000 from a citizen to issue him a permit to start a seasonal business activity in the Velipoja beach.

Fier

these countries' contribution to cope as efficiently as possible with the emergency situation created in northern Albania after the severe floods of the last days.

A press statement released by the foreign ministry said that Meta, accompanied by the Minister of Economy, Trade and Energy, Dorian Priti and deputy Interior Minister Ferdinand Peqi, arrived on Thursday the Ambassadors on the situation and the measures taken by the government to face and overcome with the least damages the situation which he called as critical but not dramatic.

On behalf of the Albanian government, Meta asked the Ambassadors for the contribution of their countries for the management of the situation, assuring them for a continuous and transparent communication, as well as for coordination of the expected assistance.

In the meantime, Meta had phone conversations with his Italian counterpart Franco Frattini when he defended the current grave situation and the assistance. Frattini expressed the solidarity of the Italian government for any necessary aid for the so-called overcoming of the situation, something which was appreciated by Meta calling it as an expression of the solidarity and support offered by the Italian government.

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H.C.J Strips Judge of His Immunity

TIRANA - The High Council of Justice (HCJ) held an urgent meeting on Thursday where it stripped the judge of the Viera District Court, Thomas Nika of his immunity and paving way to the start of the legal action against him.

HCJ decided during the meeting headed by its deputy chairman Kreshnik Spahiu to accept the request presented by the judicial prosecution, authorizing it to levied charges of passive corruption against Nika.

HCJ's decision was taken unanimously and this is the fourth time the Council has accepted the request of the prosecution to strip a judge of his immunity within a one year period. Based on the laws into force, Nika is immediately suspended from duty till the court proves he is guilty or not for the charges.

HCJ also discussed during Thursday's meeting about the trainings to be conducted in the Magistrates School and the annual analysis of work that are going to be held in all courts.



Islami Says He Will Enter Parliament After March 6

TIRANA - The deputies of the "Different Thought Movements" in the Socialist Party (SP) will enter parliament after March 6.

Kastriot Islami, one of the members of the movement declared on Thursday that they would expect for the SP congress, which is going to be held next spring to be expressed on the issue and then decide.

"March 6th is the last deadline when we say out of the parliament. This means that there are possibilities of reflection in the DP if the DP parliamentary group does not enter parliament, I personally do not "bure" the mandate, as we can not include our activities in such a constitutional interpretation. If the mandate exists or not. Furthermore, according to me, this is a failed sport," said Island.

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Opposition Postpones Protests

TIRANA - The left-wing protesters have decided to postpone the protest of their parents following the situation created in northern Albania due to the flooding.

The Socialist leader Edi Rama called on Thursday evening all the leaders of the opposition forces and official members from the Socialist Party said that the protests would begin only after the normalization of the situation.

"The people should get solidified with the inhabitants of the flooded areas," said the chairman of Union for Human Rights Party, Tangelj Trivi after the meeting.

Dalle said that in these difficult moments the humanitarian priority remained the top priority.

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