

The Cijevna River is defended by words – works on hold

Officials of several Albanian parties from Tuzi are not sure whether to protest against the destruction of the river

Politicians from Tuzi are concerned about the Cijevna River, but this does not mean that they will attend today's protests against the construction of small hydro power plants (SHPP) on the Albanian part of the river.

Today, the civil sector is organizing a gathering in the Cijevna Canyon in Dinoša, where they will show a rebellion over the announcement that 14 small hydro power plants will be constructed on the Cijevna, in Albania.

Even though they note that it is invaluable to the local population, that this river is a natural treasure that everyone is proud of in Malesia, the question of "Vijesti" whether they will attend today's protest was not answered by the members of the Municipal Assembly of the Municipality of Tuzi Ivan Ivanaj (DSA) and Nik Đeljošaj. Djeljošaj, although he announced, did not respond to other "Vijesti" questions related to Cijevna.

The president of the Tuzi Municipal Assembly, Fadilj Kaljošaj, said that, if necessary, the DUA would stand up for the protection of natural resources, also in the form of protest, adding that he knew about the gathering in Dinoša, but he did not specify whether he would be there today.

Kaljošaj said that as a citizen he is worried about the announced construction of small hydro power plants, both due to non-respect of international acts in the specific circumstances, as well as the possible impact on the ecosystem and biodiversity of the river. He added that in order to solve the problems, Tuzi municipality will establish contacts with colleagues from Albania in the upcoming days, both with those from competent ministries, as well as those from municipalities where hydro power plants are planned. He stressed that they discussed the issue yesterday with the Albanian ambassador in Montenegro, during his visit to the municipality of Tuzi.

As he stated, he will wait for the official response of the Albanian government to the Montenegrin colleagues recently, when asked about the construction of small hydro power plants on the Cijevna River.

Ivanaj from the DSA says that his party found out the plans for the construction of small hydropower plants on the Cijevna from the media, and that they will have a specific attitude when they have official information on whether it is built on the Albanian side according to the standards. The construction of small hydro power plants in the Albanian part of Cijevna is ongoing, and the official response of the Albanian government is that although there are interested parties, no one has been issued a permit yet. **D.K.**