Environment defenders of Bosnia and Herzegovina exposed to harassment

Harassment of defenders of the environment in Bosnia and Herzegovina is happening just these days, while we are here participating at the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention. The riot police yesterday removed protesters from the bridge where they were blocking the pass of machines and pipes for construction of the hydropower plant on river Kruščica.

Permitting for hydro power plants is accompanied by a series of irregularities and without adequate public involvement in decision making, which stimulated local people to express their opinion and defend public interests by peaceful assembly for a river that supplies over 150,000 people with drinking water.

Citizens just want to exercise their rights provided by Aarhus Convention, to have access to information and to participate in decision-making. When this did not happen, they decided to organize peaceful gathering that was announced to the police and does comply with domestic law.

On behalf of Kruščica people I kindly ask you to pay attention and express your concerns by taking official note on violation of human rights and persecution of environmental activists in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

More information:

https://stop-persecution.org/whose-interests-does-the-police-protect-while-beating-up-women
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