

Response of Albanian Authorities with regard to the alert 'Prime Minister pressures online portals and information channels'

Following the earthquake of November 26, 2019 and the situation created by the spread of false information by some social networks, resulting in creating panic among citizens, General Directorate of State Police requested to the Electronic and Postal Communications Authority (AKEP) to close the online domains "joq.al"; "jetaoshqef.al"; and "joqalbania.com", based on law no. 45/2019 "On civil protection". AKEP has demanded their closure based on law no. 9918, dated 19.05.2008 "On electronic communications in the Republic of Albania and its bylaws, according to which every operator / entrepreneur that provides services / networks of electronic communications must take measures to limit illegal or harmful broadcasts.

Currently the Prosecution at Tirana Judicial District Court is investigating this case.