

Reply of the Albanian authorities to the alert 'Information Website joqalbania.com Blocked'

The banning of some on-line portals, such as "joq.al", "jetaoshqef.al" and "joqalbania.com" has been exercised by the legal responsible institution, that of Electronic and Postal Communications Authority, based on Law No. 45/2019 "On Civil Protection". This punitive measure has been taken by the Authority, because of the above-mentioned portals on-line publication of a false and panic-rise information, related to the devastating earthquake of November 26, 2019, under the circumstances of the state of emergency in the earthquake affected areas. The Prosecutor's Office at Tirana Judicial District Court is currently investigating the matter, which is expected to be referred shortly to the Court.