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Investigative story 1

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Investigative story 2

DOCTOR FOR FORGERIES: ZORAN GOJKOVIC MISUSED THE SEAL OF HIS COLLEAGUE

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BIRN explains how a forgery dr Zoran Gojkovic, Provincial Secretary of Health involved in a decade ago, never affect his academic and political career advancement making him a leading man of the pandemic in the Northern Province.

BIRN revealed, based on the documentation obtained by the public prosecutor's office in Novi Sad, how dr Gojkovic, working as an orthopedist at the time, complied counterfeit doctor's report using his colleagues seal for the injury that never occurred.

By doing so, dr Gojkovic helped notorious lawyer in Novi Sad avoid an important court hearing. After police filed a criminal complaint Novi Sad prosecution applied opportunity, forgiving Gojkovic and the lawyer of the crime and fining them financially.

The Faculty of organizational sciences in Belgrade decided to lower professors salaries by third at the beginning of the coronavirus crises despite the governments' reassurance public sector salaries would stay the same.

At the same time, the state-owned faculty began developing a new, luxurious wing of its building. The Faculty is obliged to invest half a million EUR in the following years to meet the contracts which raised concerns among some since it is not able to pay full salaries just a month after the pandemic took over.

Another problem emerges after the construction works were awarded to the companies with close ties to the city and republican government. BIRN revealed this story through contracts, correspondence and public procurement.