



Questionnaire

National Parliaments' activities on alleged CIA activities in European countries

COUNTRY: Republic of Macedonia

CHAMBER: The Sobranie of the Republic of Macedonia

1. Was there a special committee formed in your chamber, similar to the one of the EP's Temporary Committee on the alleged use of European countries by the CIA for the transport and illegal detention of prisoners - TDIP?

Yes:

No: *

2. Does any other permanent committee of your chamber deal with the matters?

Yes: *

No:

If yes;

Name: Committee on European Issue

What is its mandate regarding these allegations:

Among the other issues that the Committee on European Issue is responsible for, the Committee considers issues regarding:

- following of activities of the Government and state administration organs focused towards gaining full membership of the Republic of Macedonia to the European Union; gives opinions and recommendations related to them;
- other issues related to the European integration and the accession of the Republic of Macedonia in the European Union

MPs involved:

. Chairperson, 12 members and their deputies

Chairman: [KAROLINA RISTOVA](#)

Vice-Chairman: [JUSUF ARIFI](#)

Members: [ANA ANDOVA](#)
[VESNA BOROZAN](#)
[TOME TROMBEV](#)
[IVAN STOILKOVIK](#)
[NELKO STOJANOSKI](#)
[SLOBODAN CHASHULE](#)
[GANKA SAMOILOVSKA CVETANOVA](#)
[SASHKO KEDEV](#)
[ZORAN KRSTEVSKI](#)
[ZAMIR DIKA](#)
[SEMIJAL HASANI](#)

Outcome and work programme of the permanent committee:

On the Committee Meeting that was held on 3 February 2006, under the item 4, the committee members have considered

- the European Parliament resolution on presumed use of European countries by the CIA for the transportation and illegal detention of prisoners -15 December 2005;
- European Parliament decision setting up a temporary committee on the alleged use of European countries by the CIA for the transportation and illegal detention of prisoners -18 January 2006.

In the conclusion of the debate on these documents, it was expressed that the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia will cooperate with the European Parliament's investigation and it strongly urged the Government to do so, as it has been doing as of that moment. The Committee expressed its expectation that the work of the Temporary Committee of EU to be fair, starting with the presumption that the Macedonian government did not break any Macedonian or international laws, unless there is serious proof otherwise.

The Chairperson of the Committee, Karolina Ristova, pointed out that there is no need for ad hoc special committee of the Macedonian Parliament because there is a set of permanent committees that can competently handle the issue, in particular, the Committee for Supervising the work of the Security and Counter-Intelligence Directorate and the Intelligence Agency. She emphasised, however, that it is not parliamentary practice and



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custom in the Macedonian Assembly, to do individual investigation in cases such as "El Masri", if there is no individual petition. (So far, El Masri has not submitted such individual petition to the Parliament.) Moreover, in cases like this, the Parliament gives priority to the legal proceedings in the judicial system before doing any investigation of political responsibility. (Mr. El Masri, as of this moment, has not initiated any legal proceedings against the state. i.e. Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Macedonia in the judicial system of the Republic of Macedonia).

The Chairperson Ristova concluded that the Committee will follow the further developments, readdress the issues again, if needed, and will cooperate with the EP Temporary Committee. The full report and conclusions of the Committee were sent to all MP's.

Note: All Committee meetings usually are open for the public and regularly broadcasted on the Parliamentary canal on the National TV.

3. Which permanent committee in your Chamber supervises intelligence services of your country?

Name:

[Committee for Supervising the Work of the Security and Counter-Intelligence Directorate and the Intelligence Agency](#)

What is its mandate:

-respecting freedoms and rights of the citizens, companies and other legal entities, stipulated by Constitution and Law, by the Security and Counter

Intelligence Directorate and the Intelligence Agency;

- respecting the Law in exercising the authority of the Security and Counter -

Intelligence Directorate and the Intelligence Agency in terms of encroaching their authority,

unauthorized activities, abuse and other adverse trends in its work, contrary to i

-methods and means used by the Security and Counter - Intelligence Directorate and the

Intelligence Agency in terms of respecting the Law and respect of civil and the rights of other subjects

Note: It is practice and custom of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia to appoint the Chairperson of this Committee by the opposition parties.

MPs involved:

Chairman: [LJUBE BOSHKOSKI](#)

Vice-Chairman: [EFTIM MANEV](#)

Members: [NIKOLA APOSTOLOVSKI](#)

[ESAD RAHIK](#)

[BLAGOJA GESHOSKI](#)

[SLAVE ARSOSKI](#)

[GORGI TRENDAFILOV](#)

[RAFIZ HALITI](#)

[ANGELKA PEEVA-LAURENCHIK](#)

[MENDUH TACHI](#)

Outcome and work programme in the area of these allegations:

The Chairman of this Committee, Mr. Ljube Boskovski (former Minister for Internal Affairs) is detained by the Hag Tribunal. He has not resigned from his position as President of the Committee. The Committee has not held meetings after his detention.

4. Has your Chamber been involved in another activities relating to these allegations (debate, report, etc.)?

Yes, on the regular monthly parliamentary sessions of question time for the Government on 26 January 2006 . Mr. Chashule asked what will the Republic of Macedonia do to close the "El Masri" case, which has become a scandal that might create unnecessary problems. According to him, too much emphasis has been placed on the issue and presence among our public. However, as a candidate country for EU membership, Mr.Chashule considers that we are obliged to fully observe the EU common foreign and security policy and that such issues must be both opened and closed within the Parliament. Hence, he pointed out that the Republic of Macedonia, as a state exposed to aggression and fighting with terrorism, is obligated to be attentive to any occurrence or



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any possible indications of this kind.

The Minister Ljubomir Mihajlovski, replying to the parliamentary question of Mr.Chasule, pointed out that the "El Masri" case is, in a speculative and unfounded manner, brought into relation with some alleged secret detention jails in the Republic of Macedonia. According to the official evidence of the Ministry of Interior, Mr. El Masri, has appeared on 31 December 2003 in the eve of New Year and entered Macedonia. After the passport control on the entrance in the Republic of Macedonia, he has been allowed to enter the country. On 23 January 2004, he has left the country on the border crossing with Serbia and Montenegro, in the part of Kosovo. The Minister made clear that all allegations are unfounded and many disinformation circulate in the public based on one statement that has a not as true, although is absolutely unconfirmed and not argumentative.