

Dear fellow citizens, dear friends!

While we were setting up the foundations of human rights, democracy and Slovenian state, we often rallied on Slovenian streets and squares. Peacefully and with dignity, but resolutely and courageously at the same time. Today we need the same approach. Therefore, I thank you for coming here. **Thank you for being today at *Kongresni trg* (the Congress Square) and thank you because you care about what will happen to our country.**

If ever, I would like to be with you today at this historic site. Unfortunately, right now the European Council is at the final stage of confirming the EU budget for the following seven years and replacement is not an option.

After gaining independence Slovenians proved that we are able to achieve same and better results under equal conditions. But we also had to assume the responsibility for all the missed opportunities. Remains of the past were growing, lies and scam prospered. Most of the previous common property was grabbed by its illegitimate former operators. When the economic crisis began to limit them, they forced the state into drastic borrowing.

These were needed so that the state could put fresh money into the state-owned banks, which transferred it to the new owners in the form of the bad loans. Today, the multi-billion bank deficit is the biggest economic problem of the country. **The ones who have caused this deficit are the ones who stole our country.** And they want to continue doing that. At any price.

This black hole is mostly composed of bad loans that were given to sixteen affiliated companies or conglomerates. Fifteen of these conglomerates are or have been - before going bankrupt - firmly in the hands of recognizable personalities of the transitional left political side, most of them under the patronage of the *Forum 21*.

Only one conglomerate belonged to the Church holding company. Some of these companies are now bankrupt, but the remains of the seized property are being distributed into the right hands through the personal connections between bankruptcy managers and bankruptcy judges.

The deficit of billions of Euros in the Slovenian state-owned banks has clearly recognizable patrons of a clearly recognizable colour. Last fall the government proposed the *Act on transfer of bad assets to the Bad bank* and extended for four times the limitation period for offenses made in the creation of bank losses. At that time the anti-government offensive spread to epic proportions. At the time of the worldwide protests in front of the banks and the stock exchange buildings, in Slovenia the Maribor Town Hall has been attacked with granite cubes and the so-called People's Uprisings were organized in front of the Parliament. **The institutions were attacked, which, by definition, provide corrective to the**

rough functioning of market and Slovenian comrade capitalism. The attacks were mostly fueled by the media, whose program is - to the last minute - paid by the comrade capital, the one that is missing in state-owned banks.

For the last few years, according to rough estimates, **between 200 and 500 million Euros per year has been transferred from state-owned banks and enterprises to so-called civil society's and political backgrounds of the transitional left.** That kind of money flow can only exist at the expense of lower standard for the most of the population, lower wages, lower pensions and smaller investments. The establishment of the Slovenian sovereign holding, whose purpose is to unify the management and ensure transparent operations and privatization, was another strategic reason for the anti-government offensive.

The rehabilitation of our banking system and efficient management of state assets is now an economic necessity for Slovenia and also a requirement of the international institutions. **A delay in any of these projects would certainly mean a delay in our development.**

But the realization of both projects at the same time as determining the responsibility for the banking hole and interrupting the financial channels of state-owned companies supplying the capillary network of transition uncles and godfathers would mean much more. **It would mean an end to the looting of the Slovenes. It would mean the end of transition. It would mean the normalization of Slovenia. It would mean the end of backgrounds and manipulations.**

Therefore, the successful adoption and implementation of two key laws brought such furious resistance and hate speech we didn't hear from the 1970s. A year ago we formed the government that was, by the logic of time, an anti-crisis government. At that time we were surprised by the steady restating of the propaganda machine saying the government must tackle crisis, everything else should not be its business. Everything else is ideology. The president of the party which split the coalition apart was particularly loud in saying so.

Today it's clear why. After uncles and transition left in general demolished Pahor's and failed to form their own government, they expected that we curb the crisis without interrupting the channels through which millions of Euros are leaking from the state-owned property, banks and companies to maintain the para-state.

To curb the crisis without abolishing privileges and monopolies. They said that the Capital Assets Management Agency of the Republic of Slovenia (AUKN) must stay because it's supposed to be proficiency, banks could be still

recapitalized and the money for this taken from the people throughout higher taxes. In their twisted discourse they said that the coalition and the government should not deal with ideology. **We were supposed to be their useful idiots. We should curb the crisis and pay the political price at the elections, while lately they would strengthen inflows and monopolies. What they wanted was the government with tied hands just as Pahor's was. All this for the mere purpose that political backgrounds could govern more easily and without liability.**

The Slovenian Democratic Party did not fall for this trick. This is why today they are splitting the government apart. Those who are splitting the government apart will have to take the responsibility for a repeated, totally unnecessary deterioration. Demolishing is easy. **There is a saying that only one drunk sailor is enough for a hole in the ship and its sinking, but hundreds of hard-working hands and knowledge is needed to build and direct the ship.**

In light of the events that can follow the political crisis no one will remember its motives and causes in a few months. What will be left are consequences and responsibility for it.

Not every time is such that requires rallies. But today is such a time. They pushed us into and we have no choice.

The background of the so-called People's Uprising that still doesn't want to show their faces and is working underground as the former Communist Party, has at incited cheering of the majority of the media and a part of Slovenian politics decided that the constitutional right to rally belongs to them only.

They proclaim deliberately and intentionally unreported night protests for civilized ones. Those risky organized protests with hiding faces of the responsables, insulting those who think differently, burning and hanging puppets, tapping the homes of councillors, intrusions in the municipal building, destruction of property and attacks on police officers.

In their view the Zbor za republiko rally, which was registered and organised by the valid laws and rules that had a cultural program and a clear responsibility of the organisers is uncivilised and inappropriate.

Already at the very beginning of the World War II, the Communist party - by the Liberation Front - adopted a decree by which every resistance against the occupant apart from the Liberation Front was punished with death.

The resemblance is not only coincidental. We are witnessing the same politics of exclusion and totalitarian ideology, which is in some parts of our society transmitting from generation to generation.

Spreading the hate speech, threats in front of councillors and constitutional judges homes, hanging puppets of prominent personalities, calling for violence, killings and revival of totalitarian praxis is returning to this country.

National socialists have in the 1930s rang at homes of prominent Jewish families in Berlin and call them to leave. Then they've been burning their puppets and setting garbage bins in front of their houses on fire. Next time they came to take them and drag them in Concentration camps and gas cells. The holocaust started with threats in front of the homes of peaceful citizens.

Slovenia has a lot of similar tragic experiences. Repression, lies and propaganda were their methods. »First discreditation, defame and then liquidation, also physical if needed,« they said. And did. Today they are sending us again to the Huda jama and Kočevje precipices. They'd like to intimidate us. **The recent writing calling to killings of Christians is horrifying.** Public condemnations of this were mild and shy in the dominant media. But to those who frighten we have to decisively say: **You won't succeed!** Stop it! The democratic institutions of the Slovenian country, the Slovene Army and Police are obliged to protect every citizen without any difference. **And they will do so.**

A special thanks for their professional work goes to the Slovenian Police which was able to preserve the constitutional right to peaceful gathering, safety of people and property. A special thanks goes to the almost 100 members of the Slovenian Police which got injured by the violent uprisers.

We wrote into the Constitution of the independent and democratic Slovenia that the country assures the right to peaceful gathering and rallies. At peaceful rallies we express our opinion and influence the decisions. But we don't decide there. We decide at elections, referendums and by democratically elected institutions. Everyone who publicly exposed his name on a ballot or in an election campaign and was democratically elected anywhere in the country as coalition or opposition MP, major of city councillor has a greater constitutional legitimacy than someone who sets up anonymously a web page and calls for violence or someone camouflaged who throws granite cubes and explosive into police officers. If we allow this line to rub we will soon come from democracy to dictatorship. Even more. We will give again the native right to violence. The goal does not justify the means. When the majority in the State Council under a media lynch unlawfully took away the mandate to a colleague, a state councillor, who was elected equally legitimate as they were one of the members of the

usurped uprising movement with a privileged pension and 25 years of working period said this was not legal, but it was good. **Good by whose judgement? Where will we come if we accept this thesis from Tomišelj as legitimate? Consenting this thesis means a twilight of civilisation and the denial of everything we fought for in the time of the Slovenian spring. What is offered to us is pure left fascism. We, the Slovenians will never accept this, but will rise. An important step has been made today on this rally.**

About the government, I am pointing out once again, that its mandate is not protected as the presidential, judicial or major mandate is. It is always on draught. In two decades we have changed eight governments. Three times the government fell during the mandate. Only 10 MP signatures are needed in order to start a new proceeding. And the alternative majority. If they claim that the government does not have the majority this means that someone else is supposed to have it. So he can take the responsibility and form the government. As already said, it is easy to demolish, to build is much more difficult. It is not needed to do much to demolish, most of the business is done by *Forum 571* and the comrade capital in the background. Solving the crisis though is something different. The Forum 571 and uncles failed in this.

Respected citizens!

We, the Slovenians showed many times that we are not that naive. Also now we are realizing, that we were pushed into times that call for a determined action against left fascism, against threats, violence and chaos, who are the biggest enemies of freedom and justice.

It is all about freedom and justice. For the freedom brought by the independence and democratisation of Slovenia. And for the prospect of justice we won't let them take away. We want to live in an independent, free and just country of the Slovenian nation, without political uncles, without fear and without violence.

They say there are few of us. And that we are second class citizens. We are not few and we all completely equal, we have a lot of friends across Europe and worldwide. But we are subtracted, despised or hushed many times at home. This is why we will have to gather more often and show our strength. Today is only the beginning. The Slovenian and European flags will continue flaring and the Slovenian songs will resound louder every day. We wrote in the Constitution that *Zdravljica* is the Slovenian Anthem. It has many strophes. We can all recognize ourselves in it. It perpetuates the courage and pride of the nation who matured and gained its independence without external help and equally bonded with others. This is why it stands and will be standing. The history of the

Slovenians did not begin in Čebine and will not end in Murgle. There is no easy way, but despite all we can have a great future.

God save our land and nation, and all Slovenes where'er they live!
(translation of a line from Zdravljca)