

THE BYTYQI BROTHERS

Justice delayed. Justice denied.

Statement on Introduction of Congressional Resolution

May 22, 2015

Yesterday, a resolution was introduced in the United States Congress to emphasize that justice in the Bytyqi case is central to the improvement of U.S.-Serbian relations.

The resolution's timing is noteworthy. Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic will be making his first official visit to Washington, D.C. in early June. He has thus far made and broken several promises in the Bytyqi case. This will be his first official visit to Washington.

Congressman Lee Zeldin made the following remarks:

“Since taking office in January, my office has been working closely with the Bytyqi family. I introduced this resolution in the House because the Bytyqi family should receive the justice and closure they rightfully deserve. The Serbian government must hold accountable those responsible for the senseless murders of the Bytyqi brothers. I strongly encourage the Government of Serbia, and all relevant parties, to make it a top priority to seek justice for these brutal acts of hatred and violence. The United States should also provide the resources necessary to fully assist with this effort.”

Speaking for his family, Fatose Bytyqi said this:

“We would like to thank Congressman Zeldin, Chairman Smith, Congressman Engel, and Congresswoman Meng for their support. We have been frustrated by the Serbian political establishment that shields high-level suspects like Goran Radosavljevic. This resolution is a clear statement of the United States' resolve. Prime Minister Vucic will have to answer for his inaction and close relationship with Goran “Guri” Radosavljevic during his visit to Washington.”

The resolution was co-sponsored by four members of the House Committee on Foreign Relations, including Lee Zeldin (R-NY); Chris Smith (R-NJ), Co-Chair of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Senior Member of the Committee; Eliot Engel (D-NY), the Ranking Member on the Committee; and Grace Meng (D-NY).

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