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THE COMPLAINTS COMMISSION

of the Press Council in Bosnia and Herzegovina

PRESS RELEASE

REGARDING THE TEXTS AND COMMENTS ON THE GALIC CASE

On its 50th session, held on July 26th 2012 in Sarajevo, the Complaints Commission of the Press Council in Bosnia and Herzegovina considered 15 complaints on print and online media reporting. Most complaints were in regard to media texts and comments from the visitors of

news portals about the events surrounding the screening of the movie “Neđo of Ljubuški”. In that respect, the Complaints Commission of the Press Council in BiH sends out the following release:

The content of the texts and comments published recently in regard to “Galić case”, are abundant with different ideological, political, psychological and other stances which, in part, also portray the state of social consciousness. Most part of the mentioned texts and comments contain, unfortunately, examples of the **spread of hatred and incitement, brutal discrediting of people, discrimination or annulation of basic moral and general human values.** This is truly worrying.

In accordance with its mandate, the *Complaints Commission* of the Press Council in BiH **appeals on all media editors and journalists to engage themselves in a far more responsible manner in affirming, most importantly, professional journalism.**

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appeals for a consistent application of the BiH Press Code.

Moreover, the ***Complaints Commission*** reminds the editors of the portals that they are **responsible for keeping the comments of the visitors, if such comments contain hate speech, incitement, discrimination and threats.**

It is the responsibility of an editor to remove such comments from their portals