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The head of government, Xavier Espot, and the executive vice-president of the European Commission, Maroš Šefcovic.

The Catalan translation of the Association Agreement is at home straight

The president of Liberals for Andorra, Cristina Rico, joins the State Pact

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The State Pact for the Association Agreement with the European Union (EU) met last Wednesday afternoon to continue coordination between members and address various issues related to the agreement. At this meeting, Cristina Rico, president of Liberals d'Andorra, joined for the first time the pact to participate in meetings and decisions, thus expanding the re-

presentation of the treaty.

During the session, the current phase of the translation of the final text of the agreement was highlighted. The full English version is now available, and the Catalan translation is in the final phase. This same Wednesday, the Catalan version was received, which will now be reviewed by the Government and the legal services to ensure the correct transposition of the agreements into the official language. It should be noted

that the meeting of the pact was held shortly after Andorra Research + Innovation (AR+I) made public the results of the analysis of the potential impact of the agreement on the economy, society and the Andorran political system in the event of an association with the EU.

The first publication/ On April 26th, the 14 documents that made up the official text of the Association Agreement were published. This first installment was available in En-

glish and could be consulted through the andorrae.ad website. The European Commission had accepted the text after the technical and legal review by Andorra and San Marino, and the 27 EU member states already had the full publication of the document. Translations into the official languages of the European Union and into Catalan had begun, with the aim of having them ready by the summer. Espot presented the proposal in Belgium. ●

THE TRIBUNE

The media bonfire: when public opinion acts as judge and executor

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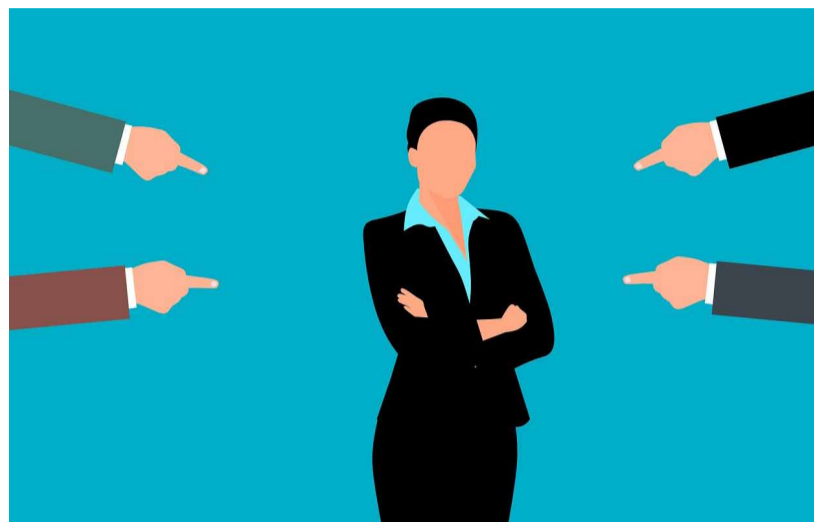
Since time immemorial, society is a prey to the thirst for spectacle and the need to find culprits. The public squares became scenes of trials, where the crowd, sugared by rumors and prejudices, dictated sentences without appeal. The burning of witches, a macabre ritual that spread across Europe, was the culmination of these inquisitorial processes, where suspicion and accusation were enough to condemn to death.

Today, centuries later, it seems that we have made little progress and human nature remains the same. The bonfire has been extinguished, but the media pyre continues to burn strongly. The media, eager to capture audiences and increase their profits, have become the new inquisitors. Armed with microphones and cameras, they pursue their alleged victims, judge them in the foreground and condemn them to social ostracism. Tweets from anonymous

people who take the fire and because of the need for «clickbait» journalists fall into the trap and Telegram groups have just spread the fire.

In the digital age, public opinion is built instantly and can become a bonfire that consumes reputations without mercy. A generic accusation or sensational headline launched against a company, or an investigation opened by an accusation, amplified by the media, can set off a chain reaction with devastating consequences, not only for the entity in question, but also for to the people who make it up. Social networks, by amplifying these voices, contribute to creating a toxic environment where truth is diluted, and rumor becomes absolute truth.

In this context, it must be remembered that today it is the judicial and regulatory bodies that must guarantee compliance with the Law, those that must protect the rights of citizens and those that must put a stop to abuses of power. Judgments should be held in courts, not in newsrooms or online groups. It is justice, both criminal and ci-



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vil, that has mechanisms to investigate and punish those who have committed crimes.

The presumption of innocence is a fundamental principle of our rule of law. No one can be convicted without first having had the opportunity to defend themselves.

If someone is presented as guilty, without a final sentence passed, this basic principle is being violated and the judicial system is being put at risk.

Just as in the Middle Ages, where the accusation of witchcraft was enough to sentence a woman to death, today a pu-

blic accusation, without solid evidence, can destroy the lives of people who are often strangers to any irregularity. Employees, investors, suppliers, customers and even the video club or gym where the prosecuted were members, can be involve in a situation of uncertainty and discredit, suffering financial losses and damage to their reputation.

Scams have existed throughout history and in all fields, the creativity of fraudsters have no limits. They have evolved adapting to the new times. For this reason it is essential that any suspicious acti-

vity is brought to the attention of the competent authorities. Whether it's law enforcement, regulatory bodies or the courts, they have the tools and knowledge to thoroughly investigate and prosecute those responsible. Reporting not only protects our individual interests, but helps to build a safer and fairer society for everyone.

Insults, slander and injuries exposed in forums and social networks, especially when directed against a group or a particular person, constitute criminal offences. It is important to remember that behind every online profile there is a real person, with feelings, families and rights that must be respected.

Justice must follow its course through established institutional channels. Turning social networks or Telegram groups into people's courts, where you judge and convict without evidence or guarantees, is not only unfair, but can lead to serious legal consequences for those who participate in such practices. ●

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