

Montenegrin Deputy Prime Minister Dritan Abazovic has said alleged corruption in connection with the Možura wind farm is one of the priorities for the country's council for high-level corruption, adding that he will soon start discussions on the case with authorities in Malta.

Speaking on Maltese NET TV together with Mario de Marco, Malta's shadow finance minister, Abazovic said it is of great importance for both Montenegro and Malta to get to the bottom of this case.

The 46 MW Mozura wind farm, built by a consortium of Maltese state-owned power utility Enemalta and China's Shanghai Electric Power Company, was officially put in operation in November 2019, following a EUR 90 million investment. The state had pledged a fixed electricity price of EUR 95.99/MWh and EUR 115 million in incentives over the first 12 years of operation.

In August 2020, before he came to power, Abazovic showed reporters a document which he claimed was proof of corruption in the Mozura case, calling on authorities to scrap the agreement, arrest those responsible, and bring the wind farm back into the state's hands. Abazovic linked the alleged malfeasance in the Mozura project to the murder of a Maltese journalist, adding that the project also caused EUR 115 million in damage to Montenegrin taxpayers.

Maltese investigative journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia was killed by a car bomb in 2017. Her son, who is himself an investigative journalist, told Vijesti last year that his mother's investigation focused on the then Montenegrin Prime Minister Milo Đukanović, currently the country's president, as well as the then Maltese prime minister, Joseph Muscat.

In August last year, European Commission spokesperson Ana Pisonero said that the EU executive expected a "credible, independent, and efficient" investigation into allegations of corruption surrounding the Možura wind farm project.

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