

## REPORT ON THE COVERAGE OF THE ROMA IN THE GREEK PRESS

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*(Comments in italics are made by the GHM)*

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<b>1. Gastouni and Amaliada (Peloponese): Housing schemes underway</b>
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**1/7/00: *Eleftherotypia*** [M. Nodaros]

"The Time of the Gypsies for human cities"

Two small Roma towns with full infrastructure will be gradually created in Gastouni and Amaliada. The municipal authorities plan to change the lives of approximately 1.500 Roma that have been living for years in the cities of Gastouni and Amaliada. In cooperation with the Prime Minister's Office for Quality of Life and the Ministries of Interior and Environment, the local authorities set up a housing project for the local Roma population. Relevant meetings were attended by the mayors from both cities, Mr. F. Stamos, advisor to the Prime Minister from the Office for Quality of Life, Mr. Papaspyropoulos, special advisor to the Minister of Interior, Roma representatives, two government MPs as well as the President of the Inter-Municipal Rom Network. During the meetings, it was decided to immediately proceed building infrastructure at the existing camps (water and electricity supply, sewage system) and to gradually replace the tents with prefabricated houses. The long-term objective is for every Rom to acquire his own house.

Roma representatives expressed their content, but stressing for years that they have been given only promises. The mayor of Gastouni, Thanasis Christopoulos, also showed content with the government's interest to assist his municipality in providing decent accommodation for its Roma fellow citizens.

«The Ministry of Interior and the Greek government intend to build permanent residencies for the 700 Roma who live in our region. They have and we have the good will to change their destitute living conditions. (...) Roma will be temporarily transferred to prefabricated houses before they move into permanent residencies,» stated Mr. Christopoulos, who also committed the Municipality to pay for the electricity supply into the existing camp. Moreover, he pointed out that Romanies' coexistence with the rest of the citizens is harmonious.

*Very positive report, in favor of the initiative.*

**2. Lawsuit filed against racist persecution of Nea Kios Roma**

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PRESS RELEASE

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Subject: Lawsuit filed against racist persecution of Nea Kios Roma

On 30 June 2000, fifteen representatives of various organizations and political parties and movements brought a lawsuit before the Prosecutor of the Misdemeanor Court of Nafplion concerning the racist persecution of the Romani citizens of Nea Kios, Argolida. Among the signatories of the lawsuit are: Manolis Glezos; Maria Damanaki, MP/Coalition Party; Stella Alifieri, former MP; representatives of the non-governmental organizations, DROM Network, Greek Helsinki Monitor, Minority Rights Group-Greece, and the political movements, A.K.O.A., A.E.K.A. and S.E.K.E.; V. Paiteris, advisor to the Panhellenic Federation of Greek Roma Associations (P.O.S.E.R.); and journalists. They have filed specific charges both for the violation of law 927/1979 (**On the punishment of practices and acts intended to provoke racial discrimination**), and for classic offenses of the penal code (Articles 183, 184, 186, 187, 192).

As the lawsuit notes: “the undersigned, acting as individuals as well as on behalf of the Organizations, Movements and Political Parties they represent, have decided to address themselves to Justice, being of the opinion that Judicial Authority is the last means of defense of the fundamental human and social rights of the Roma of Nea Kios, Argolida, **who face imminent danger for their lives**. After the illegal, immoral, inhuman, totalitarian and fascist conduct of the Municipal Council of Nea Kios, occurring on 20/05/00 and subsequently (see 1-Account), and which not only have no grounds in any canon of ethics but **clearly violate the Constitution of Greece and the existing laws** (see below, under 3), the 600 Roma (80 families) of Nea Kios have been **unconditionally characterized as an “endangered population” that must be protected by every means from the racist fervor of the Municipal Council and of the local community, incited to its hatred by the Council**.

Worst of all is the fact that the inhuman racist persecution of the Roma is **(also) supported by the Municipal Council of Nea Kios by its unanimous (!!!) decision on 20/05/2000** – that is, by the highest elected officials in local government, who are **sworn to uphold the Constitution and the Laws of the State**. If the results of these actions vindicate their instigators, then let no one doubt that similar incidents of racist persecution are bound to occur in this country against Roma, Kurds, immigrants, or other social groups.

**In Germany on the night of 9-11-1938, after planned provocation Nazi Storm Troopers (SA) assisted by groups of “indignant” citizens burned and looted the shops and homes of Jewish citizens as well as of those who maintained business and social associations with Jews. That night is recorded in the annals of racist and totalitarian violence as “Kristallnacht.” We do not believe that Greece in the year 2000 is Germany of 1938. However, we the undersigned have repeatedly charged that both Greece and the rest of Europe is experiencing a subtle yet real and protracted “Kristallnacht” against Roma, minorities, as well as economic immigrants. If the State and Judicial Authority tolerate and allow acts of racist violence to go unpunished today, if they do not defend the fundamental rights of human beings to life and the free development of their personality, then another link in the chain of racism and fear of the Other will be forged. Where will this chain lead?**

We the undersigned profoundly believe that society itself is responsible for racism. We are well aware that today's tent-dwelling Roma are a marginal social group, and that marginal groups provoke a fear in the rest of society that breeds racism. **When the State does not take institutional measures to protect these populations, when it does not support their essential educational and professional integration, when it does not ensure the rudiments of a humane life, then it is by its omission an actual accessory to racist violence against these populations.** For this reason, we have previously put forth specific proposals for the protection of the social rights of tent-dwelling Roma, and for their educational and professional integration into society. **If these proposals had been adopted in the case of the Nea Kios Roma, we would not have arrived at the current racist aberration. But regardless of the State's responsibilities, it is unacceptable to use "indignant" citizens as a pretext for criminal offenses and illegal acts against defenseless people.** Nor can the irrational, fascist desires of certain sick minds to "cleanse their region of Roma" stand up as an alibi.

**We wish to note that, to protect their lives as well as their personal and family security, this lawsuit contains the signatures of neither the Nea Kios Roma nor the citizens of the Argolida Prefecture opposing the above racist acts. In mind of the account of this lawsuit, the Public Prosecutor may seek out these individuals and privately examine them as witnesses, thus protecting them from possible attacks and the threats that have already been voiced.**

With these conditions we submit this lawsuit, reiterating that "the Judicial Authority has the duty to **IMMEDIATELY AND IMPERATIVELY** defend the life and social rights of the Nea Kios Roma, who are vulnerable and defenseless at all times."

The frontispiece of the lawsuit contains the words of Primo Levi: **"When a society, whether on a local or national level, indiscriminately prohibits the integration and hinders the residence of any cultural, national, social or other group using the rationale of the collective guilt of this group, then we have the first link in the chain. The last link in the chain is found at Auschwitz."**

The lawsuit is signed in alphabetical order by:

**Alfieri, S.** (former MP/Coalition)  
**Damanaki, M.** (MP/Coalition)  
**Dimitras, P.** (Greek Helsinki Monitor)  
**Glezos, M.** (former MP/first in the state electoral list of the Coalition)  
**Gousetis, D.** (journalist/ "Avghi" newspaper)  
**Hadjinikolaou, N.** (attorney, Ph.D. candidate in Criminal Law, Aristotle University of Salonica)  
**Kardasiadis, A.** (attorney)  
**Lambrou, P.** (journalist/ "Epochi" newspaper)  
**Malandrenioti, L.** (journalist/"Epochi" newspaper)  
**Paiteris, V.** (Federal Advisor/ P.O.S.E.R.)  
**Papanikolatos N.** (Minority Rights Group-Greece)  
**Sifakakis, I.** (Socialist Workers Party of Greece)  
**Triandafyllou, A.** (Renewal Modernist Movement of the Left)  
**Triaridis, T.** (member/DROM Network)  
**Tzikas, T.** (member/A.K.O.A. Central Committee)

### **3. On Nea Kios and the explicit acts of racism**

**1/7/00: Avgi**, p: 8

“Lawsuit filed against racist persecution of Roma in Nea Kios”

*Positive report with extensive reference to the aforementioned press release.*

**2/7/00: Avgi** [N. Ananiades]

[http://www.avgi.org/cgi-bin/hweb.exe?-A=151479&-w=ÔÓÉÃÃÁÍ~\\_&-V=AVGI](http://www.avgi.org/cgi-bin/hweb.exe?-A=151479&-w=ÔÓÉÃÃÁÍ~_&-V=AVGI)

“Nea Kios: From the arson of a tent to the shooting of a 17-year-old Rom”

Reference to the most explicit anti-Roma, racist, acts in Nea Kios. Questions posed by the reporter regarding the shooting of Christos Demetropoulos and the role of the police. Ironic comments on the municipal cadres’ statements denying the diffused anti-Roma spirit in the region.

*Positive report, very much critical of the police and municipal authorities in Nea Kios.*

**8/7/00: Avgi** [D. Goussetis]

[http://www.avgi.org/cgi-bin/hweb.exe?-A=153466&-w=20000708\\_&-V=AVGI](http://www.avgi.org/cgi-bin/hweb.exe?-A=153466&-w=20000708_&-V=AVGI)

“A non-governmental minister”

The report is a commentary on the intervention of the Minister of Justice, M. Stathopoulos, following GHM’s actions regarding Nea Kios. The Minister is an exceptional case by Greek standards as he has an NGO/ human rights background himself. The reporter seizes the opportunity to refer to the case of the Roma tent-dwellers in Nea Tirynta and ask for the Minister’s help and contribution. Local Roma are threatened with eviction and the Ministry of Justice is partly involved in the case, as it owns the site of the camp.

*Very positive report by GHM board member and vice-president, D. Goussetis.*

### **4. The President of the Municipal Council of Nea Kios resigned from his party**

**16/7/00: Avgi**

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“He saved us from his presence”

The President of the Municipal Council of N. Kios, lawyer G. Maninis, also protagonist of the racist outburst against local Roma resigned from Progressive Left Coalition Party. Reportedly, G. Maninis stated that he could not be related to some people whom he would have to call fellow partisans.

*Positive report, showing content with this development.*

## 5. Racist follow-up in Nea Kios

28-29/7/00: *Ta Nea tis Argolidas* [M. Fyrogenis], p: 1,2

“What comes after somebody makes a bad start”

On June 26, a resident of Argos, a neighboring town to Nea Kios, Demetrios Fotiades, who resembles a Rom but is not Rom, stopped at store on the central square of Nea Kios to buy pork. A local resident, Demetrios Arapakis, who was sitting at a nearby café, remarked angrily at the butcher, “Why do you sell pork at a Gypsy?” Then Fotiades, who was extremely upset by this remark, responded, “If you do not want him to sell [to Gypsies], then you must pay him.” Arapakis stood and physically assaulted Fotiades, who did not respond. The incident ended following intervention from other people who were present at the time. Both parties were asked to come to an agreement and peacefully resolve the misunderstanding.

*Positive report, highlighting the responsibility of the Municipal authorities of Nea Kios in turning their citizens against local Roma.*

## 6. Raid in the Roma camp by the river Gallikos (Thessaloniki)

**DROM NETWORK FOR THE SOCIAL RIGHTS OF GYPSIES  
GREEK HELSINKI MONITOR  
MINORITY RIGHTS GROUP-GREECE**

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**Mr. Dimitris Reppas, Minister of the Press and Media  
Mr. Michalis Stathopoulos, Minister of Justice  
Mr. Michalis Chrysohoidis, Minister of Public Order**

**SUBJECT: APPEAL FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST  
THE ILLEGAL AND RACIST POLICE ACTION AND ITS WANTON, DEFAMATORY AND  
RACIST COVERAGE BY THE MACEDONIAN PRESS AGENCY**

10 July 2000

Dear Ministers,

At 6:00 on the morning of 6 July 2000, “with their usual tactics, the special forces of the Thessaloniki General Security disturbed the sleep of innocent children and adults with a raid on the Gallikos River Gypsy settlement. The raid took place without the presence of a Public Prosecutor, and was an unmitigated violation of the sanctuary of the family.” These charges were made by the Prefectorial Authority of Thessaloniki on 7 July, in an untypical action for which it should be lauded. The Press Release concerning this charge is co-signed by the Urban Cooperative AGISO of the Roma themselves, the DROM Network, and the Doctors of the World. It points out that the 100 citizens who were violently apprehended into police custody were suspected of narcotics involvement (“gypsies are always suspected”). It was

later ascertained that only a few of the detainees had prior offenses of the price and the traffic control codes. The signatories of that press release characterized the entire police action as racist.

That same day, the state-run Macedonian Press Agency published a wanton, defamatory and racist “news” report of the event, which totally inaccurately stated that “illegal aliens” were also arrested during the “clean-up raid,” and that “a number of the detainees are fugitives from justice, wanted for robbery, burglary, fraud, and other offenses, and that they are expected to be arraigned tomorrow.” We have intervened to the director of the MPA, asking for a full rebuttal to the publication and either the imposition of sanctions on its author or information on the person (most probably a police officer) who induced him to write such inaccuracies. Unfortunately, the only thing the MPA did was to repeat the news item the next day, maintaining that some of the detainees had prior “arrest warrants for burglary.” Even this was erroneous since all had already been released. This time, however, the MPA named “the director of the Thessaloniki security, Fil. Karaghiozides,” as the source of the erroneous and defamatory information. At the same time, the MPA also chose not to mention the aforementioned charges made by the Prefectorial Authority of Thessaloniki. This confirmed the impression that its publications were aimed at tarnishing the largest Roma community, which, according to the - dubiously reliable as far as deadlines are concerned - declarations of the State, is awaiting imminent resettlement in the model settlement at Gonos.

In light of all this, we are calling upon you to initiate the necessary governmental and criminal proceedings provided by Greek law and international conventions for the severe punishment of those responsible for both this illegal and racist police action as well as the wanton, defamatory and racist coverage by the MPA in obvious collaboration with higher police officials.

Sincerely yours,

**Thanassis Triaridis**  
**DROM Network for the Social Rights of Gypsies**

**Panayote Dimitras**  
**Greek Helsinki Monitor**

**Nafsika Papanikolatos**  
**Minority Rights Group-Greece**

**10/7/00: M.P.A. (Macedonian Press Agency)**

«Gypsy Tent-Dwellers and the M.P.A.»

Concerning the release issued by the Greek-Helsinki Monitor (GHM), the DROM Network for the Social Rights of Gypsies, and the Minority Rights Group-Greece (MRG-G), which have accused the Macedonian Press Agency of “wanton defamatory and racist coverage” of

the July 6th police raid on the French River Gypsy camp, Spyros Kouzinopoulos, M.P.A. Managing Director, has issued the following statement:

“Late that same night, the M.P.A. correspondent published a news item based on information received from police sources - just as other newspaper crime reporters published similar articles based on the same information. These police reports, however, turned out to be exaggerations.

The following day, when it became evident that the Gypsies arrested had been unjustly harassed, the M.P.A. returned with an updated report stressing, even by its title, that “the information concerning weapons in the Gypsy camp proved to be a hoax.” The article, moreover, emphasized the very difficult conditions under which the tent-dwelling Gypsies of Thessaloniki live.

In all its years of operation, the Macedonian Press Agency has always maintained fundamental ethical principles and has avidly defended democratic and humanitarian values. To those accusing it of “racism” it offers complete access to the hundreds of dispatches and articles it has published on the problems of the Gypsies in Thessaloniki and the rest of the country.”

**Other reports regarding the raid itself:**

**7/7/00: *To Vima*, p: A18**

Police raided yesterday the Roma camp by the Gallikos River in Thessaloniki. Tens of people were arrested during the operation, which took place with the participation of police officers and the Special Forces. The arrested Roma are suspects of criminal acts and, within the next hours, police will be investigating for outstanding warrants against them.

*The report seems to be a reproduction of the M.P.A. bulletin, based on police sources.*

**8/7/00: *Exousia* [G. Lotsopoulos], p: 16**

**«Raid in a police camp. Questions posed by the absence of District Attorney»**

*Reference to the denunciations made by the Prefectorial Authority of Thessaloniki regarding the raid and the relevant press release co-signed by the local Romani Association AGISO, DROM Network, and the Doctors of the World. It is also reported that no drugs were found at the camp during the investigation and that pending warrants were found against some 25 of the arrested suspects. Positive report, highlighting the denunciations regarding the absence of a Public Prosecutor during the investigation and the lack of respect for Romanies' asylum.*

**Also on the same topic:**

**8/7/00: *Avgi*, p: 24**

**“Are Roma entitled to an asylum, dear Ministers?”**

*Report similar in the content and style with the aforementioned one. In addition, it is reported that the pending warrants found against the Roma referred to trading without a permit and driving without a license. Strong criticism for the lack of respect for Romanies' asylum.*

**29/7/00: Avgi** [D. Goussetis]

“Summertime ‘cleansing’ operations”

*Reference to the police raid in the camp by the Galikos River, as well as to the clean(s)ing operations against Roma by the municipalities of Aspropyrgos and Ano Liosia. Very positive report.*

## **7. Romani participation at the program “Youth Parliament”**

**4/7/00: Exousia** [Lambros Peghos], p: 4

“Young MPs against racism”

Chrisovalando Nikolaou, a Roma student from Aigaleo (Athens) who participated in the program *Youth Parliament*, made extensive reference to the racism against Roma in her speech before the Greek parliament. She stated: “Gypsies are not a minority, they are Greeks, too. It is not possible that we [Roma] go to the hospital and doctors kick us out without examining us. It is not possible that we send our children to school and the authorities deny them.”

*Neutral to positive report. It should be noted here that the young Roma, like the majority of assimilated Roma considers that her people deserve equal rights with all Greeks because they are Greek and because they are not a minority. This statement expresses at large the Roma consciousness amongst those who have accommodated to assimilation.*

## **8. Roma in Patras (Peloponese)**

**3/7/00: Peloponnisos**

“Today is the day for the Municipality’s proposals regarding Roma camps”

Following a meeting with municipal cadres, the Prefecture of Achaia and the Prime Minister’s Office for Quality of Life, all municipalities of Achaia are expected to submit before the Prefecture their proposals regarding ways to improve Romanies’ living conditions. On the basis of these proposals, there will be a plan of action for all Roma within the Prefecture as well as strategies to combat Romanies’ social exclusion. So far, many of the municipalities have responded to the Prefect’s call for proposals. Some proposals contain corrective measures that, if implemented, will change the destitute conditions under which live the Roma permanently. They could also serve as models for other regions in the country as well.

The Municipality of Patras is submitting its report today regarding housing problems of the Roma in that region. Reportedly, the municipality is proposing prefabricated housing to be allocated to all Roma tent-dwellers in the region. For those Roma living in the district of Makryianni, the municipality is proposing the allocation of five prefabricated houses to be established in private land purchased or rented by the Roma. For the Agia Aikaterini district the municipality is proposing the allocation of another 82 prefabricated houses. Yet, this thorny issue of housing remains with the Roma tent-dwellers in Riganocambos. For many years, about fifty families have settled on a plot of land owned by the University of Patras. The lack of available space in the region is a great obstacle to housing rehabilitation of the Roma. Serious efforts must be made to secure another site for their resettlement. The Prefecture of Achaia is in charge of detailing the proposals before sending them to the Prime Minister’s Office for Quality of Life.

*Neutral to positive report.*

**Also on the same topic:**

**7/7/00: Peloponnisos** (comments on the front page)

Reportedly, the Municipality of Patras, in its memo to the Prefect of Achaia and the Prime Minister’s Office for Quality of Life, suggested the allocation of prefabricated houses to all

Roma tent-dwellers living within its borders. Replacing tents with prefabricated houses is definitely a first step. However, another step that is as important is to combat social exclusion. A ghetto with prefabricated houses remains a ghetto. Strategies need to be developed in order to integrate the people of these communities into society. Proposals for integration are missing from the submitted suggestions. Our society will have to learn to live with the problem, as there is no foreseeable solution.

Much time has been so far wasted in discussions among municipal and prefectorial cadres regarding Romanies' housing and social rehabilitation. Those discussions were seldom followed by actions. This is the reason the housing problem is more intense than before and the overall situation worse. Additionally, our region is being highlighted as a poor example by human rights organization such as *Greek Helsinki Monitor* (GHM). Submitted reports refer to the problematic situation in the municipality of Patras (Riganocambos settlement) and the municipality of Rio. The mayor provides for only three Roma families who are municipal residents while ignoring the remaining local tent-dwelling population.

In Riganocambos, one of the most destitute Roma camps per the international report of GHM, the municipality of Patras proposes the allocation of prefabricated houses without addressing the thorny issue of the appropriate location for these houses. The municipality avoids entering into any discussion for the establishment of well-organized camps for transit Roma. However, the development of a solution seems unavoidable because Patras is at the heart of Greece. Fortunately, not all municipalities address the problem in the same manner. Many municipalities have made viable suggestions for Romanies' future in the region. For example, the mayor of Aegeo has provided local Roma with 20 prefabricated houses and has started infrastructure building. Also, the mayor of Vrahneika has begun a strategy for reconstructing and enhancing the local Romani settlement.

*Very positive reports critical of sporadic decisions and measures, as well as of state inertia towards Roma.*

## **9. Roma in Tripolis**

**7/7/00: Eleftherotypia**

<http://www.hri.org/E/00-07-07.dir/stiles/politika.htm>

“Worrying bourgeois”

Let us hope that Roma in Tripolis will have at a better future, like those in Karditsa or in Amaliada and Gastouni. Let us hope that the visit from an advisor of the Prime Minister's Office of Quality of Life to Tripolis will not be in vain. The Advisor met recently with the mayor, other municipal cadres, and Roma representatives who reported on the situation in the region. Let us hope that this visit will be the beginning of new housing schemes and that several “worrying bourgeois” will stop making anti-Roma comments through the local press.

*Positive commentary, critical of the role of the press and its double standards especially when it comes to criminality.*

**24/7/00: Peloponnisos**

“University opposes the water supply of a Romani camp”

Following persistent pressure by our newspaper and *Greek Helsinki Monitor* (GHM), the mayor of Patras took the initiative to supply water to the Roma tent-dwellers of Riganocambos. The Roma have been using for years water from a nearby channel that, reportedly, was proven to be harmful for their health. Based on sources, the University of Patras owns the land in question and opposes the municipality’s initiative, arguing that the water supply will lead to the semi-legalization of the camp. It should be noted that the Riganocambos camp is on GHM’s list as one of the worst Roma settlements in Greece and, along with other camps in Achaia, is included in GHM’s latest international report on the situation of Roma tent-dwellers in the country.

*Very positive report, extremely critical of the Institution.*

**Also on the same topic:**

**25/7/00: Peloponnisos**

“The bad time of the Gypsies”

The bad reputation of Achaia in respect to the treatment of Roma tent-dwellers reached even Spain. A non-governmental organization for Roma rights, through a letter to the Greek ambassador in Spain, is making explicitly reference to Rio as one of the country’s worst examples of anti-Roma situations, along with that of Nea Kios. At the same time, the University of Patras is opposing the municipality’s initiative to supply water to Roma tent-dwellers in Riganocambosater and GHM is embarrassing our region internationally in its latest behavior. We have been internationally exposed...

*Very positive report urging the authorities for immediate action.*

**26/7/00: Peloponnisos**

“The University and the ‘transit’ dean”

The dean of the University of Patras, Professor Alahiotis, is resigning from the institution and reportedly heading towards a political career. When asked about the issue of Roma tent-dwellers in Riganocambos, he made no concrete suggestions, desperately trying to avoid the subject that spoils the university’s image and reputation. Acting as if the problem does not concern the institution, Professor Alahiotis insinuated that some local cadres do not want the university in the region. However, it is a well-known fact that the institution is wanted; many efforts were made for its establishment in Achaia. Yet, the residents of Achaia and all us would like to see the university be socially sensitive and prepared to act accordingly.

*Very positive report, extremely critical of the university and the dean.*

**Also on the same topic:**

**27/7/00: Peloponnissos**

The Mayor of Patras will establish external water taps outside the Riganocambos Romani settlement. In this structure, the property of the university will not be entrenched while Roma will have water to drink...

*Brief and rather positive commentary.*

**27/7/00: Peloponnisos**

“Municipality of Patras to the Prefecture: You are responsible for Riganocambos”

Through Mayor E. Floratos, the municipality of Patras claims that the Prefecture is responsible to secure land for the Roma tent-dwellers in Riganocambos and overcome the existing stalemate with the university. The university’s persistent denial to allocate the site to the Roma and the municipality’s limited resources to secure land for the Roma leave no other choice but to hand the efforts to the Prefecture. Reportedly, the dean of the University of Patras visited the camp in Riganocambos and certified the destitute living conditions. He suggested the establishment of organized camps as the only solution to the general problem.

*Positive report.*