

Stelian Ion says he cannot intervene in 'August 10' file: It would be grave for this to happen

The Minister of Justice, Stelian Ion, stressed on Friday that he cannot intervene in the "August 10" case and that it would be very grave for this to happen, adding that the answers regarding the signing off of this case should come from the judiciary.

"According to the law, the minister of justice cannot intervene, it would be very grave to do so and it would be very serious to have a law that allows interfering in pending cases in criminal proceedings or in the courts. So, if there is any expectation from anyone, in the sense that the minister of justice could intervene in any way in this case, I tell them very clearly that it cannot happen, and it is very well that it is so, otherwise we would have a return to times which we do not remember with pleasure," Stelian Ion told a press conference at the Ministry of Justice's headquarters.

He said the answers in this case should come exclusively from the judiciary.

"It is in this line that I want to remind you that yesterday I attended a meeting of the Superior Magistracy Council (CSM), in which I raised the issue of judiciary's coming with an answer to the situation. It was understood that the public opinion expects an answer, especially from the judiciary, (...) which was admitted by the CSM, a fact I consider positive," the minister added.

Stelian Ion added that he could exercise, according to the law, a control through specifically appointed prosecutors regarding the general activity of prosecutors, because he cannot intervene in cases.

The minister of justice has announced that he will request a review in this regard to see what legislative remedies can be proposed to Parliament.

"It is very important that there are no loopholes for a file of a certain competence to be simply snatched, from one side to the other," underlined Stelian Ion.

The Ministry of Justice can still file complaints to the Judicial Inspection, he recalled, but now such an action is premature, because the judge's motivation in this case has not been published.

"After we receive the motivation of the judge of the preliminary court, I will analyze if it is necessary to formulate such a notification. It is very important to see other things that have happened over time. For example, after certain solutions given in some cases, some magistrates suddenly retired. In such situations, obviously, the Judicial Inspection can no longer act," stated Stelian Ion.