

GOTOVINA ARRESTED ♦ SANADER & EPP VINDICATED

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With the news of the arrest of the Croatian war criminal Ante Gotovina earlier today, European People's Party (EPP) President Wilfried Martens expressed his great satisfaction:

♦With the arrest of Gotovina in Spain, it has proven beyond any doubt what Prime Minister Sanader and the EPP defended all along: that the HDZ government has done everything humanly possible to locate Gotovina and that, since he is a holder of a French passport, could be hiding anywhere in the world. Well, today the truth has finally come out,♦ said Martens.

♦The curious attitude of some European politicians and the dubious involvement of Ms Del Ponte in Croatia ♦s EU aspirations have now been exposed. The EPP has always stood on Croatia ♦s side and considers Prime Minister Sanader as a true and sincere European leader. The EPP will now support Croatia to conclude accession negotiations with the EU as soon as possible,♦ Martens concluded.

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