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Luxembourg Times
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Dear Mr. MIEDEMA,

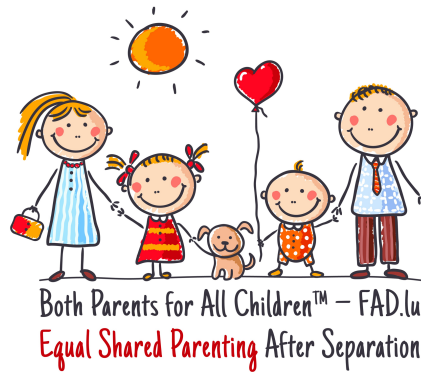
My name is Patryk P. RYBIŃSKI and I am the President of FAD – Fathers Against Discrimination a.s.b.l., a non-profit organization based in Luxembourg. You can find more information about our association on our website - www.FAD.lu.

We have been advised in the past by Luxembourg Times that LT focuses predominantly on economic and political topics and does not cover social issues thus not interested in men's rights. Yet you continuously publicize articles related to violence against women, feminists, feminism and women's rights.

Considering that at least 1 of 3 victims of domestic violence is a man, posting periodic articles covering and discussing only violence against women, the choice of photos LT uses for these articles, the rhetoric and gender bias narrative is to be considered not only inappropriate but also disrespectful to thousands of Luxembourg fathers. Greatly disappointing objective on behalf of Luxembourg Times further adding to the profound misrepresentation of facts and bias insinuation communicating to the public that men are the only cause of domestic violence and women are the only victims of it.

We do not recall a single article posted by LT mentioning men's rights or a cover story raising awareness of the issues men and teenage boys in Luxembourg face on a daily basis including but not limiting to parental discrimination of fathers in family courts, children's rights violations during custody hearings, the fact that there are 10 shelters for women, girls and mothers with children and not a single one for men, boys and fathers with children victims of domestic violence. The fact Ministry of Equal Rights between Women and Men openly misleads the public on their official website that such shelters exist has also escaped LT's attention.

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I understand Luxembourg Times can post articles of any nature and cover any topics the editorial team chooses to do so. This is your right. We are not here to dictate what you should write. Still, integrity should be considered essential when covering any story. The last two articles, the first one about rise of domestic violence in Luxembourg and the second one about the increase in number of domestic violence accusations in Portuguese households are simply unacceptable. Allow us not to comment on the choice of the photos. The way the 2nd article is edited providing information and so called facts lead to insinuation that accusations equals committed acts. The narrative points out that not only there are bad men there are also Portuguese men. This itself is nothing else but ethnic profiling.

We monitor articles published by Luxembourg Times and it is obvious that the LT is very eager to present short tabloid like news using sources from FED, ONE or SCAS without getting into the details of the statistics provided, neglecting the information how the data is collected and how each of the mentioned organizations functions, what is the source of their funding, what they must do to sustain their budgets and justify their existence. Overall disappointing, unfortunate and opportunistic approach on behalf of Luxembourg Times.

It has been less than a month since FAD has had the latest protest in Luxembourg. Although our previous announcements informing about our demonstrations presented no interest to Luxembourg Times we would like to inform you that this coming Friday, Dec. 13th, 2019, FAD will hold official and registered demonstration on Place Clairefontaine in Luxembourg City.

We remain available for any questions or inquiries you may have. We also would be interested to organize a meeting to discuss the above.

Most respectfully,

Patryk P. RYBIŃSKI
President
FAD - Fathers Against Discrimination a.s.b.l.



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- "We want to remain what we are and we can be an example for the rest of Europe."