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Criticism of Médicoleaks house searches



Sven Clement (l.) and Jerry Weyer of the Pirate Party
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(CS) Déi Gréng and the Chaos Computer Club Luxembourg have criticised the proceedings against Pirate Party president Sven Clement and a member of the Computer Incident Response Centre Luxembourg in the Médicoleaks scandal.

Luxembourg's Green party said in a statement that the legal proceedings in the Médicoleaks case were representative of an “unacceptable irresponsibility” in how the government was handling data protection.

They criticised that the Pirate Party was bearing the brunt of the investigation even though they merely acted as a messenger, making public the security leak, but not abusing any of the accessible data.

The statement by Déi Gréng continues that the house searches can therefore be only politically motivated in order to distract from the government's failure to appropriately deal with the security issues of the medical database, and the party is therefore asking for the case to be withdrawn.

The Chaos Computer Club Luxembourg meanwhile heavily criticised the fact that the government had failed to implement improved security measures protecting the medical database, while doubting the need for such a database to begin with, if it cannot be properly secured by the national data protection centre CNPD.

The club showed itself disappointed that two people and their ethics were being put in question by these proceedings, while they had only aimed to “uncover and prevent deficiencies” in the system.