

Swiss Mainstream News: Novartis Chairmain Vasella lends helicopter to Swiss Police at Bilderberg 2011

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At the [Bilderberg Conference](#) host Daniel Vasella provided a helicopter to be used for free by the Police of the Canton Grison. Critics of the Meeting consider this as evidence of creeping privatization of the police force.

St.Moritz. – The police is neutral, they neither distinguish between rich and poor, nor between VIPs and normal citizens. To the police only the law counts, the ones that don't comply, will be held accountable. This self-proclaiming principle of a democratic state is viewed by critics of the Bilderberg Conference as being endangered. A source of suspicion is a photo published recently by the blog alles-schallundrauch.blogspot.com.

The picture shows a helicopter of army-green color, which was equipped with markings of the Police of the Canton of Grison on its side. As the license number reveals, the helicopter belongs to the company Japat AG, a 100% subsidiary of Novartis. The vehicle was possibly used exclusively for the transporting of Novartis executives. Thomas Hobi, press spokesperson of the Police of Canton of Grison confirmed the helicopter in question was used by the police for transport and air surveillance. The helicopter was provided for use free of charge by the host organization of the meeting. It is important to know that Novartis CEO Daniel Vasella was this year's host of the Bilderberg Conference at the "Suvretta House". People of influence from politics and economics are invited to this private international meeting. The agenda as well as the list of participants usually remain secret.

Swiss Legislator demands Parliamentary Investigation Comity

A prominent critic of the mystery-shrouded meeting is Jura-based National Councilor of the Swiss Peoples Party Dominique Baettig. He confirmed on inquiry that he will lodge a petition to establish a Parliamentary Investigation Comity (PUK), which aims on shedding light on the procedures of this year's conference. In the petition he asks for instance: "Why could Mr. Vasella provide his helicopter to the police and what are the costs of this corruption?" For Baettig the lending of a helicopter means a first step to privatization of state and police. "This procedure is a bad sign for the separation of state and private sector.

Concealed license plates

Manfred Petritsch was the one to post the helicopter image on the internet. As a blogger he regularly writes critical articles on government and economics and as an outspoken opponent of the Bilderberg Conference he was also present in St.Moritz.

After the helicopter deal he no longer believes in the police of Crison's neutrality.

"Wen the CEO of a leading global corporation lends his helicopter to the police, it's clear one who's side they are, certainly not on ours." For Petritsch it becomes also clear that the police distinguished between VIPs and normal citizens at least during the Bilderberg Conference by the fact that many cars of Bilderberg participants had their license plates covered up without interference of the police.

Government does not understand concerns.

Councilor of State Barbara Janon- Steiner does not understand the fuzz abate the borrowed helicopter. The Head of the Crison Justic Departement denies a conflict of interest as regarded by Bilderberg critics. Attendees the meeting included people that are protected by the vienna treaty, wherefore the Grison Police imposed security in collaboration with the Federal Security Service. "In order to fulfill this mission, we needed a helicopter anyway. That beeing provided by the host organization was as direct contribution to the costs of security. At least, in this way, we could avoid additional costs." According to Janin- Steiner, the Bilderberg Group will contribute a substantial sum to the overall costs of the meeting. "The contribution will be several times that to be paid by the public."

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