

'Me Too' allegations rattle Greek cabinet

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Lignadis, centre, resigned on February 6 after the first allegation against him became public, and turned himself in to police. (Photo: Costas Baltas / Reuters)

Athens, February 27 (RHC)-- The Greek MeToo movement lit by Olympian Sofia Bekatorou is becoming a wildfire that now burns uncomfortably close to the government. Culture minister Lina Mendoni faces opposition calls to resign after two men accused the National Theatre director she appointed of raping them when they were barely adults.

Opposition leader Alexis Tsipras reissued his call on Tuesday for Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis, “to do the obvious, even at this late stage, and relieve Mendoni of her ministerial duties.” “And he should apologise to the victims and the Greek people for his government’s mistakes,” said the leader of Syriza.

The accused, Dimitris Lignadis, resigned on February 6 after the first allegation became public, and turned himself in to police. “I don’t see anything the opposition did when it was in power to express what it now says, that Lignadis is a dangerous man,” Mendoni said during a news conference on February 19.

“He is a dangerous man, he is, but that is only apparent now,” she said, pointing out that Lignadis worked in other senior posts at the National Theatre under Syriza.

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