

**Lodo Mondadori:
Statement by MARINA BERLUSCONI, Chairwoman of Fininvest**

The sentence is appalling and leaves you speechless. Fininvest has always operated in complete respect for the law, yet has been hit in an unheard of way that's instrumental and totally unfair. The partial reduction in the fine as compared to the first degree ruling does not lessen the gravity of this verdict. We don't owe even one euro and are facing an expropriation without basis in fact or under the law.

This verdict is also a bitter defeat for the judicial system and for those who continue to believe that a fair and just judicial system exists and must exist. This verdict is another of countless examples of the disgraceful aggression against my father that has been underway for years, by all means possible and coming from every direction, including business and finance. It's without question that this attack is led by part of the judicial system (and the judicial system in Milan in particular) and the publishing group controlled by Carlo De Benedetti. Now, with a verdict that negates evidence issued by the Milan judges, Fininvest has been sentenced to pay an unfair sum to the De Benedetti group that is actually twice the value of our stake in Mondadori.

Within this paradoxical, unsettling framework, we will not be cowed. Our lawyers are now studying the third and final appeal phase of the case. We are convinced we are right and have to believe that our good reason will in the end be recognized. Truth and justice cannot continue to be trampled on and crushed. This thinking is unacceptable and unworthy of a civilized country.

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