
Armenia First Participates In Global Corruption Survey In 2007

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YEREVAN, September 26. /ARKA/. Armenia has for the first time participated in a global corruption survey conducted by the Transparency International. Director of the Armenian office, Regional Development Center, Transparency International, Amalia Kostanyan said that the survey results will be made public on December 6, on the eve of the International Anti-Corruption Day.

Commenting on the organization's survey of the corruption perception index, she pointed out that the "global corruption barometer" poll is essentially different.

"The difference is that the corruption perception index is calculated on the basis of viewpoints of experts and businessmen, while the results of the "global corruption barometer" poll are based on polls of large sections of the population.

Kostanyan reported that the survey results include answers to a number of questions about the political situation in the country, political parties' activities and elections.

According to the surveys conducted on the basis of data provided by independent international sources in 180 countries and published in London on September 26, the index has hardly changed in Armenia - 3.0 against 2.9 in 2006.

Among the "cleanest" countries are the ones with the corruption perception index nearing 10, namely, Denmark, Finland, New Zealand (9.4), Singapore and Sweden (9.3), Island (9.2). The highest corruption level is in Somali and Myanmar (1.4), Iraq (1.5) and Haiti (1.6).

The data in Armenia is based on reports of seven independent organizations, particularly the International Development Agency, World Bank, EBRD, Freedom House, World Economic Forum, Global Insight.

December 9 was declared international anti-corruption day.
