
Armenia's Judicial System Enters New Stage Of Development

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YEREVAN, October 30. /ARKA/. Armenia's judicial system enters a new stage of development, said Minister of Justice Gevorg Danielyan.

"Armenia's judicial system enters a new stage of development, which envisages liquidation of such institute as the Economic Court. It was necessary in the transition stage, after transition to the second stage of the judicial and legal reforms, the necessity fell way," he said.

At the same time Danielyan said that Armenia's Economic Court duplicates the competence of civil courts, and as these courts it operates on the basis of civil procedural rules.

Alongside with the abolition of the Economic court, the Minister welcomes the formation of the Administrative court in Armenia. He said that the latter is necessary for increasing the responsibility of state structures before the citizens.

"The state authorities will be responsible for proofing in the Administrative court. A court will become an important link in country-citizen relations and will be available for all the citizens of the country," he said.

The abolition of the Economic court and the formation of the Administrative court are envisaged by the Judicial Code of Armenia, adopted by the Parliament on February 21, 2007 and it will come into force on January 1, 2008. Since January 1, 2008, common justice courts, Administrative court, Appeal and Cassation courts will operate in Armenia.

At present Armenia has three-stage judicial system: first instance court (17 courts, 7 of them in Yerevan), Courts of Appeal on criminal and civil cases (residence in Yerevan) and Cassation court (residence in Yerevan).

The second stage of the judicial and legal reforms is conducted in Armenia. The first credit program of these reforms started in 2000 and finished in June 2006. It cost \$11.2mln, \$10.4mln of which was allocated by the WB, and the rest - as a social financing of the government.
