

Defender's meeting with Yerevan kiosk owners

On AUG 18, 2011 more than fifty kiosk owners together with the "Heritage" party representatives visited the Office of the RA Human Rights Defender. They asked for a meeting with Karen Andreyan, the Defender, and expressed their indignation at the process of kiosk dismantling, as well as their discontent about the decisions of Yerevan Municipality.

The Defender enlightened them all the means of protecting their rights and explained his powers. He also suggested those present to address the Defender with separate applications in order to discuss and solve each of them. He mentioned that the Defender can assist the applicants with legal solutions. But if the case is out of the legal framework, then the Defender can not participate in the political struggle; however, he may intervene for respect and protection of everyone's right to legal struggle for his or her vital interests.

In response to the kiosk owners' request about applying to the Constitutional Court to determine the point of conformity between the Mayor's decisions and the Constitution, the Defender informed kiosk owners that the point is subject to discussion as well as explained the procedures and terms of each operation. He also promised that, henceforth, the Office will consider all the possible grounds for applying to the Constitutional Court. The Defender once again confirmed his principles on the process of kiosk dismantling set out on August 16, 2011, and emphasized that in future he will continue watching over the cases of violated property right of kiosk owners, within the limits of his authorities, with the aim of revealing and restoring the violated rights.