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Press-Conference on the Problems of Homeless Citizens

On November 26, at 12:00 pm a press-conference on the problems of homeless citizens will be organized in the conference hall of the Human Rights House Tbilisi.

The main problem of homeless people is lack of shelter. Local self-governmental bodies do not implement their obligations to provide homeless people with accommodations. So, very often, homeless people build houses on the state-owned plots and in doing so get into more conflict with the state. In similar cases, representatives of local self-governmental bodies try to resolve problems through repressive and forcible methods and expel the homeless people from voluntarily occupied territories.

Marina Karmazanashvili is a socially indigent single mother, who is registered in the data base of socially indigent people. She does not have place of permanent residence and job. She applied to the Tbilisi City Council, Property Management Agency, Tbilisi Social Agency and Culture City Service for help but in vain. Several years ago, she constructed a wooden hut and wagon in the state-owned territory. Soon, Supervision Service at the Tbilisi City Hall demanded her to demolish the hut and imposed a fine of 10 000 lari on her. Naturally, the socially indigent woman cannot pay the fine. If her shelter is dismantled, she will again live in the street.

Many similar cases are processed by the Human Rights House Tbilisi in the frame of the project Free Legal Aid to Socially Indigent Population of Georgia. Lawyer Nikoloz Legashvili of the Article 42 of the Constitution will discuss concrete cases under his supervision. HRHT Board Chairman Aleko Tskitishvili will moderate the press-conference. The socially indigent citizen will also attend the press-conference.



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