

## Licensing commission ready to report to media associations

**Licensing commission under the Tajik TV and Radio Broadcasting Committee has exhausted its resources and must be reorganized, Chairman of the National Association of Tajikistan's Media (NANSMIT) Nuriddin Karshiboev said at a conference on improvement of licensing procedures.**

He cited “non-transparent activity of the licensing commission” main problem TV and radio companies face with.

A member of the licensing commission Barakatullo Abdulfaizov, on his turn, said the commission is open for all but in the majority of cases the commission has to deal with people who have little or no idea of how to fill documents.

“Competitors are not ready to comply with our requirements due to lack of professionalism,” he said. “Thus, only four of 25 competitors were professional journalists.”

Meanwhile, Executive Director of the Tajik Association of Independent Electronic Media (TajANESMI) Ms Hosiyat Cast said the commission impedes the licensing process due to biased approach to private TV and radio companies.

Mr Karshiboev, on his turn, suggested to set up an independent licensing body which would compose of representatives of all related structures, not only TV and Radio Broadcasting Committee.

Abdulfaizov rejected Karshiboev's suggestion saying that the committee is ready to present all related documents connected with the activity of its commission.

“We are ready to present all documents connected with licensing process,” he said. “But I suggest to set up an independent commission that would examine the activity of the licensing commission. If any violation is found I will resign. Otherwise, I will file a lawsuit over violation of my moral rights.

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