

Local EU Statement on the recent court's decision against Asia-Plus newspaper

The European Union Delegation issues the following statement in agreement with the EU Heads of Mission in Tajikistan.

The EU Delegation to Tajikistan is concerned about the decision of the Firdausi District Court in Dushanbe against the Asia-Plus newspaper and its editor which might hamper the freedom of media in the country.

The EU Delegation calls on the Tajik authorities to respect and promote the freedom of expression, in line with Tajikistan's international commitments and obligations.

The EU Delegation expresses its continued readiness to cooperate with the Government of Tajikistan to support the development of media freedom in Tajikistan.

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