

UPCOMING LOCAL ELECTIONS. NKR CEC SESSION

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On August 15, an expanded meeting of the NKR Central Electoral Commission was held. The first issue of the agenda related to the preparation and conduct of early elections of Community Heads and Council of Elders in a number of communities. Heads of the Territorial Electoral Commissions and journalists had been invited to the session. Opening the meeting NKR CEC Chairperson S. Arzumanyan mentioned that on October 13, 2013 by the Government decision elections of local self-government bodies would be held in 11 communities of the Republic. The communities are as follows; Dashushen and Khnapat of Askeran's region, Khandzadzor and Norashen of Hadrut's region, Hovtashen, Chankatagh, Mehmana and Nor Haykajour of Martakert's region, Machkalashen and Vazgenashen of Martuni's region, Havsatagh and Nor Kharkhaput of Shahumyan's region, Aghadzor, Goghtanik and Vaghazin of Kashatagh's region.

A plan and schedule of the events of the preparation and conduct of local elections in the mentioned communities have been developed, about twenty of which relate to both pre-election and post-election phases. According to S. Arzumanyan the start of the mentioned events should be given on August 29. In this respect, the NKR CEC expects active participation of all the concerned offices, particularly the Police for forming and correcting the voter lists.

In general, the cost estimate of the elections held in 11 communities has made 4. 150 000 drams.

The second issue of the agenda was about the organization of the professional training courses for the candidate membership of the electoral commission and the provision of the procedure of awarding the qualification to the members. On submitted it S. Arzumanyan informed that the relevant decision of the NKR CEC January 22, 2010 was considered invalid. She also submitted the given opportunities of the new procedure (It would be in force after September 3) and its news. According to the assurance of CEC Chairperson the aim of the professional training course was the correction of some gaps and improvement of the functioning procedures.

Deputy Chairman of the NKR CEC Yeghishe Arzumanyan spoke about another issue of the agenda, that of the preparatory work of the organization of the professional training courses for the candidate membership of the electoral commissions in the NKR regions. According to his words, by that day professional training courses had been organized and held in the Territorial Electoral Commissions of Martouni and Kashatagh, in which participated the members of the Territorial Electoral Commissions and the representatives of those communities where the elections had been held. In general, 69 citizens had participated in the training courses getting relevant qualification certificates. At present professional training courses are provided to be started in two phases from September 3, moreover, in those communities where local elections are to be held on October 13. Considerable work has been done by the Territorial Electoral Commissions in this respect. As Y. Arzumanyan said 218 applications have already been submitted.

According to the NKR CEC working plan of 2013 for the purpose of checking the work of the documents in the Territorial Electoral Commissions of Martouni and Kashatagh, CEC had organized a visit the result of which submitted the Secretary of the NKR CEC Raya Nazaryan at the session. According to her assurance the performed work mainly corresponded to the requirements submitted by the CEC. There were some inaccuracies in both Territorial Electoral Commissions which were eliminated after being clarified.

In general, during the visit the possible gaps have been eliminated, explanatory work has been carried out with the clerks, recommendations have been made in the direction of maintaining and keeping of the documents, as well as in the direction of the improvement of the documentation,- said Raya Nazaryan.

Summarizing the results of the meeting CEC Chairperson S. Arzumanyan gave concrete instructions to the participants for implementing the forthcoming professional training courses in the NKR regions and the preparatory work of upcoming local elections of October 13 in an organized and high level.

After the meeting a consultation took place in which participated the Heads of the Territorial Electoral Commissions.

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