

Anti-Corruption Agency Board formed in Serbia

In October last year the Serbian parliament adopted a law which establishes an Anti-Corruption Agency, which will begin work on January 1, 2010. On the April 15, 2009 the Serbian parliament formed the Board for the Anti-Corruption Agency.

The Agency will strive to implement the Anti-Corruption Strategy. "Unfortunately, we have to admit that there is corruption in many segments of society, and the fact is that there can be no democracy, human rights, stability or economic development without a resolute fight against corruption," said Slavica Djukic-Dejanovic, speaker of the Serbian parliament.

The agency should be an independent body, which will considerably help institutions to function properly, in line with their competences.

According to the State Secretary of Justice Mr. Slobodan Homen, the financing of political parties will be among the Agency's key priorities.

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The new president of Macedonia will be Djordje Ivanov. He won the recent presidential elections with 437 000 votes, which represents 63 % of voters. Djordje Ivanov will start to perform as president officially on May 12, 2009.

His opponent, Ljubomir Frckovski, candidate for the Social-Democratic Union of Macedonia, gained support from 252 000 voters, or 36 %.

Ivanov laid out three priority fields on which he plans to intensively to work as president. Those are: integration to EU, integration to NATO and solving the problem with the name of the country, which Greece refuses to accept due to same name of north Greece region which borders Macedonia.

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