

Law is the law

Very often life springs tricky situations on us, in which, on the one hand, it's necessary to follow the "spirit and letter" of the law, on the other hand, the problem of human existence is laid on the "map" of life.

The problem is in the fact that a lonely woman-pensioner, receiving a pension in the amount of 24500 AMD (having no other sources of income), hasn't installed the water meter in her apartment in a timely manner because of subjective and objective reasons. Because of her invariable behaviour and taking into account the fact that she has been occasionally absent from the main place of her residence (she was treated, had health problems), she thought that she doesn't use water and other public utilities as didn't live in that apartment. However, according to the current legislation, based on the total readings of the water meter, set for the apartment building, debt for the use of water and public utilities has been recorded.

"Yerevan Djur" CJSC brought an action against her and won the trial without the defendant's participation. As a result, debt in the amount of 538275 AMD was calculated for the pensioner, which included the costs of the proceedings. In the end, she has to pay "Yerevan Djur" CJSC and the State 7300 AMD from 24500 AMD pension.

Attempts have been made through the public defender to contest the decision of the Court of the First Instance in the Court of Appeals and the Court of Cassation, but all in vain.

In all fairness it should be noted that the actions of "Yerevan Djur" CJSC and the judicial system meet the "spirit and letter" of the law, but what about sense of certain dissatisfaction when the entire system of the government dooms a lonely woman-pensioner, at best, to begging, and in worst to death by starvation.

If we take into account that our pensioner still needs to pay for electricity and public utilities out of the remaining 17200 AMD, then we can state with confidence that even with the most severe savings she won't have money even for bread.

Our pensioner has repeatedly addressed to all instances with the request, at least, to reduce debt issue. Only the Municipality of Yerevan responded and reduced the debt by 71732 AMD, but "Yerevan Djur" CJSC insists on the implementation of the court decision.

"Yerevan Djur" CJSC has a reason to see the source of "intra-system losses" in our pensioner, but like an average-statistical man in the street, I wonder: "Do all cafes, restaurants, the so-

called " places of public catering", carwash facilities, flower shops and other users of "Yerevan Djur" CJSC, as well as people responsible for the reduction in intra-system losses pay for the use and "loss" of this natural wealth? according to the readings of water meters "

Are the people in "white-collars" devoid of the feeling of compassion and empathy for a lonely compatriot, towards whom the law is applied?

I repeat, everything is done within the law, but what about humanism?

Perhaps, the concept of "humanism has lost its meaning for us!

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