

To the Minister of Territorial Administration and  
Emergency Situations of the Republic of Armenia

Mr. A. Yeritsyan

Dear Mr. Minister,

I have to appeal directly to you and, please, don't redirect this letter to other officials who aren't authorized (or aren't able) to solve a problem fraught with serious consequences.

The key part of the problem is that the chimney, which hasn't been operating since the dismantling of the distant heating in the city of Gavar at the address of Movsisyan 1 (G Lusavorich 14 in the past) currently is in emergency situation. Having the height of about 25 metres, it's fastened by one steel rope (the other 2 ropes are broken) and in case of natural collapse because of climatic collisions represents a potential threat for the surrounding buildings (residential buildings) and the population.

I don't think that it's necessary to wait for the moment when the collapse of this construction will lead to human toll and material damage for looking for someone to blame afterwards.

In this regard Gegharkunik regional branch of A. D. Sakharov Armenian Human Rights Centre repeatedly has applied orally and in writing correspondingly to Gavar municipality and the RA Ministry of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations with the request to take steps for dismantling this dangerous construction.

However, judging by the answers (see attached), the "dear Sirs" are sufficiently far from deciding this problem.

Thus, if the RA Ministry of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations doesn't possess the corresponding equipment for dismantling a construction threatening the live of the population, then how can the owner of the construction (detected by Gavar municipality) dismantle it by his own means.

Then I have the second important question: is the RA Ministry of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations a contracting organization and in case the owner of the

construction has the corresponding technical means, can the Ministry liquidate the emergency situation?

And if there aren't such means, will you let the 25 metres high metal pipe fall wherever it "wants"?

If the RA Ministry of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations together with Gavar municipality publicly guarantee the safety of people and the surrounding buildings, then we can wait until the Ministry possess the appropriate equipment.

Dear Mr. Minister, this is the single instance when LSG bodies and the public service of salvation are to act jointly.

Please, give the matter your undivided attention!

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