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Administrative Court rejects Democratic Party lawsuits on voting of AMA and KDRTSH members

The first level of Administrative Court rejected the lawsuits filed by the Democratic Parliamentary Group, according to a statement made by Alfred Peza, deputy chair of the Parliamentary Commission on Media. Peza said that the court had refused to proceed with the lawsuits filed by the DP Group. Hence, he claimed that there are no more justifications that prevent the opposition MPs from proceeding with the filling of vacancies in the regulator, Audiovisual Media Authority (AMA,) and in the Steering Council of RTSH. Last week Peza called on opposition MPs to start the process for electing the missing members, but the opposition claimed that they will wait for the court ruling on their lawsuits before proceeding.

The two lawsuits filed by the opposition concerned the process of election of two members of AMA and its chairman, as well as the five members of the Steering Council of public broadcaster RTSH. The aim of the Democratic Party was to overturn the election process, claiming that the process of election violated the law, since the opposition MPs had not participated in the short-listing process, as the law required. In addition, AMA chair was elected before completion of all AMA members vacancies, the DP lawsuit claimed. Another objection was that from the voting process for the AMA chair it was obvious that several MPs had voted for more than one candidate, which, again, violates the law, they claim.

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