
ARMENIA 2ND PRESIDENT'S ATTORNEYS APPEAL TO CASSATION COURT

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Robert Kocharyans attorneys have appealed to the Court of Cassation the Criminal Court of Appeal decision on remanding him in custody.

Legal defense team of the second President of Armenia has informed the aforesaid.

As per their respective statement, the Criminal Court of Appeal rulings apparent contradiction with the positions expressed in the previous decisions by the Court of Cassation, the fundamental violation of human rights and freedoms (fair trial), and the violations of some other rights are at the basis of this appeal.

Also, Kocharyans attorneys will file a motion with the court that he be released from custody on bail.

With its ruling on December 7, the Criminal Court of Appeal upheld the first instance courts July 27 decision on remanding Robert Kocharyan in custody. On the same day [REDACTED] 7, Kocharyan handed himself over to a Yerevan penitentiary where he was arrested.

Armenias second President Robert Kocharyan [REDACTED] with several other former officials [REDACTED] been charged within the framework of the criminal case into the tragic events that transpired in capital city Yerevan on March 1 and 2, 2008 [REDACTED] under Article 300.1 Paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code; that is, breaching Armenias constitutional order, in conspiracy with others.

On March 1 and 2, 2008 the then authorities of Armenia used force against the opposition members who were rallying in downtown Yerevan, and against the results of the presidential election on February 19, 2008. Eight demonstrators as well as two servicemen of the internal troops were killed in the clashes. But no one had been brought to account for these deaths, to this day.

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