

## Week Islands Resisting Corruption Remain In Azerbaijani Press

Roundtable "Role of Press in Corruption Prevention and Journalism Ethics" has taken place in Baku Press Club. Participants have discussed the reasons of corruption and the measures to cut the corruption level.

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There were heating debates on place and role of media in corruption prevention. It was stressed that the fact that media is itself sometimes involved in corruption and becomes its part hinders media's struggle against corruption. One of roundtable participants believes that only really independent journalism, which must be economically independent and strong, can take steps to combat corruption. But it is very hard to achieve that with the current state of Azerbaijani economy. There are just separate "week islands" trying to resist corruption among Azerbaijani mass media, but they are under threat of extinction.

The roundtable has been organized by Yeni Nesil journalism union, Fund to Support Entrepreneurship and Market Economy and Public Union "Transparency Azerbaijan" with financial support of U.S. International Centre of Private Business.

Editors, reporters of leading press and head of journalism organizations took part at the roundtable. This is the seventh seminar from corruption prevention series held by the above-mentioned organizations.

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