

**Assets of Journalist Davit Sargsyan and outlet 168 Hours
Frozen in Defamation Proceedings**

State reply

In the civil case ED/13020/02/23 (ԵՂ/13020/02/23), the plaintiff Tigran Avinyan, represented by Harutyun Harutyunyan, submitted a motion to the court to apply a claim securing measure, i.e. to impose a freeze in the amount of AMD 9,000,000 on the property owned by Davit Sargsyan, the defendant in the case, as well as placing a freeze in the amount of AMD 9,000,000 on the real estate belonging to the defendant company "168 Hours" LLC before the Court's verdict to be issued in this case enters into legal force. The court has partially granted the motion in question, but rejected it in terms of placing a freeze on the real estate belonging to "168 Hours" LLC in the amount of AMD 9,000,000.

Later, the plaintiff's representative filed a new motion to remove the claim securing measure mentioned above. On 18 May 2023, the Court issued an interim verdict granting the plaintiff's last motion.

In other words, currently the means of securing the claim securing measure, i.e. the freeze placed on the property owned by the defendant has been removed.