European MPs Attend Regional Seminar On Fight Against Corruption In Belgrade

BELGRADE – The Serbian government has adopted a zero-tolerance approach toward corruption and is putting maximum efforts in countering the scourge that was spreading at an alarming pace in the last two decades, due to specific historical circumstances and ties between ruling elites and business circles, Serbian Parliament Speaker Nebojsa Stefanovic said on Monday.

At the Serbian parliament, Stefanovic declared open a regional seminar on mechanisms that parliaments have at their disposal in the fight against corruption, which is bringing together 30 parliamentarians from European states.

The ruling majority in the Serbian parliament recognized corruption as the most dangerous threat to the rule of law and stability in the society, and it will do everything to make Serbia a country of prosperity that is safe for investments, he underscored.

Serbia is successfully implementing the international anti-corruption acts, Stefanovic said, and stressed that the parliament adopted a set of anti-corruption laws, including the Public Procurement Law which, in his opinion, is yet to yield real results.

The Serbian parliament adopted an anti-corruption strategy in July, and became a member of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians against Corruption this year, he noted.

Stefanovic said that the anti-corruption measures have the highest priority in Serbia’s EU accession talks, which has been confirmed by the analysis of the reforms that have been carried out up to this point and an extent to...
which they have been harmonized with the EU Acquis, which began with the screening of Chapters 23 and 24 that are of utmost importance for the rule of law and further strengthening of institutions.

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