

Armenia has proved to be in the clutches of the mining industry. Such was the verdict by the Armenian environmental organizations that marked the World Environment Protection Day on June 5. That day was more than relevant for Armenia, environmentalists say.

Environmentalists and public organizations try to draw the attention of the authorities at the unsettled problems in the sphere of nature protection for several years already.

Environmentalists are most of all concerned over the continuing implementation of new projects in the mining sector. For instance, development of Hrazdan iron-ore deposit that may lead to an ecological disaster. Environmentalists say that the deposit is at 800 meters from the town of Hrazdan and at 1.5 kilometers from the River Hrazdan. According to environmentalists, the deposit development may pollute the town with heavy density metals and cause dangerous diseases among the local population. Children will be especially endangered, as at less than 2 kilometers from the deposit there are three schools. According to assessments of experts, the development of the deposit will result in pollution of not only irrigation water, but also drinking water, as there are several springs near the hill of the deposit, and hundreds of people use these springs. (...)

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