

Anti-corruption in Simonista

The newly elected government, swept to power on an anti-corruption programme has appointed you as anti-corruption Tsar of Simonistan a notoriously corrupt state south of Georgia.

Your initial report has identified a number of issues:

- High level corruption was rife in the former government with elected officials embezzling state funds and allocating lucrative contracts to friends and relatives.
- The 30,000 strong police force is not trusted at all. Officers often seem unaware of the law, are often appointed by friends (or pay bribes to be appointed) and are badly paid. The traffic police are regarded as the worst.
- There is a huge amount of bureaucracy involved in all areas of life in Simonistan especially in regulation of businesses. This is overseen by an over-staffed and underpaid civil service (bureaucracy). People sometimes have to pay bribes even to have their electricity turned on.
- The court system is not trusted; it is difficult to get information on the outcomes of cases, the process of appeal is unclear and judges view themselves as being untouchable.



Tasks

1. What you think needs to be done?
2. How it should be implemented; what powers do you want/need?
3. What new structures, if any need to be built?