

This issue of the Information Bulletin of the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan covered the period February 01-28, 2025.

## **Ombudsman's National Preventive Mechanism Exchanged Experience**



At the invitation of Human Rights and Equality Institution of Türkiye Chairman Muharrem Kılıç, a delegation headed by Ombudsman Sabina Aliyeva took part in an experience exchange program in Gaziantep, Türkiye, to share national preventive mechanism experiences and further develop cooperation in this field.

The temporary detention facility of the police department and open penitentiary institution in the Gaziantep Şehitkamil District were monitored during the visit.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/44FMslc>

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## **The Ombudsman: "Armenia has been refusing to provide information regarding the whereabouts of Azerbaijani prisoners of war, missing persons, and hostages for over 30 years."**

The remains of three persons who were reported missing during the First Karabakh War were identified. As a result of efforts to identify human remains found in mass graves in the liberated territories, the identities of nearly 170 Azerbaijanis have been determined so far. This process is still ongoing.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/3EMj2aq>

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## **Ombudsman participated in the Forum "Tax Service – 25: Sustainable Development and Effective Transformation"**



The Sabina Aliyeva, the Ombudsman of Azerbaijan participated in the Forum on "Tax Service-25: Sustainable development and effective transformation."

During her speech, she spoke about monitoring visits conducted within her NPM mandate to places where individuals cannot leave at their own will, including the temporary detention facility of the State Tax Service in order to investigate the conditions of detention, treatment of detainees, and review the complaints received during these visits.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/4cl8bei>

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## An international conference on “Fundamentals and historical aspects of the right to national identity”



The Ombudsman of Azerbaijan, the State Public Administration Academy, and the International Ottoman Research Center jointly organized an international conference on the topic “An international conference on “Fundamentals and historical aspects of the right to national identity.”

In her opening remarks, the Ombudsman emphasized the importance of the issues related to the right to national identity in the modern era that have been stipulated in the international human rights law norms.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/3EAgdt7>

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## Sabina Aliyeva participated in the OIC OA next meeting



Sabina Aliyeva, Human Rights Commissioner of Azerbaijan, participated in the online meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association of Ombudsmen of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OICOA).

At the meeting the 2025 Action Plan of the Association and future directions of cooperation in the field of human rights were discussed.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/42sXMzG>

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## Ombudsman participated in the commemorative event held in Ankara on the 33rd anniversary of the Khojaly Genocide



The Ombudsman, Sabina Aliyeva, participated in a commemorative event organized in Ankara, Türkiye, on the occasion of the 33rd anniversary of the Khojaly Genocide, organized by the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, the Türkiye-Azerbaijan Friendship, Cooperation and Solidarity Association, and the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Türkiye.

The Ombudsman emphasized how important it is to protect ethnic Azerbaijanis' rights and freedoms that have been violated and to ensure their safe and dignified return to their ancestral homelands.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/3EAWNnU>

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## The Ombudsman presented 2024 Annual Report

The Ombudsman's 2024 Report on the Protection of Human Rights in Azerbaijan was prepared, according to article 14 of the Constitutional Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan, "On the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan."

No later than 2 months after the end of the current year, the Ombudsman submits the annual report to the country's President and presents the report to the Parliament. The annual Report is also sent to the Cabinet of Ministers, the Constitutional and Supreme Courts, and the Prosecutor General.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/4cPqTAP>

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## Statement by the Ombudsman Sabina Aliyeva regarding the 33rd anniversary of the Khojaly Genocide

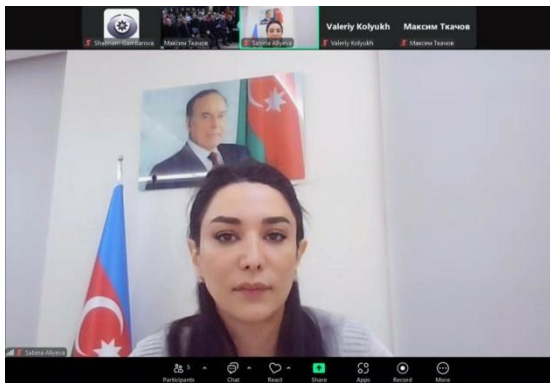
The Ombudsman, Sabina Aliyeva, made the statement regarding the 33rd anniversary of the Khojaly Genocide.

The Ombudsman noted that, international organizations and world states should not be indifferent to this crime of genocide, give legal evaluation to the Khojaly genocide, and increase efforts to make sure that those persons who committed this crime get the penalty they deserve.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/4jto4l8>

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## The Ombudsman joined an online commemorative event dedicated to the anniversary of the Khojaly Genocide, held in Ukraine



The Human Rights Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Sabina Aliyeva, joined the online commemorative event dedicated to the 33rd anniversary of the Khojaly Genocide organized by the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Kharkiv, Ukraine.

While speaking, the Ombudsman provided information about the Khojaly genocide carried out against peaceful civilians by the armed forces of Armenia, backed by the 366th motorized rifle regiment of the former Soviet army on the night from 25 to 26 February, 1992.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/3S1id0y>

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## Activities of the Ombudsman of Azerbaijan in the protection of environmental rights were discussed in the international conference



Aydin Safikhanli, Head of the Office of the Ombudsman of Azerbaijan, participated in the international conference on the topic "Clean, healthy and sustainable environment - a guarantee of ensuring human rights" dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Ombudsman Institution of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The head of the Office delivered a speech at the event on the topic "The role of NHRIs in ensuring environmental rights." He stated that the Ombudsman constantly keeps an eye on the protection of environmental rights in its activities. Information about undertaken relevant actions was provided.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/4jrsWNY>

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