

This issue of the Information Bulletin of the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan covered the period March 01-31, 2025.

## The Forensic Psychiatric Center was monitored



By the instruction of Sabina Aliyeva, the Human Rights Commissioner, within the framework of activities of the Working Group on Mental Health and Human Rights, a monitoring was conducted in the Forensic Psychiatric Center of the Ministry of Health.

The purpose of the monitoring organized in compliance with the requirement of the Constitutional Law on the Ombudsman, the Law on Psychiatric Assistance of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and the Law on Forensic Activities of the Republic of Azerbaijan was to investigate conditions of detention and treatment standards, as well as become familiar with the activities of the institution.

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

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## The next visit was carried out by the Ombudsman within the framework of the National Preventive Mechanism activities



The Sabina Aliyeva, the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, continues to visit places where individuals cannot leave at their own free will.

The next visit by the Ombudsman and members of her National Preventive Group on the Prevention of Torture was conducted at the Temporary detention place and investigation isolator under the State Security Service. In the course of the visit, the Ombudsman received many accused persons, including R. Vardanyan, A. Arutunyan, A. Ghukasyan, B. Saakyan, D. Babayan, and others individually.

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

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## The Ombudsman Presented the 2024 Report to the Parliament



The Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Sabina Aliyeva, presented the 2024 Report on the Protection of Human Rights in Azerbaijan to the Parliament on March 7, 2025.

During the speech at the Parliament, the Ombudsman provided a comprehensive overview of the situation regarding human rights and freedoms in Azerbaijan over the past year, the actions taken, existing challenges, and future tasks.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/4ILnG9l>

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## The Ombudsman attended the GANHRI 2025 Annual Meeting



A delegation led by the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Sabina Aliyeva, participated in the next Annual Meeting of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), held in Geneva.

The Ombudsman spoke at the event, which was attended by heads and representatives of NHRIs, as well as representatives of international organizations and experts from around the world, and discussed issues on the agenda.

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

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## Ombudsman Sabina Aliyeva received citizens



The Human Rights Commissioner of Azerbaijan, Sabina Aliyeva, held the next reception of citizens in Baku.

The Commissioner received each citizens, who requested reception in private. The necessary measures were taken to address some issues on the spot. It was noted that other issues requiring further investigation will be monitored and addressed in compliance with the law, and relevant state authorities will be approached for addressing them.

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

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## The Ombudsman's National Preventive Group held visits to special boarding schools



Within the framework of the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) activities of Sabina Aliyeva, the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Ombudsman's National Preventive Group (NPG) carried out scheduled monitoring visits to the Special Boarding School No.9 for children with health problems (disabilities) named after E. Guliyev and Republic Special Boarding School 6 for children with limited health problems named after E. Mirzayev under the Ministry of Science and Education.

The purpose of the visits was to monitor the living conditions, treatment standards, and status of ensuring the children's rights, as well as to follow up on the elimination of any shortcomings found during previous visits.

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

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## **The Monitoring Group for the CRC Implementation carried out a visit to a children's facility**



Within the Ombudsman's Independent Monitoring Mechanism, the Monitoring Group (MG) on the Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), along with holding an awareness-raising meeting in the Republican Humanities-Oriented Gymnasium named after A.S. Makarenko subordinated to the Preschool and General Education State Agency under the Ministry of Science and Education, conducted an investigation in the facility.

Based on the request to the Ombudsman, the MG conducted an investigation in the gymnasium. The Group Members held talks with the management of the facility, psychological and teaching staff, as well as private conversations with children.

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

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## **Statement by the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan on 31 March - the Day of Genocide of Azerbaijanis**

The Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Sabina Aliyeva, made a statement on 31 March - the Day of Genocide of Azerbaijanis.

The Ombudsman noted that, the international community should conduct a political and legal assessment of the crimes of ethnic cleansing and genocide committed against Azerbaijanis, recognize the crimes committed in 1918 as genocide, and make serious efforts to restore historical and legal justice.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/42t0Rje>

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