

This issue of the Information Bulletin of the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan covered the period October 01-31, 2024.

The International Baku Forum of Ombudsmen "Climate Change and Human Rights: The Role of Ombudsmen and NHRIs" was held



The International Baku Forum of Ombudsmen "Climate Change and Human Rights: The Role of Ombudsmen and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs)" was held at the initiative of the Azerbaijan Ombudsman and with the support of the State.

The event, organized to discuss the challenges posed by global climate change and their solutions from a human rights perspective, as well as to share positive experiences in this field, brought together in total over 200 participants, including 60 participants from about 30 countries.

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

The Ombudsman of Azerbaijan had a meeting with the ENNHRI Secretary General



Sabina Aliyeva, the Ombudsman of Azerbaijan, met with Debbi Kohner, the Secretary General of the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI), within the framework of the International Baku Forum of Ombudsmen.

The importance of the International Baku Forum of Ombudsmen was emphasized in terms of discussing the impact of global climate change on the realization of human rights, exploring solutions to these problems, and exchanging successful experiences. The significance of continuing such initiatives was also noted.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/4f2uLi9>

The Azerbaijani Ombudsman held a meeting with the Public Defender of Georgia



The Human Rights Commissioner of Azerbaijan, Sabina Aliyeva, held a meeting with Levan Ioseliani, the Public Defender of Georgia, in the course of the International Baku Forum of Ombudsmen and NHRIs.

The Commissioner, emphasizing the importance of international cooperation in their activities, stated that there are mutual cooperation relations with the Georgian Ombudsman institution in the effective protection of the rights and freedoms of citizens of both countries.

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

International Forum participants observed the process of mine clearance in Aghdam



The participants of the International Baku Forum of Ombudsmen observed the mine clearance process in the Sarijali village of Aghdam district.

They were informed about the demining activities conducted by ANAMA in the liberated territories.

In addition, participants were informed that during about 30 years of occupation, thousands of people, including women and children, became victims of landmines.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/4h4mrjx>

Participants of the International Baku Forum conducted an on-site observation in Aghdam

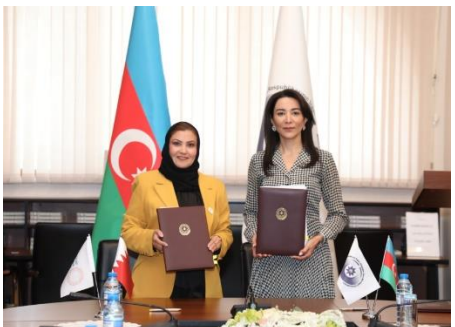


The participants of the International Baku Forum of Ombudsmen carried out on-site observations of religious, cultural, and historical monuments destroyed by Armenian military forces during the period of occupation.

The participants also visited the Aghdam Juma Mosque and the Imarat Complex, where they were informed about the restoration and renovation efforts carried out by the Government of Azerbaijan.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/48xLnvC>

Azerbaijan and Bahrain ombudsman institutions signed MoU



The Human Rights Commissioner (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Sabina Aliyeva held a meeting with the Independent Ombudsman of the Kingdom of Bahrain, Mrs. Ghada Hameed Habib, within the framework of the International Baku Forum of Ombudsmen.

Then, the signing ceremony of the MoU was held between the Ombudsman Institution of Azerbaijan and the Independent Ombudsman Institution of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/48ydgLC>

The Chief of Ombudsman Office spoke at the OSCE Human Rights Dimension Conference VIII plenary session



The Chief of Office of the Ombudsman of Azerbaijan, Mr. Aydın Safikhanli, took part in the OSCE Human Rights Dimension Conference (HRDC) VIII plenary session on tolerance and non-discrimination.

In his speech, A. Safikhanli underlined that the Ombudsman's mandate was expanded related to safeguarding the right to equality, prevention of discrimination, and other areas.

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

Ombudsman took part in the international scientific-practical conference on “Problems of Human Rights Protection: Exchange of Best Practices among Ombudspersons”



The Human Rights Commissioner for Azerbaijan, Ms. Sabina Aliyeva, participated in the VIII international scientific-practical conference on “Problems of Human Rights Protection: Exchange of Best Practices among Ombudspersons,” held in Moscow, Russia.

During the event, which brought together ombudspersons, heads and representatives of NHRIs from about 60 countries, the Ombudsman of Azerbaijan spoke on the topic “Current problems of the protection of human rights in the field of public health.”

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

The Ombudsman's Chief of Office made a speech at the OSCE HDC Tenth Plenary Session



The Chief of Office of the Ombudsman of Azerbaijan made a speech at the OSCE HDC Tenth Plenary Session “Tolerance and non-discrimination III,” including: Gender Equality and Violence Against Women.

In his speech, the Chief of Office said that in Azerbaijan, complex measures are being taken to eliminate violence against women (VAW), institutional mechanisms were developed, and new action plans were adopted.

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

Ombudsman's Reaction to Mine Explosion in Gushchu Ayrim Village of Gazakh District

The Ombudsman of Azerbaijan, Sabina Aliyeva, reacted to the mine explosion in Gushchu Ayrim Village of Gazakh District.

She noted that, the international community should seriously influence Armenia to provide us with the accurate maps of minefields and should speak out against the mine terror of this country, as well as respond firmly to war and environmental crimes and humanitarian violations committed.

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

New Monitoring Groups were created within the Ombudsman Office

Pursuant to the amendments to the Constitutional Law on Ombudsman of Azerbaijan, the mandate of the Commissioner was expanded to more effectively protect human rights and freedoms.

In accordance with the competences designated, at the initiative of the Ombudsman, independent monitoring groups were created within the Office for the implementation of CRPD and CRC and ensuring equality and non-discrimination.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/48yHUwU>

Ombudsman Sabina Aliyeva received citizens



The Ombudsman of Azerbaijan, Sabina Aliyeva, held the next reception of citizens in Baku.

The Ombudsman received every citizen 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 stipulated by law, and relevant state authorities will be approached for addressing them.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/40tVSOz>

Ombudsman Office held seminar on “Climate Change and Human Rights: Young View”



The seminar has brought together the young people, participating in the volunteer program of the Ombudsman Institution, along with the participants of the research paper competition held in hakathon-format this year with the organization of the Ombudsman Office and the support by the UNDP.

In the opening ceremony, Zaur Valimammadli, head of the Department for Cooperation with International and Civil Society Organizations of the Ombudsman Institution, broadly spoke about the activities in the field of human rights education initiated by the

Ombudsman, Sabina Aliyeva.

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

The Ombudsman met with the participants of the Sixth National Forum of Children of Azerbaijan



The Human Rights Commissioner of Azerbaijan, Sabina Aliyeva, held a meeting with a group of children, who will participate in the Sixth National Forum of Children of Azerbaijan.

During the meeting, the Commissioner informed young adolescents of her efforts to protect children's rights.

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

The Ombudsman and staff members of the Office observe election processes in Uzbekistan



The delegation, also consisting of the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) Sabina Aliyeva and staff members of the Office participates in the elections to the Legislative Chamber of the Supreme Assembly and local councils in the Republic of Uzbekistan as observers.

Ombudsman Sabina Aliyeva, and staff members observe the election process by evaluating the preparation process and conditions created in polling stations.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/3UDJZC1>

The Ombudsman of Azerbaijan convened a meeting with the academic staff and students of Tashkent State University of Law



The Ombudsman of Azerbaijan, Sabina Aliyeva, who is on a visit to the Republic of Uzbekistan, convened a meeting with the academic staff and students of Tashkent State University of Law on 28th October. The Authorized Person of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Feruza Eshmatova, also participated in the meeting.

The Ombudsman also provided information to the participants about her activities in the field of protecting human rights and freedoms.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/3OdMOX3>

The Ombudsman spoke at the event on the theme “Intellectual Property Rights and Innovations for a Green World (Towards COP29)”



Sabina Aliyeva, the Human Rights Commissioner (Ombudsman) of Azerbaijan, participated at the event on the theme “Intellectual Property Rights and Innovations for a Green World (Towards COP29)”.

In her speech, the Ombudsman noted that climate change, as a current global crisis of the contemporary world, adversely affects sustainable development of the world and the social well-being of people. The importance of extended application of modern technologies in combating climate change was emphasized.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/3YUaSo0>

The Chief of Staff of the Ombudsman Office provided information on war crimes that Azerbaijan has suffered



The Chief of Staff of the Ombudsman Office, Aydin Safikhanli, participated in the ENNHRI seminar on the theme “Role and Functions of NHRIs in Conflict Situations,” held in Brussels.

The Chief of Staff, in his speech, provided information on the Ombudsman’s activities towards the implementation of IHL norms, including the works carried out in full compliance with international law and IHL norms during the conflict period.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/4huwj6b>
