

This issue of the Information Bulletin of the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan covered the period February 01-29, 2024.

## The Ombudsman received the Secretary-General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



The Ombudsman of Azerbaijan, Sabina Aliyeva, received the Secretary-General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Martin Chungong.

During the meeting, touching upon the collaboration with the United Nations (UN) and other influential international institutions, the Ombudsman gave detailed information about close cooperation with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, including its specialized agencies.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/3V1PTh8>

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## A meeting with a member of the OSCE ODIHR Election Observation Mission was held in the Office



A meeting was held with Svetlana Chetaikina, a member of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) Election Observation Mission, at the Ombudsman Office of Azerbaijan.

During the meeting, the Chief of the Ombudsman Office, Aydın Safikhanlı, provided comprehensive information to the guest about the activities implemented by the institution to ensure and protect citizens' voting rights.

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

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## The Ombudsman Office and the Central Election Commission organized a final awareness-raising event related to the forthcoming early presidential elections



The Ombudsman Office of Azerbaijan and the Central Election Commission (CEC) jointly organized a series of awareness-raising events on the topic of "Ensuring Citizens' Voting Rights" related to the early presidential elections across the country. The final event in this regard was held in Nakhchivan.

In her opening speech, the Ombudsman of Azerbaijan, provided information about her activities related to ensuring voting rights in the country. According to the Ombudsman, it was observed that the CEC has taken relevant measures to ensure the voting rights of citizens at a high level.

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

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## The Ombudsman monitored the situation in the polling stations established in the liberated territories



The Ombudsman, Sabina Aliyeva, conducted observations in the liberated territories, investigating the general situation regarding the forthcoming early presidential elections, including the ensuring citizens' right to vote.

During the observations in Khankendi, Shusha, and Lachin, S. Aliyeva closely acquainted herself with the preparation process for the forthcoming early presidential elections. The Ombudsman also held meetings with the citizens who returned to their native lands, and had discussions about the election process, and other related issues.

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

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## The Ombudsman participated in the voting process during the early presidential elections



The Ombudsman, Sabina Aliyeva, casted her vote at polling station No. 13 of the 23rd Nasimi-Sabail election district.

Following the voting, during an interview with journalists, S. Aliyeva noted that along with staff members of the Ombudsman Office and regional centers, independently conduct observations, on their own initiative, during the early presidential elections in the polling stations, including stations established in military units, penitentiary institutions, and other closed institutions.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/3SWOZ36>

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## The Ombudsman of Azerbaijan: Elections are held transparently and in accordance with international standards



Sabina Aliyeva, the Ombudsman of Azerbaijan, made a statement to the media in relation to the observations conducted during the early presidential elections held on the 7th February.

S. Aliyeva mentioned that, during the elections, observations were conducted throughout the country, including in the newly established polling stations in the liberated territories. The Ombudsman noted that observers representing political parties, public associations, and non-governmental organizations, independent and impartial observers, participated in this process in an orderly manner and with mutual respect for each other and fulfilled their responsibilities within their authority.

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

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## The Reaction of the Ombudsman to the fact of the discovery of a mass grave in the liberated Khojali district of Azerbaijan

The Ombudsman of Azerbaijan reacted to the fact of the discovery of a mass grave in the liberated Khojali district of Azerbaijan.

S. Aliyeva emphasized that, international organizations should stop the indifference and double standards shown towards Azerbaijan, legally evaluate crimes that result in mass and severe violations of human rights and freedoms, and those responsible for the commission of these crimes should be held accountable.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/49uo3i3>

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## Appeal by the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Cases of Violation of Child Rights in the Media

The Ombudsman, Sabina Aliyeva, appealed concerning cases of violation of child rights in the media.

S. Aliyeva called on media entities and journalists to prioritize the interests of children and adopt a sensitive approach when disseminating information about children when they fulfill their professional activities.

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

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## The Ombudsman's Reaction to Armenia's Recent Armed Provocations

The Ombudsman of Azerbaijan, S. Aliyeva reacted to the violating ceasefire by the armed forces of Armenia.

The Commissioner noted that international organizations should not remain indifferent to the military crimes committed by Armenia in the region, and should make serious calls to this country to cease armed provocations that threaten the peace talks, lives, and health of military servicemen.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/49sE2gN>

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## The Ombudsman received an Ambassador of the United States of Mexico in Azerbaijan



The Ombudsman, Sabina Aliyeva, received Ms. Maria Victoria Romero Caballero, the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the United States of Mexico in our country.

At the meeting, it was emphasized the significance of the activities in the field of promoting and ensuring gender equality and protecting women's rights, and the positive experiences in the relevant field and future collaboration opportunities were exchanged.

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

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## Statement by Ombudsman Sabina Aliyeva on the 32nd anniversary of the Khojaly Genocide

The Ombudsman of Azerbaijan, S. Aliyeva issued a statement regarding the 32nd anniversary of the Khojaly Genocide.

The Commissioner mentioned that international organizations and the global community must undertake a legal assessment of the Khojaly Genocide, widely acknowledged as one of the most significant massacres of the 20th century.

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

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## The Ombudsman's reaction in connection with the discovery of another mass grave in Khojaly city

The Commissioner of Azerbaijan, reacted to the discovery of another mass grave in Khojaly city.

The Ombudsman called on all international organizations working in the field of human rights not to remain indifferent to such facts and to take the necessary actions to bring individuals responsible for crimes committed against Azerbaijanis on the basis of ethnic hatred by Armenia to justice.

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

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## The Ombudsman presented its 2023 Annual Report

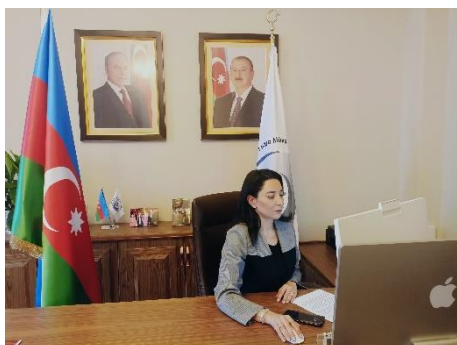
The report of the Ombudsperson on the protection of human rights in the country for 2023 has been prepared, and was submitted to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and sent to the relevant state institutions on February 27, 2024, in accordance with the procedure established by the Constitutional Law.

After hearing the Report in the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, it will be published in the media for the general public.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/49v5mL7>

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## The Ombudsman spoke at an international conference held in Uzbekistan



The Ombudsman of Azerbaijan, Sabina Aliyeva, virtually participated in an international conference on “Human Rights – Important Factor of the Sustainable Development of States” dedicated to the 29th anniversary of the Ombudsman Institution of Uzbekistan”.

S. Aliyeva provided information about the activities in ensuring gender equality and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities, children, women, and other social population groups in the country.

For the further information see the link <https://bit.ly/4bY2kRa>

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