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INFORMATION ON THE VISIT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ARACHINOVO

On 10.07.2014 the National Preventive Mechanism carried out unannounced visit to the police department Arachinovo. The NPM conducted unannounced visit to this police department with aim to assess the situations and conditions in the department.

Pursuant article 49 paragraph 1 of the Law on Internal Affairs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, within the Ministries' bodies the following organizational departments are established:

- Central Police Services, established in accordance with the Law on Police;
- Division,
- Sector i.e. Unit,
- Section i.e. Squad,
- Department i.e. Police Station i.e. External Office, and
- Police Department.

Inspection into the police department Arachinovo

The visit was carried out within the mandate of the National Preventive Mechanism. The mandate and the competences are in line with the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the Law on Ombudsman. In accordance with the Optional Protocol, the NPM conducts visits to places where persons are or could be deprived of liberty with aim of prevention of torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. Deprivation of liberty presents any form of detention either imprisonment or detention of persons in public and private closed facilities where a person is not allowed to leave the facility on its own will, but on a decision of a judicial, administrative or other body.

At the beginning of the meeting the NPM met with the responsible police officer of the police department, then inspected the premises for detention of persons deprived of liberty, the meeting room, the sanitary knots etc. The NPM concluded that the facility is a newly built object where there are two premises for detention and a separate sanitary knot. At the entrance there is a ramp for persons with disabilities. In accordance with the information received, after the introduction of the mobile police stations this department is not longer in use.