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On 04.09.2014 the National Preventive Mechanism carried out unannounced visit to the police station for border monitoring “Frangovo”. The NPM conducted the unannounced visit to this police station for border monitoring with aim to assess the situation and the conditions in places where persons are deprived of liberty and to inspect the conduct towards them. During the visit the team met with the Administrator and the Police Officer on duty, after which the team inspected the premises of the police station and the evidence of persons deprived of liberty.

This Police Station for border monitoring is not designated to be a police station where persons can be deprived of liberty. Having in mind its competences, this police station can only monitor and secure the border line. The Police Station for border monitoring is based in two barracks, in one of them are the duty office, the administration and the offices of the commander and assistant commander, while as in the other barrack are the premises for accommodation of police officers on duty. During its visit, the NPM team did not encounter any suspicious objects or means that may serve for intimidation.

The NPM was informed that the persons deprived of liberty are always acquainted with their rights when being apprehended. In accordance with the information received from the police officers, in case of deprivation of liberty, the person is always acquainted with the reasons for his/her deprivation of liberty and taught of his/her rights. He/she is advised about the right to attorney. The communication with persons deprived of liberty who are foreign citizens is in English language of Albanian language.

In general, the police station for border monitoring “Frangovo” keeps a proper documentation about persons deprived of liberty. Each of the files contains appropriate documents. In some of them there is a logical flow of events which precisely determine the time of apprehension and the moment when a person is taught of his/her rights during deprivation of liberty.

The National Preventive Mechanism prepared a separate report where the positive and the negative situations were duly noted and gave appropriate recommendations to the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Commander of the Police State for border monitoring “Frangovo”.