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On **21.03.2017**, the National Preventive Mechanism conducted regular unannounced visit to the Police Station Aerodrom.

The visit was carried out according to the mandate of the Ombudsman - National Preventive Mechanism, arising from the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the Law on the Ombudsman. The visit was aimed at identifying risks in order to prevent torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

The visit of the PS Aerodrom started with initial conversation with the Assistant Commander of the Police Station, who was presented with the mandate and the competences of the National Preventive Mechanism. Afterwards, the NPM team inspected the official premise along with the additional premises; the files of the apprehended persons and the files of persons deprived of liberty. The Registries were also inspected (Registry of daily events, Registry of detained persons, Registry for the use of means of restraint and Registry of citizens' complaints).

The National Preventive Mechanism team raised serious concerns over the manner in which the Commander of this Police Station prevented them from photographing the official premises which hasn't happened before.

At the entrance of the PS Aerodrom there is a separate box of the Sector for Internal Affairs and professional standards within the MOI intended for complaints from citizens on the conduct of the police officers;

During the visit, the NPM team did not detect any items in the official premises that could be used for violence or intimidation.

The NPM team established that regular and continuous trainings on various topics are being implemented for the police officers.

The NPM team established that at the entrance of PS Aerodrom there is no wheelchair ramp for persons with physical disabilities, which makes it difficult to access for these persons.

Furthermore, the Police Station faces lack of personnel and a lack of official vehicles.

At the Police Station Aerodrom there are no separate premises for interrogation, neither for adults nor minors. The persons are being detained in premises that do not meet the minimum standards for detention.

In this Police Station there are no separate restrooms, there is only one restroom shared by the officials and the persons deprived of liberty / detainees.

Furthermore, the NPM team found there are omissions in the data entered in the registries.

The National Preventive Mechanism issued a Special Report on the visit noting the positive and negative conditions established and gave specific recommendations to the Ministry of Interior and to the commander of PS Aerodrom, in order to eliminate the weaknesses identified, as well as to improve the conditions and the treatment of the persons deprived of their liberty and the detainees.

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