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On 23.03.2017, the National Preventive Mechanism carried out regular unannounced visit to the Police Station Dračevo.

The visit of the NPM team at the PS Dračevo 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 Optional Protocol stipulates that the NPM conducts regular visits to places where persons are deprived of their liberty in order to identify the risks and thus prevent torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

During the visit, the National Preventive Mechanism had constructive cooperation with the officials and got insight into all of the premises and the paperwork accordingly.

The NPM team did not detect any items that could be used for violence and intimidation in any of the premises.

The NPM team was informed that regular and continuous trainings on various topics are being implemented for the officials.

The NPM team once again established that the detention premises which back in 2012 were put out of operation, are not locked yet and hence the risk of still being used for detention is not excluded.

The NPM team also found that there is no separate premise at the Police Station for interrogation of detainees and persons deprived of their liberty, or separate premise for interviews with minors in accordance with the Law on Juvenile Justice.

The rights of the apprehended persons and persons deprived of liberty are not visibly displayed in any of the premises where interviews are conducted.

There are no separate restrooms for the apprehended persons and persons deprived of liberty at the Police Station.

No audio or video monitoring system has been installed in any of the interrogation premises.

During this visit, the NPM team established extremely poor material conditions which seriously undermine the normal and regular functioning of this Police Station.

The NPM team concluded that the official documentation in this Police station is not kept at satisfactory level meaning there is no accurate and precise noting of all the events and facts.

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 Dračevo 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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