

OPCAT inspection in Unit I of the Budapest Remand Prison

On March 28, 2017, staff members of the OPCAT National Preventive Mechanism Department paid an unannounced visit to Unit I of the Budapest Remand Prison. Three members of the delegation of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (hereinafter the “SPT”), visiting Hungary, participated in the inspection.



The objective of the visit was the examination of the conditions of placement of detainees and their treatment. Members of the visiting delegation interviewed inmates, the management and staff members of the prison; inspected the premises of the institution and assessed their condition, and analyzed documents. A nutrition expert and a physician also participated in the visit.

The inspection was carried out with the participation of

- István Sárközy, lawyer, head of delegation
- Gergely Fliegau, psychologist
- Rita Rostás, psychologist, pedagogue
- András Zelei, lawyer

As external experts:

- Krisztina Baraczka, physician
- Gabriella Hartmann, nutrition expert

On behalf of SPT:

- Mari Amos, head of delegation, SPT Member
- Aneta Stanchevska, SPT Member
- Armen Avetisyan, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR

The Commissioner for Fundamental Rights will publish a report on the findings of the inspection.