

CASE LAW MOSAIC

QUARTERLY INFORMATION BULLETIN OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF NATIONAL MINORITIES IN HUNGARY, 2021/4

Complaint about the renovation of the cells and bathrooms of a prison

A complainant of Roma nationality complained about the public health conditions in the detention centre. Following a request by the Minority Ombudsman, **the Health Department of the National Command carried out an on-site inspection** of the prison and found that the plaster in several cells and common bathrooms was crumbling, the walls were mouldy and the walls were loosened by saltpetre.

Immediate action was initiated in two bathrooms and one cell. Due to the generally poor condition of the baths, **a renovation programme has been initiated in the facility** and is scheduled to be completed in 2022.

The bathing facilities are cleaned four times a day and hot water is provided. Inmates have been reminded once again to keep the bathrooms clean and to report immediately to the staff any problems with the food distributed. In the institution, hypo is provided for cleaning the cells on a daily basis and the floor is mopped with a properly diluted antiviral detergent, the proper use of which is monitored. Once a month, all rooms in the institute are disinfected. The Minority Ombudsman thanked the National Commander for his cooperation, in particular for taking immediate action.