

## Armenian NKR Ombudsmen visit Talish residents affected by Azerbaijani aggression

Human Rights Defenders of Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh) conducted fact-finding in the village of Mataghis, Mataghis reservoir area and area of Alashan during Ombudsman Arman Tatoyan's visit to Nagorno-Karabakh on September 8-11. By the request of Mr. Arman Tatoyan, the NKR Ombudsman Ruben Melikyan presented the results of the on-going fact-finding on atrocities committed by Azerbaijani armed forces in April, 2016. As a part of their visit the ombudsmen visited Mataghis village and reservoir and conducted joint fact-finding. There were recorded targeted attacks by the Azerbaijan armed forces towards Mataghis village and reservoir during. The attacks towards the reservoir aimed to cause big losses to the civilians of Nagorno-Karabakh and deprive them of the opportunity to satisfy their vital needs. Such behavior violates international law, including the international humanitarian law. The Human Rights Defenders of Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh also visited the area of Alashan in the region of Martakert where they met with the people who had left their homes in the village of Talish and now live in Alashan because of April attacks committed by Azerbaijan. During the meeting additional information has been collected with regards to the armed attacks, as well as other cruelties, committed by Azerbaijan towards civilians in Talish. Human Rights Defenders of Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh (Republic of Artsakh) draw attention of international organizations to violations against civilians commenced by Azerbaijani armed forces. This information, with relevant factual grounds, will be presented to the international human rights organizations.

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