

Armenian Ombudsman Karen Andreasyan paid a two-day visit to the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic

During the two-day visit to the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic Ombudsman Karen Andreasyan visited the Office of the Human Rights Defender of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic where he met Yuri Hayrapetyan, the Human Rights Defender of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic, as well as several heads of local human rights protection NGOs.

During the meeting, the local human rights protection activists presented the current issues related to human rights protection. At the same time, they informed and unanimously confirmed that in the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic there is no corruption in the judicial system, as well as there is no corruption in the Police, General Prosecutor's Office and in a number of other law enforcement bodies. They noted that there is a sponsorship in these areas in separate cases; however, the overall law enforcement system is very clean from manifestations of corruption.

Armenian Ombudsman pointed out that the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic is obviously a leader in the region in this regard. He also mentioned that the positive achievements in the field of human rights protection in the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic can serve as an example for all the neighboring countries. Armenian Ombudsman offered his support to the local NGOs through specific means and projects. Further steps of cooperation with the local NGOs were also identified. More than that, during a separate meeting between the ombudsmen of the two states, a specific format of further cooperation was established.

Following the meeting with the NKR Human Rights Defender and local NGOs, Ombudsman Karen Andreasyan had a meeting with Ashot Ghoullyan, Chairman of the National Assembly of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic. Greeting the participants, the Chairman of the National Assembly expressed a hope that the first meeting of the Armenian delegation with representatives of state bodies and NGOs would enable to have an overall picture of human rights protection in the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic and evaluate the progress recorded in this area in recent years.

The Human Rights Defender of Armenia emphasized the role of the National Assembly as an important institute of the state, mentioning that citizens should gradually feel the impact of the legislative body.

During the discussion the parties highlighted the importance of cooperation between the Human Rights Defender's Institutions of the two republics and the need to coordinate the work. The meeting was attended by Yuri Hayrapetyan, Human Rights Defender of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic and Hovik Jivanyan, Chair of the NA Standing Committee on State and Legal Affairs of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic.

Furthermore, Ombudsman Karen Andreyan met Bako Sahakyan, the President of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic. The meeting addressed a number of issues related to human rights protection, as well as cooperation between the relevant institutions of the two Armenian states. The meeting was also attended by Yuri Hayrapetyan, the Human Rights Defender of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic.

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