

Statement of the Office of the Ombudsman regarding the incidents of 23 June

Regarding the incidents of 23 June, we deem it necessary to inform the public that as of now we have received official responses from 3 state agencies within the time period established by the Office of the Ombudsman.

The response from the Special Investigation Service states that currently, based on the information published in mass media, materials are being prepared regarding the cases of violence against journalists and participants of the demonstration.

It is stated in the response of the Ministry of Health that on 23 June the Ambulance Service received 27 requests for an emergency visit, out of which 21 visits ended up with hospitalization. Six citizens have received medical aid on the spot. On 24 June there were 12 calls to the Ambulance Service requesting an emergency visit, out of which one case was ended up with hospitalization. As far as the case regarding the improper provision of first medical aid to one of the activists is concerned, the Ministry informs that the person in the video is not a staff member of a civilian medical institution, however, the latter has not demonstrated any appropriate compassion, mercy and care. It should be added that at this moment the Staff of the Ombudsman is seeking to determine the identity of that person.

In response to our written urgent note to the Police, the latter asked to provide their responses by 05 July due to the necessity of additional examination of the circumstances.

The Ombudsman's decision will be made within the shortest time period after receiving official response from the Police.

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