

## **RA NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL SECRETARY VISITED RA HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER**

The National Security Council Secretary Artur Baghdasaryan visited RA Human Rights Defender, Karen Andreasyan and had a meeting with the Defender's Staff. A number of issues related to human rights were discussed, as well as numerous issues of the Defender's Staff were raised. Future activities of the National Commission for the Protection of Human Rights recently established by Presidential decree were also touched upon during the meeting. The Commission charged with the implementation of Human Rights National Strategy and identification of institutional problems on human rights in various spheres will be comprise of the Deputy Defender, as well as representatives of international organizations and public sector.

After the meeting the Defender and the NSC Secretary had a briefing with the journalists presenting the details of the meeting.

In his speech Arthur Baghdasaryan noted that he highlights and appreciates the activities of the Human Rights Defender in Armenia. "I think that during these years the Defender Institute has truly established itself", mentioned the NSC Secretary. He also emphasized the need for the improvement of the human rights situation in Armenia, and that the National Commission for the Protection of Human Rights will be unable to function properly without close cooperation with Human Rights Defender.

When speaking about the future activities of the Commission, the Defender Karen Andreasyan pointed, "We hope that the work of this committee will be fruitful, and a progress will be made during the year. If there is no progress, as we all expect, we will inform about that".