

THE OMBUDSMAN OF HUNGARY PRESENTED TO MR. KAREN ANDREASYAN HIS AD-HOC REPORT ON THE SAFAROV CASE AND CONDEMNED THE EXTRADITION OF THE MURDERER



Recently, the Hungarian Ombudsman presented to Mr. Karen Andreasyan, the Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia, his Ad-Hoc Report on the Extradition of Ramil Safarov, who murdered Armenian officer Gurgen Margaryan. The Hungarian Ombudsman condemned the Hungarian Government, in particular the activities of the Minister of Public Administration and Justice in regards to the extradition of Safarov. The Report specifically notes, “When it comes

to cases like this, the country should exercise caution and demand clear guarantees, while the Minister of Public Administration and Justice, when giving his permission for transfer, did not require any guarantee from the Azeri State as to not pardoning the convicted person upon his repatriation. The Minister of Public Administration and Justice should have taken into consideration that the societies of Hungary and Azerbaijan had a fundamentally different view of the sentenced person and the crime he had committed.”

The report also highlights, “Such an attitude would call into question the assertion of the rule of law and the requirement of legal certainty deriving therefrom. Therefore, by granting his consent to transfer the sentenced person to his home country, the Minister of Public Administration and Justice might weaken the citizens’ sense of justice and their trust and confidence in the justice system.”

During the last meeting with the Human Rights Commissioner of Hungary, Mr. Karen Andreasyan emphasized the importance of the cooperation between the Ombudsmen of the two States, noting, that the Ombudsman office is an apolitical institution and regardless of the politics exercised by their respective countries or their diplomatic relations, those institutions should continue to cooperate for the protection and promotion of human rights.

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