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## STATEMENT

On November 11, at 3.54 a.m , Nikol Pashnyan’s wife called RA HRD Armen Harutyunyan on the phone and informed him, that her husband had been attacked by people in masks, and N. Pashinyan had disappeared. The wife doesn’t want to tell the source of the information.

A. Harutyunyan assigned the head of the HRDO Rapid Reaction Group to find out the details of the case. The head of the group was informed from the “Kosh” PI that at about 2.30 a.m the duty officers had heard noise and approaching had seen a light next to N. Pashinyan’s bed. Pashinyan said, that two people in masks came and assaulted him. It should be noted, that during the call of the Head of the HRDO Rapid Reaction Group N. Pashinyan had been already at the duty station of the “Kosh” PI.

Yesterday the RA Human Rights Defender’s Office periodically demanded and got information from the administration of “Kosh” PI. The investigation process in “Kosh is still going on. RA Ombudsman’s office gave clarifications to mass media only about the results of forensic medical examination, but neither confirmed nor disproved the information about the attack because of its discrepancy.

Herewith we would like to inform that if N. Pashinyan does not agree with the results of the examination of the Forensic Medical Research Center of the RA Ministry of Health, RA Human Rights Defender is ready to assist him to take another medical examination.

It is also worthy to mention that A. Harutyunyan had a telephone conversation on the details of the incident with National Assembly deputy Z. Postanjyan, as well as with the advocate of N. Pashinyan Vahe Hovsepyan.

The Human Right Defender of RA deems it unacceptable to make statements before the official expertise and calls on refraining from making such announcements.

The call equally refers to the NA deputy Z. Postanjyan and to the Head of the Public relations section of the Penitentiary department of the RA Ministry of Justice A. Babayan, who had made statements prior to receiving the results of official expertise.

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