

## **Human Rights Defender has Applied to Prosecutor General regarding IDHR Head Armine Arakelyan's Case**

Mass media have disseminated reports that Armine Arakelyan, head of Institute for Democracy and Human Rights NGO (IDHR) has been exposed to torture and other forms of ill-treatment at the “Nubarashen” psychiatric medical center. Mrs. Arakelyan herself has also presented information regarding the above mentioned incident via public sources (e.g. <http://www.1in.am/1929525.html>, <http://newspress.am/archives/32397>).

On the base of a thorough study of those reports, RA Human Rights Defender has launched examination into the case on his own initiative.

Within the scope of the examination, the Human Rights Defender has applied to the RA Prosecutor General, urging to discuss the question of initiating proceedings within a limited time frame, in line with the procedure envisaged by the RA Criminal Procedure Code. A corresponding letter has also been addressed to the RA Minister of Healthcare for receiving clarifications on the above mentioned incident.

Currently materials are being prepared in accordance with the Prosecutor General's assignment.

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