

Ombudsman agrees on being included in the NA Ad-hoc Committee requested by the parents of dead soldiers

RA Ombudsman agrees on being included in the National Assembly's Ad-hoc Committee suggested by the parents of dead soldiers

On 10th September, 2012, parents of soldiers, who died in the army under peaceful conditions, applied to the RA President of National Assembly. The application states: 'We demand to create an ad-hoc committee consisting of the MPs of the fifth convocation, of six parliamentary fractions, as well as of interested parties. We demand to involve representatives from Human Rights Defender Office.'

According to the Article 22 of the RA Legislation on 'The RA National Assembly Regulation', ad-hoc committees are set up for rendering conclusions, statements of information on certain issues, events and facts to the National Assembly. Realizing legislative limitations of interfering with current case investigations, nonetheless, there are still reasonable concerns on violations, derelictions which occurred during the investigation of criminal cases on the deaths of the soldiers under peaceful conditions.

Thus, the Ombudsman supports the initiative of setting up an ad hoc committee of National Assembly, and is ready to be included personally or through his representatives in the activities of the committee. The Ombudsman restates his position that only complete and objective investigation of previous cases and the restoration of justice with the help of those cases can restore confidence in the investigation of current murder cases and serve a basis for the prevention of tomorrow's violence and murder cases.

Kind regards,
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