ADVISER TO THE OMUDSMAN VISITED SHANT HARUTYUNYAN A FEW HOURS AGO

Today, the Adviser to the Ombudsman visited Shant Harutyunyan, who is still in "Yerevan-Kentron" Penitentiary Institution and has not been transferred to psychiatric clinic yet.

During a private conversation, the behavior of Shant Harutyunyan was quiet, he has not raised any complaint about his current situation.

However, Shant Harutyunyan has expressed his concern about the possible provocations at the psychiatric clinic towards him, as well as stressed the importance of provision of his security also taking into consideration the fact that he is a previous law enforcement employee. He asked the Adviser to the Ombudsman to visit him from the first day he is transferred to psychiatric clinic to keep under attention the possible problematic issues.

As assigned by the Defender, an official letter has been prepared with an enquiry to provide security for Shant Harutyunyan.

The Defender will be consistent to assure the security of Shant Harutyunyan, and the representatives of the Defender will regularly visit him.

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