

## **The Ombudsman transferred the RA Police Head 10 reports of double voting and stuffing of the ballots**

116 Hot Line and Rapid Reaction Service of the Ombudsman's received 255 alerts (the maximum number of the similar service providing state and civic hot lines), 25 of which contained information on the election bribes, double voting, stuffing and other election frauds.

Yesterday the whole day the Defender's Institution contacted with those 25 citizens and made additional corrections in order to receive their consent to completely or partially transmit the information obtained from them to the RA Police as well as to receive permission to disclose their identity to the Police and public. The identity disclosure will provide the Police an opportunity to conduct more productive investigation. Informing public on those individuals may make the whole investigation process transparent and trustworthy; protect the individuals who called from different pressures, as well as serve as an example for other citizens. The result 25 alerts is as follows:

### Election Bribery:

1. Citizen Suren Manucharyan /Tavush Marz, Varagavan village/ stated that he was personally given 5000 AMD. He did not spend the amount, kept in the envelope as material

evidence. Defender's representatives informed him that voluntarily notifying on the election bribe enables to be dismissed from criminal responsibility. He agreed to cooperate with the Police. The Defender's Staff with its full potential will support Suren Manucharyan who expressed civic courage.

2. Citizen A. M. (only Defender is informed on the identity) /Syuniq region, Sisian city/ informed that in front of the # 37/15 precinct center the city mayor was distributing electoral bribes.

3. Citizens (did not want to inform on his/her identity even to the Defender. Only the phone number is available) presented that near the # 141 school election bribes were distributed.

4. Citizen T.N. (only Defender is informed on the identity) informed that at # 50 school election bribe was being given.

5. Resident of the Verin Getashen village (did not want to inform on his/her identity even to the Defender. Only the phone number is available) informed that their village head is gathering their passports and distributing 10.000 AMD each.

### Voting instead of other persons, which can witness for double voting.

1. Citizen Janna Hovhakimyan informed that at # 8/13 precinct center instead of her and her brother there was already signature put.

2. Citizen Stephan Amirkhanyan informed that at #1/13 precinct center a signature was put in front of his daughter's name.

3. Citizen Tigran Aleksanyan informed that at # 1/35 precinct center during voting he found out that all the representatives of his family has already voted.

### Stuffing Alerts

1. Citizen Narine Ismaeli informed that at # 17/05 precinct center there was the case of 300 ballot stuffing.

2. Citizen (did not want to inform on his/her identity even to the Defender. Only the phone number is available) informed that at one of the rooms of the # 17/2 precinct center stamped ballots were found.

9 of other 15 alerts informed that their information they heard from other people and that they are convinced that those individuals are not the primary source of information. One of the individuals calling informed that he was under influence of alcohol and joked. The other 5 citizens did not want to proceed with the cases, as they still do not trust the Police.

Staff of the Human Rights Defender  
of the Republic of Armenia  
Address: 56A Pushkin str, Yerevan, Armenia  
Tel: (37410) 53 88 42; (37410) 537651  
Email: [ombuds@ombuds.am](mailto:ombuds@ombuds.am)  
Website: [www.pashtpan.am](http://www.pashtpan.am)