

**OMBUDSMAN'S RESPONSE ON THE INCIDENT WITH THE “CHORORD
ISHKHANUTYUN” NEWSPAPER JOURNALIST ANI GRIGORYAN**

“We are seriously concerned with the incident that happened to Ms. Ani Grigoryan, the journalist of “Chorord Ishkhanutyun” (Fourth Power) newspaper. Hindering the professional activities of journalist, furthermore perpetrating violence against him/her, is criminally punishable and extremely condemnable, especially if those crimes are committed by state authorities.

The only way to prevent such crimes is the operative, strict and proportionate response of the law enforcement bodies.

Guided by the presumption of innocence of all persons, we refrain from providing more precise assessments and anticipate that the RA Special Investigation Service will conduct proper and thorough investigation, as well as will inform the public on its results within the shortest period of time.”

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