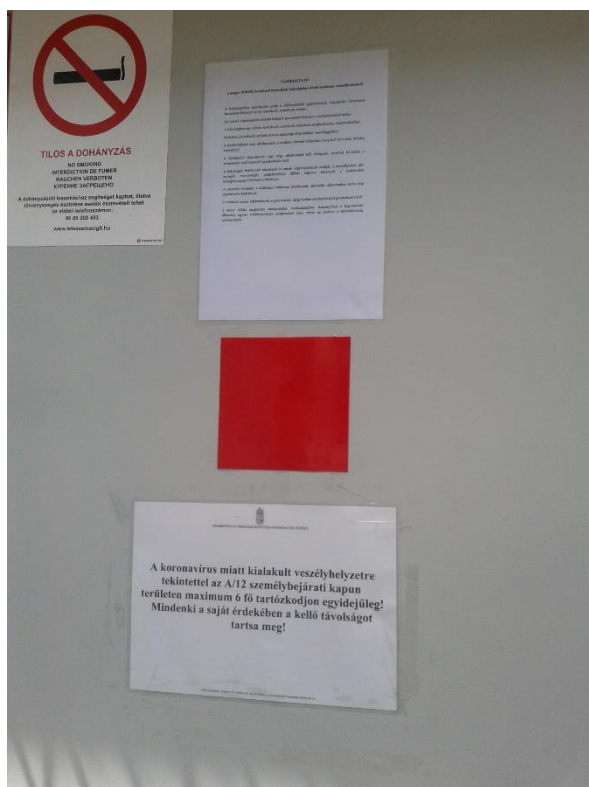


## OPCAT visit to the Szombathely National Prison

13 May 2020

On 13 May 2020 the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, who is responsible for performing the tasks of the OPCAT National Preventive Mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the “NPM”) and his colleagues paid a visit to the Szombathely National Prison.



The purpose of this visit was to inspect the measures taken to prevent the spread of the coronavirus infection (COVID-19) and to cope with the challenges of the pandemic. The NPM inspected the living conditions, and inquired about the steps taken by the management and the staff in order to minimize the impact of the restrictions imposed during the pandemic (e.g. ban on visiting the institution).

The visiting group was composed of the following members:

- Dr. Ákos Kozma, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights
- dr. Katalin Haraszti, lawyer,
- dr. Eszter Gilányi, lawyer, psychologist

The NPM will publish a report on this visit.