

**OPCAT visit
to the Baracska Unit of the Middle-Transdanubian National Prison**

14 January 2021

On 14 January 2021, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary, responsible for performing the tasks of the National Preventive Mechanism, and his colleagues paid a visit to the Baracska Unit of the Middle-Transdanubian National Prison.



The purpose of the visit was to check the execution of the measures taken to prevent the spread of the coronavirus infection (COVID-19) and to remedy the harmful effects of the pandemic. The members of the visiting group conducted interviews with the detainees, members of the staff and the management and reviewed the relevant documentation. The visiting group examined the cell blocks of the Institution, the means of communication (Skype, telephone) used instead of the personal visitation being prohibited due to the outbreak.

The visiting group was composed of the following members:

- dr. Ákos Kozma, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary
- dr. Eszter Gilányi, lawyer, psychologist
- dr. István Sárközy, lawyer
- Klaudia Tóthné Kiss, psychologist

The National Preventive Mechanism will prepare a report on the visit.