

**OPCAT visit
to the Zala County Remand Prison**

14 October 2021

On 14 October 2021, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary, responsible for performing the tasks of the National Preventive Mechanism, and his staff members paid an announced visit to the Zala County Remand 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, the members of the staff and the management, and they also reviewed the relevant documentation. The visiting group inspected the cells, the visitors' room and other premises of the prison, and checked the ways in which the detainees could keep contact with the outside world while visits were prohibited, and also the way the visits are held at present.

The visiting group was composed of the following members:

- dr. Ákos Kozma, Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary
- dr. István Sárközy, Lawyer
- dr. Norbert Mézes, Lawyer
- Klaudia Tóthné Kiss, Psychologist

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