

**OPCAT visit  
to the Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison  
15 May 2020**

On 15 May 2020, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, responsible for performing the tasks of the National Preventive Mechanism, and his colleagues paid a visit to the Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison.



The purpose of the visit was to verify 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 in lieu of visits prohibited due to the pandemic.

The visiting group was composed of the following members:

- Dr. Ákos Kozma, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights
- dr. István Sárközy, lawyer
- dr. Rita Rostás, psychologist, educator

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