

**OPCAT visit
to Unit III of the Szeged Strict and Medium Regime Prison**

2 December 2021

On 2 December 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 Unit III of the Szeged Strict and Medium Regime 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 were held.

The visiting group was composed of the following members:

- dr. Ákos Kozma, Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary
- dr. István Sárközy, Lawyer
- dr. Krisztina Izsó, Lawyer
- dr. Norbert Mézes, Lawyer

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