

The OPCAT NPM Department's first three on-the-spot inspections January 26–29, 2015

Following the January 1, 2015, start of the activities of the national preventive mechanism in Hungary monitoring the practical implementation of the ban on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, staff members of the Ombudsman's Office operating the mechanism paid their first visit to several places of detention in Debrecen.



In the [Closed Asylum Reception Centre](#) of Debrecen, they examined the circumstances of detention, focusing on the special needs of families and children residing therein.



The second place of detention they visited was the Nursing Home for Psychiatric and Mentally Deficient In-Patients operated by the Therapeutic House of Debrecen. Commissioner for Fundamental Rights László Székely also participated in the visit during which the staff members of the NPM inspected individual units of the Therapeutic House and interviewed persons residing or working there. The third location was the Reménysugár (*“Ray of Hope”*) Children's Home of Debrecen and its various facilities.

The National Preventive Mechanism is going to publish a report on its findings and the results of the examinations.