

**OPCAT NPM Visit to  
Pálhalma National Prison**

**November 17, 2022**

On 17 November 2022, the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary, acting as the National Preventive Mechanism (hereinafter: NPM), and his staff visited the command building and the facility of the Pálhalma National Prison.



The purpose of the visit was to see the conditions of detainees' accommodation and employment opportunities in the sub-unit in Mélykút. The Pálhalma National Prison is one of the largest and the only four-unit facility in the country. The members of the visiting team listened to the staff's report on the recent expansion of the accommodation, the renovations carried out and planned, and interviewed detainees and staff.

The members of the visiting team were:

Dr. Ákos Kozma, Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary

Rita Rostás, psychologist, professor

Dr. István Sárközy, lawyer

The NPM will report on the visit.