

## **Response from the Ministry of Interior Affairs regarding the case of 11 minors arrested by the police**

The Sector for Interior Control and Professional Standards has found that the following mistakes have been made:

The children were brought in the Police Station Karposh, which is not allowed, according to the Law for Criminal Procedure. This procedure predicts that the parents, legal guardians or the Social Services Center must be informed about the event, for which the children are requested to go in the police station, but also have to be called to accompany the child. It is not acceptable for children to be taken into police station with a police vehicle, especially when the place where the event happened is close to the school and the whole procedure can be finished by gathering the children in the school, informing the authorities in the school about the event, calling the parents, informing the Juvenile Judge and engaging an inspector for juvenile delinquency in conducting an interview with the children. In the book for daily events, this case was evidenced as inviting the children, which cannot be justified with written documentation for inviting people, as it is stated in the procedure for inviting people in the police station. According to the documentation for this event, the interview with the children was conducted by an inspector for juvenile delinquency, in the presence of the parents and the principle of the school. In case this issue is not confirmed in the future investigation of the Sector, it will mean that the procedure for interviewing children has been broken.

From all this the Sector for Interior Control and Professional Standards considers that the five police officers in this case have acted in contradiction with Article 45, paragraph 3 of the Police Law, Article 12 paragraph 3 from the Code for conducting police issues and Article 2 paragraph 1 from the Handbook for behaving and interpersonal relations between police officers. This obligates a proposition for starting a procedure of firing and taking responsibility for disrupting the working discipline, since the conditions from Article 54 paragraph 1 from the Collective agreement of the Ministry of Interior Affairs concerning changing and filling up the Collective agreement are fulfilled.

### **Suggested measures:**

-The Superior officer to prepare proposition for starting a procedure for firing the police officers for disrupting the working discipline against the police officers involved in the case.

-The involved police officers to be transferred.

-To fill up the annual program for training the police officers with themes and contents concerning the acts of the police towards children, minors and handicapped persons.