

Response of the Armenian authorities

with regard to the alert «Effective Investigation into the Police Violence and Obstruction of Journalist's Work»

In relation to the case of Ani Gevorgyan, reporter of the «Chorrord Ishkhanutyun» newspaper, an internal investigation was launched by the Police of the Republic of Armenia for assessing whether the actions of the respective police officers implied criminal liability and were punishable. On 15 February 2014 the materials of the investigation were sent to the Special Investigative Service of Armenia, where a criminal case was opened.

On 24 February 2014 a decision on the termination of the criminal proceedings was adopted by the Special Investigative Service on the grounds of the absence of proof of respective. The abovementioned decision was appealed by Ani Gevorgyan in court, however, the decision remained unchanged. Following these developments, the internal investigation by the Police was re-opened and concluded.