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Methodology

15 online media were monitored to collect the cases of human rights violations by police officers.¹ The cases were identified and analyzed based on the information disseminated by media. This report does not evaluate the validity of the information reported. The cases of human rights violations have been tabulated based on police actions and the venues of those actions.

The cases have been divided into 2 groups: individual cases, those that did not happen during a public event or assembly and cases that happened during any kind of public assembly including public or group events, such as demonstrations, sit-ins, marches, etc.

Comparative Summarized Data on Human Rights Violations during the 1st and 2nd Quarters of 2015

In the reporting period of April-June, 2015 85 cases of human rights violations by the police were revealed during the media monitoring. Compared to the previous quarter, the number of cases increased by 29 (or by 52%).²

49 of the recorded violations occurred either during the assemblies or as a result thereof; compared to the past quarter this number grew by 11 (or 29%), and the number of individual violations grew by 18 (or 50%).³

10 types of human rights were violated during the first quarter, and 12 types during the second quarter. During both quarters the largest number of violations were regarding the right to peaceful and unarmed assembly and the right to personal freedom and immunity, and the rate of violations of the former right increased by 1 (or by 5.3%); and that of the latter right by 9 (or by 75%). It is quite noteworthy that the cases of individual violations of the right to personal freedom and immunity increased by 7 (or by 233%), while violation of the same right during assemblies – by 2 (or by 22%). Also, it should be noted that during the 1st quarter 2 cases of violation of a journalist's rights were revealed, whereas the same rate for the 2nd quarter was 9, with 6 occurring during assemblies, and 5 accompanied with violation of some other rights (right to be free from inhuman or degrading treatment, right to personal freedom and immunity, right to be free from physical violence, right to security of property) as well. Also, the rate of violations of the right to be free from physical violence increased from 4 to 11, with 4 occurring during assemblies, and 1 also violating a journalist's rights.⁴ 5 individual cases of

¹Below are the monitored media: www.aravot.am, www.galatv.am, www.azatutyun.am, www.hetq.am, www.168.am, www.civilnet.am, www.hraparak.am, www.epress.am, www.lragir.am, www.ilur.am, www.news.am, www.zham.am, www.media.am, www.alplus.am, www.ccc.am .

² See Table 1.

³ See Tables 2 and 3.

⁴ See Table 1.

violation of the right to be free from inhuman or degrading treatment (increased by 1 compared with the previous quarter) and 6 violations of the same right during assemblies (increased by 2) were recorded in the 2nd quarter of 2015. Individual violations also included violation of some other rights such as the right to an effective legal remedy (3 violations were revealed during the 1st quarter and 4 violations during the 2nd quarter), the right to be free from unlawful searches in one's residence (1 violation was revealed during the 1st quarter and 3 violations during the 2nd quarter), the right to information (3 violations were revealed during the 1st quarter and 1 violation during the 2nd quarter), the right to freedom of expression (no individual cases of violations were recorded the 1st quarter and 2 violations were recorded during the 2nd quarter) and the right to legal assistance (no individual cases of violations were recorded the 1st quarter and 1 violation was recorded during the 2nd quarter).⁵ Also, apart from the right to personal freedom and immunity, journalists' rights, the right to be free from physical violence and the right to be free from inhuman or degrading treatment, which were violated the most during or as a result of participating in peaceful and unarmed assemblies and were mentioned above, the following rights were also violated: the right to security of property (no cases of violations were recorded the 1st quarter and 3 violations were recorded during the 2nd quarter), the right to effective legal remedy (3 violations were revealed during the 1st quarter and 1 violation was recorded during the 2nd quarter), the right to freedom of expression (no cases of violations were recorded the 1st quarter and 1 violations was recorded during the 2nd quarter).⁶

Like the 1st quarter, most of the violations in the 2nd quarter were recorded in Yerevan, but their rate increased by 31 (or by 86%) reaching 67. In Gyumri, the rate totaled 7, decreasing by 50% compared to the previous quarter.⁷

In 22 out of the 56 cases of human rights violations recorded in the 1st quarter of 2015, a total of 123 violations occurred, but it is unknown how many times human rights were violated during the remaining 34 cases.

In 59 out of the 85 cases of human rights violations recorded in the 2nd quarter of 2015, a total of 434 violations occurred, what refers to the remaining 26 cases, it is unknown how many times human rights were violated during those cases. Hence, the 2nd quarter of 2015 showed a 2.5-times increased rate of the cases for which it was possible to determine the number of persons whose rights were violated, and the rate of violations increased by 3.5.⁸ It is noteworthy that most cases with unclear number of violated rights or victims of violations occurred during

⁵ See Table 2.

⁶ See Table 3.

⁷ See Table 4.

⁸ See Table 5.

assemblies with participants totaling from several tens to several hundreds.

Consolidated Data on Individual Cases of Human Rights Violations by the Police in 2nd Quarter of 2015

36 individual cases of human rights violations by the police were recorded during the period of April-June, 2015 with 10 violations of the right to personal freedom and immunity, 5 violations of the right to be free from inhuman or degrading treatment, 3 violations of the right to be free from unlawful searches in one's residence, 1 violation of the right to legal assistance, 4 violations of the right to effective legal remedy, 3 violations of a journalist's rights, 2 violations of the right to freedom of expression, 1 violation of the right to information and 7 violations of the right to be free from physical violence.

2 of the individual violations were recorded in Vedi town, 2 - in Alaverdi town in Lori Region, 2 - in Vanadzor city in Lori Region, 1 in Tashir town in Lori Region, 4 in Gyumri city in Shirak Region, 2 - in Goris town in Syunik Region, 1 – in Kapan town in Syunik Region and 22 - in Yerevan.

In 23 individual cases of violations the rights of 1 person were violated, in 4 cases – those of 2 persons, in 1 case – those of 3, in another 1 case – those of 4, in 2 cases – those of 5, in 1 case – those of 7, and in 4 cases it was impossible to determine the exact number of persons who suffered infringements of human rights.

Brief outline of individual cases of human rights violations in the reporting period based on the rights violated and types of police actions (or inaction)

| | Number of violations |
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| Violation of the right to personal freedom and immunity | 10 |
| • Apprehension | 2 |
| Case 1. On April 7, police officers forcibly apprehended journalist and activist Gayane Arustamyan from the area near the Yerevan Liberty Square to the Police Central department after she rebuked a police officer who suddenly whistled loudly near her ear. ⁹ | 1 |
| Case 2. On June 13, Shahen Harutyunyan, the son of political prisoner and 'Tseghakron' party leader Shant Harutyunyan, ran into the stadium at the 43 rd minute of the first half of Armenia-Portugal football match, Euro-2016 qualifying round holding in his hands a poster reading "Freedom to Shant Harutyunyan" which the police officers seized immediately from his hands. Shahen was apprehended to the Police Central department and released after an hour. ¹⁰ | 1 |
| • Apprehension (for political views) | 4 |
| Case 1. On April 7, Aram Hakobyan, Head of the Founding Parliament Gyumri Office was apprehended. ¹¹ | 1 |
| Case 2. On April 7, Gevorg Gasparyan, Head of the Founding Parliament Kapan Office was apprehended. ¹² | 1 |
| Case 3. On April 7, Hovhannes Ghazaryan, Head of the Founding Parliament Vanadzor Office was apprehended. ¹³ | 1 |
| Case 4. On April 7, the following members of the Founding Parliament's Centenary without Regime Movement were apprehended: Zhirayr Sefilyan, Varuzhan Avetisyan, Pavel Manukyan, Gevorg Safaryan, Garegin Chugaszyan, Karo Yeghnukyan and Zhirayr Sefilyan's brother Toros Sefilyan. ¹⁴ | 1 |
| • arrest (for political views) | 2 |

⁹ Journalist Gayane Arustamyan Apprehended by Force, <http://armtimes.com/hy/read/63721>

¹⁰ Shahen Harutyunyan Released, <http://168.am/2015/06/13/502610.html>

¹¹ Garegin Chugaszyan, Zhirayr Sefilyan, Varuzhan Avetisyan, Pavel Manukian and Gevorg Safaryan Arrested, <http://www.armtimes.com/hy/read/62223>

¹² See 5.

¹³ See 5.

¹⁴ See 5.

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| Case 1. On April 7, the Founding Parliament members Zhirayr Sefilyan, Varuzhan Avetisyan, Pavel Manukyan, Gevorg Safaryan and Garegin Chugaszyan were arrested on suspicion of committing a crime under Article 35-225(1) of the RA Criminal Code. ¹⁵ | 1 |
| Case 2. On April 7, Aram Hakobyan, Head of the Founding Parliament Gyumri Office was arrested. Criminal proceedings were initiated against him under Article 236(1) of the RA Criminal Code, i.e. for illegal manufacture of firearms. ¹⁶ | 1 |
| • keeping a person at the police longer than the terms prescribed | 1 |
| Case 1. On April 29, at 10:30 am, the RA Police Ararat Department officers apprehended a person to the Police Vedi Department and kept him there illegally till 9 pm. ¹⁷ | 1 |
| • depriving a person of liberty by keeping him/her at the police station | 1 |
| Case 1. On April 25, at about 6 pm, 2 persons wanted to attend the press conference of musician Serzh Tankian, but the police officers took them to the Police Central Department and deprived them of liberty for almost 3 hours. ¹⁸ | 1 |
| Violation of the right to be free from inhuman or degrading treatment | 5 |
| • Threatening | 1 |
| Case 1. In January-May 15, 2015, the Zangezur Copper Molybdenum Combine workers, namely, the head of the internal vehicle park and his subordinate, senior sub-controller of the vehicle park drafted forged documents entitling them to receive diesel fuel and petrol for the malfunctioning cars of the company and later received fuel worth almost 4 million AMD. Within the criminal proceedings initiated on this account, Hayk Hovhannisyan, Deputy Chief of Police of Kapan, attempted to shift the entire responsibility on the sub-controller by protecting the head of the vehicle park. According to a source of the Aravot daily, the witnesses claimed that he had threatened them and demanded that none of them ever uttered the name of the head of the vehicle park. ¹⁹ | 1 |
| • Uttering threats, swear and insulting words and mocking | 1 |

¹⁵ See 5.

¹⁶ Aram Hakobyan, FP Gyumri Office Responsible Person arrested, <http://galatv.am/hy/news/104785/>

¹⁷ Citizen illegally kept at the police and fearing the threats of beatings gives false testimonies, <http://www.ccc.am/en/1428493746/3/4836>

¹⁸ Policemen convey a citizen and her daughter to the division by use of force obstructing their participation in the press conference of Serj Tankian, <http://www.ccc.am/en/1428493746/139/4802>

¹⁹ Investigator of the Investigation Department initiated criminal proceedings against the deputy chief of police, <http://www.aravot.am/2015/06/10/579863/>

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| Case 1. On April 14, at about 5 pm, the Mashtots Police Department officers took the citizen, his wife, sister-in-law and her husband to police department arguing that their father had not committed suicide but was rather murdered by them. Then the police officers threatened to convict them, uttered swear and insulting words and mocked them upon learning about their affiliation to a religious organization. ²⁰ | 1 |
| • Insulting | 2 |
| Case 1. Journalist and activist Gayane Arustamyan apprehended on April 7 to the Kentron Police Department from the area near the Yerevan Liberty Square was insulted in the police car. ²¹ | 1 |
| Case 2. On May 8, Yerkir.am cameraman recorded the moment as Deputy Chief of Police Levon Yerosyan told a beggar woman coming up to him, “Are you still alive? I thought you had already kicked the bucket, broad.” ²² | 1 |
| • Swearing | 1 |
| Case 1. On May 20, at about 4:10 pm, a person in Alaverdi town was towing with his car the broken car of his acquaintance as some police officers stopped them, entered into dispute with his acquaintance and swore at him. ²³ | 1 |
| Violation of the right to be free from unlawful searches in one’s residence | 3 |
| • Search (for political views) | 3 |
| Case 1. On April 7, in the morning, the police officers searched the apartment of Hovhannes Ghazaryan, Founding Parliament deputy from Vanadzor, and the Founding Parliament Vanadzor Office. They seized computers, information carriers, etc. ²⁴ | 1 |
| Case 2. On April 7, the police officers searched the apartment of Aram Hakobyan, the person responsible for the Founding Parliament Gyumri Office. They claimed having found a grenade on the roof of his house as a result of their search. However, according to Aram Hakobyan’s relatives, the roof was open, and anyone could have put the grenade there. Later it became clear that the roof in question was the roof of the neighboring apartment. The police officers also searched the Office of the Founding Parliament. ²⁵ | 1 |

²⁰The policemen accused the son and his wife of killing his father who committed “suicide”, illegally kept them at the police station and beat him, <http://www.ccc.am/en/1428493746/3/4818>

²¹ Journalist Gayane Arustamyan Apprehended by Force, <http://armtimes.com/hy/read/63721>

²² “Are you still alive? I thought you had already kicked the bucket”, Levon Yerosyan said to a beggar woman, <http://www.yerkir.am/news/view/85452.html>

²³ Policemen quarrel, then use force towards citizens: a criminal case is instituted, <http://www.ccc.am/en/1428493746/3/4857>

²⁴ See 5.

²⁵ See 5.

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| Case 3. On April 7, the police officers searched the apartments of the Founding Parliament's Centenary without Regime Movement members Zhirayr Sefilyan, Varuzhan Avetisyan, Pavel Manukyan, Gevorg Safaryan, Karo Yeghnukyan and Garegin Chugaszyan and the Founding Parliament Office and seized computers, information carriers, etc. ²⁶ | 1 |
| Violation of the right to legal assistance | 1 |
| • Depriving the person of the right to legal assistance during search | 1 |
| Case 1. While searching the apartment of Aram Hakobyan, Chairman of the Founding Parliament Gyumri Office on April 7, the police officers prevented the HRD's representative and the advocate from coming in and provided no information about the grounds for the search by thus depriving him of the right to legal assistance. ²⁷ | 1 |
| Violation of the right to effective legal remedies | 4 |
| • Refusing to initiate criminal proceedings | 1 |
| Case 1. The RA Police refused to initiate criminal proceedings on the account of threatening and swearing at Robert Hakobyan, relative of the Budaghyan family and Chairman of the Goris Veterans of Police Association on April 5. Hakobyan reported to the police that he had received threats from Tigran, Syunik Marz (Region) Governor Surik Khachatryan's son. ²⁸ | 1 |
| • Inaction (failure to take relevant actions upon receiving a crime report) | 2 |
| Case 1. On April 2, lawyer Seda Safaryan received a call from an unknown man who uttered dishonorable and insulting words and threats due to her advocacy activities. Although she reported the crime on the very day of the incident, the Police took no steps within 12 days after the incident. ²⁹ | 1 |
| Case 2. On April 4, Syunik Marz (Region) Governor Surik Khachatryan's son Tigran threatened and swore at Robert Hakobyan, relative of the Budaghyan family and Chairman of the Goris Veterans of Police Association, and the latter reported it to the police. According to Robert Hakobyan, police had not taken any actions against Tigran as of April 7. ³⁰ | 1 |
| • Inaction (failure to take relevant actions to restore the violated right of a person) | 1 |

²⁶ See 5.

²⁷ Zakaryan, "Criminal proceedings should also have been initiated against Kim Kardashian and some of the RA officials", <http://www.aravot.am/2015/04/15/561273/>

²⁸ The Police will not initiate criminal proceedings on the threats by Liska's (Surik Khachatryan) son, <http://www.armtimes.com/hy/read/63402>

²⁹ Law enforcement officers are indifferent to the threats against the advocate on the case of the 6-year-old girl's rape and murder, <http://www.1in.am/1597438.html>

³⁰ "Haykakan Zhamanak", "New "feat" by Liska's son, <http://www.aravot.am/2015/04/07/558430/>

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| Case 1. The day following the round table discussion on Political Persecutions and the Ghost of Stalinism in Armenia initiated by the Founding Parliament on May 18, saw tearing off and throwing in the corridor the sign of the Political Scientists' Union; the President of the union had also attended the discussion above. Also, the fixed phone connection of the Union was off. It was not until the interference of the Ombudsman's Office operative response group that the fixed phone connection line of the Political Scientists' Union was restored. As for the police, no police officers ever arrived at the scene. ³¹ | 1 |
| Violation of a journalist's rights | 3 |
| • Inaction (failure to take any actions to prevent the violation of a journalist's rights) | 1 |
| Case 1. On April 22, journalists Sisak Gabrielyan and Robert Ananyan attempted to make a video shot of NA deputy Samvel Aleksanyan, businessman residing in Russia Samvel Karapetyan, Transport and Communications Minister Gagik Beglaryan and former mayor of Yerevan Karen Karapetyan at the café of Armenia Marriott Hotel. However, the security officers on service in front of the Hotel hindered the activities of the journalists; one of them twice hit Sisak Gabrielyan and swore at him, and the other one hit Robert Ananyan in his hand and in the video camera demanding not to shoot the security officer attacking at Sisak Gabrielyan. While the journalists urged the police officers on service in the area to call to order the security officers, the law enforcement officers took no such steps. ³² | 1 |
| • Hindering journalist's activities | 2 |
| Case 1. On April 7, the police officers at the SIS premises, without providing any reasons, prohibited the journalists from taking video shots near the SIS premises where a number of people gathered in support of the detained former RA NA deputy Goharik Yenokyan. ³³ | 1 |
| Case 2. On May 8, the military police representatives started a dispute with the journalists covering the Erablur event and pointed them to the places wherefrom they might cover the event thus hindering their work. ³⁴ | 1 |
| Violation of the right to freedom of expression | 2 |
| • Hindering a Youtube series from being broadcasted | 1 |

³¹Founding Parliament: New Wave of Persecutions against the Political Scientists' Union, <http://armtimes.com/hy/read/64364>

³² Security Officers Hit Journalists Video Shooting the Officials, <http://www.a1plus.am/1379188.html>

³³ People Gather at the Entrance of the SIS to Support Gohar Yenokyan, <http://www.aravot.am/2015/05/07/569382/>

³⁴ Journalists not allowed to visit Erablur in jeans, "You spoil the view; stand aside so that you cannot be noticed from there", <http://www.aravot.am/2015/05/08/569747/>

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| Case 1. The G/7 episode of SOS online series uploaded on YouTube on May 24 was blocked by the website administration. According to the YouTube administration, they had received a complaint by the RA Police to the effect that the on-line series violated the copyright of the Police since it featured shots from the "02" Police TV series. During the web series, the series host Vilen Gaifejyan speaks ironically about the actions of police officers, in particular, the incident of forcibly removing the parents of the soldiers deceased in the army from the area near the presidential palace. ³⁵ | 1 |
| • Launching a lawsuit against the online series host | 1 |
| Case 1. After the SOS Armenian satirical video series broadcast featuring the violent actions of the police was uploaded on YouTube on May 24, the Police of the Republic of Armenia and police officers Artur Madatyan and Sergey Zakaryan launched a lawsuit against Vilen Gaifejyan, host of the video series. The plaintiffs demanded public apologies to the RA Police and police officers Artur Madatyan and Sergey Zakaryan and payment of a compensation worth 1 million AMD to each of the police officers above. ³⁶ | 1 |
| Violation of the right to information | 1 |
| • Attempt to prohibit a person from entering the National Assembly premises to obtain information | 1 |
| Case 1. On May 21, the parents of the military servicemen deceased in the army visited the Parliament to urge the deputies to raise their issues before the Prosecutor General. As one of the mothers wished to enter the premises of the National Assembly to raise an issue, the police officers attempted to prevent her. ³⁷ | 1 |
| Violation of the right to be free from physical violence | 7 |
| • Exerting violence | 6 |
| Case 1. According to the sources of Aravot.am daily, RA Chief of Police Vladimir Gasparyan slapped twice in his office Prosperous Armenia Party deputy Hrant Davtyan who had sworn at the police officer stopping his car. ³⁸ | 1 |
| Case 2. Journalist and activist Gayane Arustamyan apprehended on April 7 to the Police Central Department from the area near the Yerevan Liberty Square was hit in the police car. ³⁹ | 1 |

³⁵ Episode of Satirical Web Series Removed from YouTube after a Complaint from Armenian Police, <http://www.epress.am/en/2015/05/26/episode-of-satirical-web-series-removed-from-youtube-after-a-complaint-from-armenian-police.html>

³⁶ Armenian Police vs. SOS Satirical Armenian Video Series, <http://media.am/en/Police-vs-SOS-lawsuit>

³⁷ Grieving mothers irritated at the photos of Seyran Ohanyan's wife, "We too wanted to feel happy for our sons", <http://www.aravot.am/2015/05/21/574082/>

³⁸ Did Chief of Police Slap Prosperous Armenia Party Deputy? <http://www.aravot.am/2015/06/22/584355/>

³⁹ Journalist Gayane Arustamyan Apprehended by Force, <http://armtimes.com/hy/read/63721>

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| Case 3. On April 14, at about 5 pm, the Mashtots Police Department officers took a citizen, his wife, sister-in-law and her husband to police department arguing that their father had not committed suicide but was rather murdered by them. The person in question was subjected to violence. ⁴⁰ | 1 |
| Case 4. On April 25, at about 6 pm, 2 persons wished to attend the press conference of musician Serzh Tankian, but the police officers prevented them from doing so, exerted physical violence against them, took them out of the hotel and pushed them into the police car. ⁴¹ | 1 |
| Case 5. On May 20, at about 4:10 pm, a person in Alaverdi town was towing with his car the broken car of his acquaintance as some police officers stopped them, hit his acquaintance and exerted violence against him as well when he interfered by hitting him in various parts of his body. ⁴² | 1 |
| Case 6. A person reported to the RA Police Tashir Division that on May 28, at about 3:35 am a police officer from the above-mentioned Division brought him to the Division and punched him in his face causing him bodily injury. ⁴³ | 1 |
| • Threatening | 1 |
| Case 1. On April 29, at 10:30 am, the RA Police Ararat Department officers apprehended a person to the Police Vedi Department and threatened to beat him; as a result, he gave false testimonies to the investigator. ⁴⁴ | 1 |
| Total | 36 |

⁴⁰ The policemen accused the son and his wife in killing his father who committed “suicide”, illegally kept them at the police station and beat him, <http://www.ccc.am/hy/1428493746/3/4818>

⁴¹ Policemen convey a citizen and her daughter to the division by force obstructing their participation in the press conference of Serj Tankian, <http://www.ccc.am/en/1428493746/139/4802>

⁴² Policemen quarrel, then use force towards citizens: a criminal case is instituted, <http://www.ccc.am/en/1428493746/3/4857>

⁴³ Citizen informs that an official used force towards him in front of police division, <http://www.ccc.am/en/1428493746/3/4860>

⁴⁴ Citizen illegally kept at the police and fearing the threats of beating gives false testimonies <http://www.ccc.am/en/1428493746/3/4836>

Consolidated Data on Human Rights Violations by the Police during Assemblies in 2nd Quarter of 2015

49 cases of human rights violations during assemblies were revealed during the reporting period, with 1 violation of the freedom of movement, 11 violations of the right to personal freedom and immunity, 1 violation of the right to personal freedom and immunity and journalist's rights, 4 violations of the right to be free from inhuman or degrading treatment, 2 violations of the right to be free from inhuman or degrading treatment and journalist's rights, 2 violations of the right to security of property, 1 violation of the right to security of property and journalist's rights, 1 violation of the right to effective legal remedies, 1 violation of journalist's rights, 20 violations of the right to peaceful and unarmed assemblies, 1 violation of the freedom of expression, 3 violations of the right to be free from physical violence, 1 violation of the right to be free from physical violence and journalist's rights.

1 of the violations during assemblies was recorded in Aparan town in Aragatsotn Marz (Region), 3 violations were recorded in Gyumri city in Shirak Marz and 45 - in Yerevan.

In 10 of the cases recorded during assemblies, the rights of 1 person were violated, in 2 cases – those of 2 persons, in 1 case – those of 3 persons, in 2 cases – those of 4 persons, in 1 case – those of 5 persons, in 3 cases – those of 6 persons, in 1 case – those of 8 persons, in 1 case – those of 9 persons, in 4 cases – those of 13 persons, in 1 case – those of 25 persons, in 1 case – those of 237 persons, and in the rest 22 cases it was impossible to determine the exact number of persons who suffered infringements of human rights.

Brief outline of violations during assemblies in the reporting period based on the rights violated and types of police actions (or inaction).

| | Number of Cases |
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| Violation of the freedom of movement | 1 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watching and stopping the car of assembly participants | 1 |
| Case 1. On April 22, the Armenian Women's Front carried out a protest action in the Republic Square, which was obstructed by the police. According to one of the protesters, later the traffic police officers followed them and stopped their car. ⁴⁵ | 1 |
| Right to personal freedom and immunity | 11 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groundless summons to the Police | 1 |
| Case 1. On January 19, several police agents approached Daniel Ioannisyan, Program Coordinator at the Union of Informed Citizens NGO, who attended the electricity rate hike protest, and demanded that he drove his car to the Police Central Department arguing that his car was on "wanted" list. According to Ioannisyan, those were just the police agents he had taken pictures of during the protest. After he informed about incident the NA deputy Nikol Pashinyan and human rights defender Arthur Sakunts and the latter arrived, the police officers said that they had confused the car's registration plates. ⁴⁶ | 1 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apprehension | 10 |
| Case 1. On April 22, a Founding Parliament member Ani Navasardyan was apprehended to the police station after refusing to obey a police officer's requirement not to drum while marching and hand the drum over to him. Administrative offence records were drawn up against her under Article 172.3 (Insulting a Police Officer) of the RA Code of Administrative Offences, and then she was released. ⁴⁷ | 1 |
| Case 2. In the morning of May 26, the Police apprehended 9 supporters of the Founding Parliament. The young people stuck up on electric poles informative posters on the Centenary without Regime Movement rally scheduled for May 30, at 6:30 pm in Liberty Square. They were apprehended for violating the requirements of Article 172.2 (Violation of Rules for Public Facilities Use) of the RA Code of Administrative Offences. ⁴⁸ | 1 |

⁴⁵ Police Officers Blew up Protesters' Balloons with Needles and Seized their Shirts, <http://galatv.am/hy/news/106501/>

⁴⁶ Yerevan Protest Participants Detained, Pursued by Armenian Police, <http://www.epress.am/en/2015/06/20/yerevan-protest-participants-detained-pursued-by-armenian-police.html>

⁴⁷ YSU Student Council Member and Security Officer Obstructed Students' Protest, "Out of Our Territory!" <http://www.aravot.am/2015/04/22/563658/>

⁴⁸ A FP Young Supporter Told How They were Apprehended this Morning, <http://168.am/2015/05/26/495573.html>

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| Case 3. On May 27, 8 young people who protested in Aparan against the rise of electricity tariffs were apprehended to the police for nibbling sunflower seeds. The police officers argued that the young people were polluting the area. ⁴⁹ | 1 |
| Case 4. On May 27, at dawn, the police apprehended 6 Founding Parliament members posting on a billboard information leaflets on the rally scheduled for May 30. While apprehending them, the law enforcement officers provided them with no grounds for such action, and later administrative penalties were imposed on them for breaking the rules for public facilities use. ⁵⁰ | 1 |
| Case 5. The police apprehended Arayik Petrosyan who joined the protest action held on June 4 by parents of the deceased military servicemen in front of the RA presidential palace and was sitting on the ground as a protest. Administrative proceedings were initiated against him, and then he was released. ⁵¹ | 1 |
| Case 6. During the session of June 17 by the Public Services Regulatory Commission on the electricity price hike, the people in front of the Commission's premises demanded to stop the session. The decree passed provoked dispute in front of the premises. As a result, the police apprehended 6 persons, namely Hovhannes Chamichyan, Gor Sargsyan, Ruslan Barseghyan, Hayk Petrosyan, Huri Baghdasaryan and Narek Galajyan. Administrative records were drawn up against them under Article 182 of the Code of Administrative Offences for failure to comply with the legal requirement of a police troops serviceman or police officer, and then the activists were released. ⁵² | 1 |
| Case 7. On June 19, plain-clothes persons approached electricity rate hike protesters Anton Ivchenko and Hayk Sargsyan in Saryan Park and apprehended them to the Police Kentron Department. They were apprehended for having tires with them, on suspicion of Article 185 of the RA Criminal Code, but no charges were brought against them. ⁵³ | 1 |
| Case 8. On June 23, in the morning, 13 of the activists who started an electricity rate hike protest sit-in on Gyumri Theater Square in support of the protesters in Yerevan were apprehended to the Gyumri city Police Kumayri Department and released after questioning. ⁵⁴ | 1 |

⁴⁹ In Aparan, young people were apprehended for nibbling sunflower seeds, <http://www.aravot.am/2015/05/27/575998/>

⁵⁰ Last Night 6 FP Members were Apprehended, <http://www.azatutyun.am/content/article/27039584.html>

⁵¹ Activist Arayik Petrosyan Apprehended, <http://www.azatutyun.am/archive/news/20150604/2031/2031.html?id=27053204>

⁵² 6 Electricity Rate Hike Protesters Apprehended, <http://www.aravot.am/2015/06/17/582640/>

<http://www.lragir.am/index/arm/0/right/view/116108>

⁵³ Protesters Apprehended from Liberty Square Released, <http://www.aravot.am/2015/06/19/583844/>

⁵⁴ Persons Apprehended in Gyumri Released, <http://www.azatutyun.am/archive/news/20150623/2031/2031.html?id=27088135>

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| Case 9. According to the sources of the Police, on June 23, in the morning 237 people were apprehended by force while dispersing the Baghramyan Avenue sit-in; they were kept at police stations for longer than prescribed by law. ⁵⁵ | 1 |
| Case 10. On June 28, at 11:05 pm, a resident of Charentsavan, Vardan Makinyan was apprehended near the fountains in Liberty Square without any grounds and released next morning. According to him, another 5 persons were apprehended to the police station. ⁵⁶ | 1 |
| Violation of the right to liberty and security of person, Violation of journalist's right to legal professional activities | 1 |
| • Apprehension | 1 |
| Case 1. On June 23, while dispersing the demonstration on Baghramyan Avenue in the morning, the police officers apprehended with force the journalists and cameramen who refused to hand over to them the video and photo cameras and their memory devices. The persons below were apprehended: GALA TV company journalist Paylak Fahradyan, 'Haykakan Zhamanak' daily journalist Mkrtich Karapetyan, Panarmenian.net photojournalist Karapet Sahakyan, news.am journalist Arsen Sargsyan, Hetq daily journalists Ani Hovhannisyan and Hrant Galstyan, Epress.am cameraman Tigran Hakobyan, lin.am employee Aren Mkrtchyan, Asparez daily and Asparez.am editor-in-chief Levon Barseghyan, independent journalist Seda Mavyan, Azatutyun (Liberty) Radio journalist Garik Harutyunyan, Armenia TV Company journalists Davit Davtyan and Khachatur Yesayan. ⁵⁷ | 1 |
| Violation of the right to be free from inhuman or degrading treatment | 4 |
| • inaction (failure to take relevant actions against the persons threatening protesters) | 1 |
| Case 1. On June 22, during the Liberty Square sit-in, some plain-clothes persons approached the protesters and threatened to break to pieces the microphones and beat the activists. However, the police officers on service there did not anyhow interfere with the clashes between the young people uttering threats and the activists. ⁵⁸ | 1 |
| • Insulting demonstrators | 2 |

⁵⁵ According to preliminary information, 237 people were apprehended,

<http://www.azatutyun.am/archive/news/20150623/2031/2031.html?id=27087462>

⁵⁶ How the Police Apprehended a Citizen and Took His Money, <http://www.lragir.am/index/arm/0/right/view/116879>

⁵⁷ 7 organizations issued statements regarding violence against journalists, <http://armtimes.com/hy/read/65889>

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⁵⁸ Unknown Persons Threatened to Beat up Sit-in Activists,

<http://www.azatutyun.am/archive/news/20150622/2031/2031.html?id=27085522>

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| Case 1. On the way to the Kentron Police Department, the police officers insulted Founding Parliament member Ani Navasardyan who had attended the march to embassies on April 22. ⁵⁹ | 1 |
| Case 2. On June 20, during the electricity rate hike protest in Gyumri, Vahram Yengoyan, Shirak Marz (Region) Deputy Chief of Police, pushed and insulted march participant, Karen Petrosyan, economist and instructor at Gyumri branch of the Yerevan University of Economics by calling him "dregs". ⁶⁰ | 1 |
| • Communication with citizens in improper tone | 1 |
| Case 1. On June 13, after removing the parents of the military serviceman dead during their service from the area near the presidential residence, the police officers began talking to the citizens in a disrespectful tone and particularly, one of them said to one of the parents, "Don't hit me, you, woman", and the other said loudly that the mothers "came to make a show." ⁶¹ | 1 |
| Violation of the right to be free from inhuman or degrading treatment | 2 |
| Violation of journalist's right to perform legal professional activities | 1 |
| • Swearing at mass media workers | 1 |
| Case 1. On June 23 in the morning, while dispersing the Baghramyan Avenue sit-in, a plain-clothes person swore at Iragir.am journalist Tehmine Yenokyan. Also, police officers swore at Epress.am operator Tigran Hakobyan. ⁶² | 1 |
| • Insulting a journalist | 1 |
| Case 1. On June 28, in response to a journalist's question on whether the Chief of Police threatened the protesters, Vladimir Gasparyan said as follows: "Hear! Go and do something for this country; it is not about wagging your tongue. Now get out of my sight!" ⁶³ | 1 |
| Violation of the right to security of property | 2 |
| • Seizing property | 2 |

⁵⁹ YSU Student Council Member and Security Officer Obstructed Students' Protest, "Out of Our Territory!", <http://www.aravot.am/2015/04/22/563658/>

⁶⁰ Violent Behavior and Swear Language of Deputy Chief of Police called "reformed" by Vladimir Gasparyan, <http://www.aravot.am/2015/06/20/584074/>

⁶¹ Mothers of Dead Soldiers Attacked and Provoked by Armenian Police, <http://www.epress.am/en/2015/05/13/mothers-of-dead-soldiers-attacked-and-provoked-by-armenian-police-video.html>

⁶² Epress.am Cameraman Hit in the Head after Introducing Himself as a Journalist, <http://www.epress.am/en/2015/06/23/epress-am-cameraman-hit-in-the-head-after-introducing-himself-as-a-journalist.html>

Swear words addressed to a journalist, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70BucLxImfQ>

⁶³ Vova Gasparyan out of Temper: We will Clean the Street of Those Who Remain, <http://www.Iragir.am/index/arm/0/country/view/116825>

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| Case 1. On June 19, the police officers seized from a group of anarchists the tires they had brought with them to the Liberty Square in Yerevan where the protesters started a sit-in after the electricity rate hike rally. ⁶⁴ | 1 |
| Case 2. According to resident of Charentsavan, Vardan Makinyan apprehended on June 28, the police took from him his 18,000 AMD. ⁶⁵ | 1 |
| Violation of the right to security of property, | |
| Violation of journalist's right to perform his/her legal professional activities | 1 |
| • Breaking or seizing the mass media video and photo devices | 1 |
| Case 1. As a result of the police actions on Baghramyan Avenue in the morning of June 23, the police officers broke the video camera of the Azatutyun radio and journalist's phone as well as ACTV cameraman Ashot Boyajyan's photo device and 3 video devices of the epress.am, damaged "Haykakan Zhamanak" daily journalist Mkrtich Karapetyan's video camera and seized the photo cameras of news.am and iLur.am reporters Aida Hovhannisyan and Hakob Karapetyan. ⁶⁶ | 1 |
| Violation of the right to effective legal remedy | 1 |
| • Failure to allow the apprehended person to meet his/her advocate⁶⁷ | 1 |
| Case 1. According to Member of the RA Chamber of Advocates, Human Rights Defender Robert Revazyan, he was forced out of the Police Shengavit Department on June 23 and was not allowed to meet his client Hovhannes Ishkhanyan who had been among others apprehended from Baghramyan Avenue in the morning. Lawyers and representatives of the Human Rights Defender's Office were not allowed in the Police Nor Nork Department as well. ⁶⁸ | 1 |
| Violation of journalist's right to perform his/her legal professional activities | 1 |
| • Forcing journalists out of police premises | 1 |
| Case 1. On June 23, an officer forced out of the Police Nor Nork Department the Azatutyun Radio journalist talking to the relatives of the protesters apprehended in the morning. ⁶⁹ | 1 |
| Violation of the right to peaceful and unarmed assembly | 20 |
| • Obstructing the assembly | 19 |

⁶⁴ Liberty Square Sit-in, <http://armtimes.com/hy/read/65757>

⁶⁵ How the Police Apprehended a Citizen and Took His Money, <http://www.lragir.am/index/arm/0/right/view/116879>

⁶⁶ 7 organizations issued statements regarding violence against journalists, <http://armtimes.com/hy/read/65889>

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⁶⁷ Similar cases are covered in the HCA Vanadzor Report on Human Rights Violations against Peaceful Electricity Price Hike Protesters, <http://hcav.am/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/zekuyc-arm.pdf>

⁶⁸ Human Rights Defenders Forced out of Police Departments, <http://www.aravot.am/2015/06/23/584983/>

⁶⁹ Azatutyun (Liberty) Radio Camera Crew Forced out of Police Premises, <http://www.azatutyun.am/archive/news/20150623/2031/2031.html?id=27087643>

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| Case 1. On April 15, the Armenian Women's Front civil initiative held a protest action in front of the RA Presidential Palace demanding to release the arrested members of the Founding Parliament. At the start of the action, the protesting women stood near the gates of the President's Office. While the police tried to remove them by force pushing them here and there, the protestors managed to stand their ground in front of Baghramyan 26 for some time with their posters in their hands. Throughout the action the police urged the protesters to refrain from approaching the gates of the Presidential Office, cross the street and continue their protest on the opposite side. ⁷⁰ | 1 |
| Case 2. The meeting initiated by the Founding Parliament in Liberty Square on April 17 was followed by a march. At the Sayat-Nova-Abovyan crossroads, the police did not allow the march participants to open up the poster with the photo of Zhirayr Sefilyan, leader of the Centenary without Regime Movement. ⁷¹ | 1 |
| Case 3. On April 22, the Armenian Women's Front initiated a protest action in the Republic Square. The action participants held balloons with the names of the political prisoners in their hands, had on shirts with their pictures and carried posters demanding to release the persons detained for their political views. The police obstructed their peaceful demonstration; first, they blew off the balloons with needles, then seized the shirts and the posters and sought to apprehend the members of the Armenian Women's Front. ⁷² | 1 |
| Case 4. On April 22, a group of young people started a march near the Yerevan State University (YSU) to the embassies of the countries which had not recognized the Armenian Genocide so far. The police officers prohibited the march participants from beating their drums on the pretext that by doing so they interfered with the classes. ⁷³ | 1 |
| Case 5. On April 29, a group of young members of the Founding Parliament wished to hold an awareness campaign on political prisoners on the North Avenue; however, the police blocked their way. ⁷⁴ | 1 |

⁷⁰ Armenian Women's Front Calls for Release of Political Prisoners,

<http://www.epress.am/en/2015/04/16/%E2%80%9Carmenian-womens-front%E2%80%9D-calls-for-the-release-of-political-prisoners.html>

⁷¹ "Armenians, unite! Zhirayr urges you to unite": Founding Parliament Holds a March, <http://armtimes.com/hy/read/62849>

⁷² Police Officers Blew up Protesters' Balloons with Needles and Seized their Shirts, <http://galatv.am/hy/news/106501/>

⁷³ YSU Student Council Member and Security Officer Obstructed Students' Protest, "Out of Our Territory!" <http://www.aravot.am/2015/04/22/563658/>

⁷⁴ Sit-in on North Avenue under Slogan "Freedom to Political Prisoners!", <http://www.armtimes.com/hy/read/63377>

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| Case 6. On May 1, a few dozens of Nairit plant workers held an assembly in Yerevan Liberty Square demanding a meeting with President Serzh Sargsyan. The police formed a cordon to prevent them from approaching the entrance to the National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet. ⁷⁵ | 1 |
| Case 7. On May 9, the police prevented the participants of the march by the Freedom to Political Prisoners initiative from approaching the 'Vardashen' and 'Nubarashen' penitentiary facilities where the detained members of the Founding Parliament were kept. ⁷⁶ | 1 |
| Case 8. On May 13, the police forcibly removed from the gates of the presidential palace the parents of the servicemen deceased in the army in non-combat conditions. The protestors demanded meeting RA President Serzh Sargsyan. ⁷⁷ | 1 |
| Case 9. On May 20, during the protest action condemning the violence used by the police against the parents of the servicemen deceased in the army, civic activist Vardges Gaspari attempted to stick on the gates of the National Assembly a poster with the photos of the RA Chief of Police Vladimir Gasparyan, Yerevan Chief of Police Ashot Karapetyan and Yerevan Deputy Chief of Police Valery Osipyan with "Shameless" note under each of them; however, the police prevented him from doing so. ⁷⁸ | 1 |
| Case 10. During the electricity rate hike protest march on May 27, police officers formed a cordon on the Republic Square and prevented the citizens from passing to the central part of the Square. Nevertheless, the citizens broke through the cordon and started a sit-in in the center of the Square. ⁷⁹ | 1 |
| Case 11. On June 4, the mothers of the servicemen deceased in non-combat conditions held a protest action in front of the RA Presidential Palace. However, the police obstructed their action by preventing the women from going down the Baghramyan Street sidewalk to the area in front of the presidential palace and demanding that they took the opposite site. ⁸⁰ | 1 |

⁷⁵ Police did not Allow the Nairit Workers to Approach Opera Theatre; They are Moving to the Government Office, <http://www.armtimes.com/hy/read/63485>

⁷⁶ Police Prevented Founding Parliament Members from Approaching Penitentiary Facilities, <http://news.am/arm/news/266052.html>

⁷⁷ Mothers of Dead Soldiers Attacked and Provoked by Armenian Police, <http://www.epress.am/en/2015/05/13/mothers-of-dead-soldiers-attacked-and-provoked-by-armenian-police-video.html>

⁷⁸ "Shameless!", Vardges Gaspari's Poster on NA Gates, <http://armtimes.com/hy/read/64299>

⁷⁹ 6 FP Members Apprehended Last Night, <http://www.azatutyun.am/content/article/27039584.html>

⁸⁰ Clashes and Apprehension in front of President's Office, <http://www.aravot.am/2015/06/04/578518/>

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| <p>Case 12. On June 4, Vardges Gaspari, attending the protest action by the parents of deceased servicemen in front of the RA Presidential Palace and lying on the ground to show his protest, was forced into the police car and taken away from the site of action. The activists told Azatutyun Radio that on the way he was “thrown out of” the car.⁸¹</p> | <p>1</p> |
| <p>Case 13. On June 11, police officers formed a wall to prevent the parents of the servicemen deceased in non-combat conditions from walking along the sidewalk of the Presidential Office on the pretext that the mothers made "improper remarks" and intended to hold a protest action near the Presidential Office. The representative of the Ombudsman’s Office noted that the mothers were entitled both to walk and hold a protest action unless they obstructed the normal functioning of the Presidential Office. Eventually, the police allowed the parents of the deceased servicemen to walk along the sidewalk of the Presidential Office; however, as the latter decided to stand in front of the Presidential Palace, the police removed them from there.⁸²</p> | <p>1</p> |
| <p>Case 14. On June 18, the mothers of the servicemen deceased in non-combat conditions gathered in front of the RA Presidential Palace. However, the police officers formed a cordon and prevented them from approaching the Palace, despite the letter delivered to the mothers by the Ombudsman’s Office stating that they were entitled to freely move and hold a protest action in front of the Presidential Palace unless they obstructed the normal functioning thereof.⁸³</p> | <p>1</p> |
| <p>Case 15. To support the deceased servicemen’s parents gathered in front of the Presidential Palace on June 18, activist Vardges Gaspari expressed his protest by lying on the ground. A while later, 6 police officers grabbed his arms and legs and dragged him to the opposite sidewalk. The police officers also took away from the Presidential Palace artist Ara Petrosyan who also came to support the women protesters.⁸⁴</p> | <p>1</p> |
| <p>Case 16. On June 19, residents of Gyumri started their electricity rate hike protest action from the Gyumri Theater Square and marched towards the Shirak Marz (Region) Government Office. While the police first attempted to prevent the protesters from taking a central street, eventually they had to give in.⁸⁵</p> | <p>1</p> |

⁸¹ Activist Arayik Petrosyan Apprehended, <http://www.azatutyun.am/archive/news/20150604/2031/2031.html?id=27053204>

⁸² Black-Clothed Grieving Mothers were Pushed to and fro; Police Officer Took Pity for Flowers, <http://www.epress.am/2015/06/11/%D5%BD%D6%87%D5%A1%D5%A6%D5%A3%D5%A5%D5%BD%D5%BF-%D5%B4%D5%A1%D5%B5%D6%80%D5%A5%D6%80%D5%AB%D5%B6-%D5%B0%D6%80%D5%B8%D6%82%D5%B4-%D5%A7%D5%AB%D5%B6%E2%80%A4-%D5%B8%D5%BD%D5%BF%D5%AB%D5%AF%D5%A1%D5%B6.html#>

⁸³ Police Officers Again Obstruct Protest Actions of Black-Clothed Grieving Mothers: Defense Ministry Official did not Grieving Mother to Get out of the Car, <http://www.aravot.am/2015/06/18/583066/>

⁸⁴ Police and Ambulance Doctor Against Mothers of Deceased Armenian Soldiers, <http://www.epress.am/en/2015/06/18/police-and-ambulance-doctor-against-mothers-of-deceased-armenian-soldiers-video.html>

⁸⁵ Fierce and uncompromising fight in Gyumri over electricity rate hike, <http://www.aravot.am/2015/06/19/583799/>

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| Case 17. In the morning of June 20, the electricity rate hike sit-in participants tried to build a shelter from cardboard boxes in the Liberty Square, so that people could take some rest and take refuge from the sun; however, the police officers obstructed building any such shelters. ⁸⁶ | 1 |
| Case 18. On June 20, in the area near the Gyumri Sayat-Nova Street, the police started to obstruct the electricity rate hike protest march. Shirak Marz (Region) Deputy Chief of Police Vahram Yengoyan in plain clothes instructed the police officers to take the protesters away from the marching line and drive their cars away to the penalty area. ⁸⁷ | 1 |
| Case 19. On June 22, a group of almost 100 riot police officers formed a cordon near the main entrance to the National Assembly to block the way of the marching protesters led by the "No to Robbery" members to the presidential palace. ⁸⁸ | 1 |
| • Dispersing sit-in protesters⁸⁹ | 1 |
| Case 20. On June 23, early in the morning starting from 5:30 am, the police used water cannons to disperse the peaceful sit-inners on Baghramyan Avenue, who demanded to annul the Public Services Regulatory Commission Decree on Increasing the Electricity Rate: ⁹⁰ | 1 |
| Violation of the right to freedom of expression | 1 |
| • Tearing political prisoners' pictures off building walls | 1 |
| Case 1. On April 29, the Counterstrike Art group members posted the pictures of political prisoners Shant Harutyunyan, Zhirayr Sefilyan and Pavlik Manukyan on the walls of the buildings adjacent to the North Avenue. However, shortly after the pictures were torn off the walls. The group members are sure that it were police officers who destroyed their work. The police officers even said, "As for us, it doesn't matter at all; it's a nice work, simply they tell us what to do, and we do so. ⁹¹ | 1 |
| Violation of the right to be free from physical violence | 3 |
| • Hitting assembly participants | 1 |

⁸⁶ Police Prevent Protesters From Building Shelter; Sit-In Against Electricity Price Hike Continues in Yerevan, <http://www.epress.am/en/2015/06/20/police-prevents-protesters-from-building-shelter-sit-in-against-electricity-price-hike-continues-in-yerevan.html>

⁸⁷ Protest Action Started: "Gyumri not going to pay the prescribed electricity rates", <http://galatv.am/hy/news/113453/>

⁸⁸ Baghramyan Street is Blocked; Police Formed Cordon at the Main Entrance of the NA, <http://www.azatutyun.am/archive/news/20150622/2031/2031.html?id=27086557>

⁸⁹ Legal explanations of the illegal actions taken by the police in the morning of June 23 while dispersing the electricity rate hike sit-in on Baghramyan Avenue are covered in the HCA Vanadzor Report on Human Rights Violations against Peaceful Electricity Price Hike Protesters, <http://hcav.am/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/zekuyc-arm.pdf>

⁹⁰ Police Used Violence against Protesters and Journalists, <http://www.azatutyun.am/archive/news/20150623/2031/2031.html?id=27087319>

⁹¹ Shant Harutyunyan's and Zhirayr Sefilyan's Pictures Removed from Walls of Buildings, <http://www.azatutyun.am/content/article/26986991.html>

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| Case 1. On June 18, painter Ara Petrosyan also joined the parents of the deceased servicemen gathered in front of the presidential palace. The police officers hit him in the head and pushed him away from the protest action area. ⁹² | 1 |
| • Pushing protesters and journalists | 1 |
| Case 1. On June 22, police officers armed with batons approached the sit-inners and journalists on Baghramyan Avenue who demanded to annul the Public Services Regulatory Commission Decree on the electricity price hike. ⁹³ | 1 |
| • Beating protesters | 1 |
| Case 1. In the morning of June 23, after using water cannons to disperse the Baghramyan Avenue protesters, the police officers and plain-clothes persons used their batons and other means to beat the protesters. According to the sources of the Ministry of Health, 25 persons affected from the police actions sought first medical aid, with 15 of them taken to hospital. ⁹⁴ | 1 |
| Violation of the right to be free from physical violence, Violation of journalist's rights | 1 |
| • Beating mass media workers | 1 |
| Case 1. On June 23, in the morning, the police officers on Baghramyan Avenue beat GALA TV Company journalist Paylak Fahradyan, Azatutyun (Liberty) Radio journalists Sisak Gabrielyan, Artur Papyan and cameraman Garik Azibekyan, lin.am cameramen Karen Chilingaryan, Hovsep Hovsepyan and Gor Hovhannisyanyan, Epress.am cameraman Tigran Hakobyan, Panarmenian.net reporter Nikolay Torosyan and photojournalist Karapet Sahakyan, Asparez daily and Asparez.am editor-in-chief Levon Barseghyan, independent journalist Gevorg Ghazaryan and ilur.am journalist Hakob Karapetyan. ⁹⁵ | 1 |
| Total | 49 |

⁹² Police and Ambulance Doctor Against Mothers of Deceased Armenian Soldiers, <http://www.epress.am/en/2015/06/18/police-and-ambulance-doctor-against-mothers-of-deceased-armenian-soldiers-video.html>

⁹³ Sit-in on Baghramyan Avenue: Entrance to Baghramyan 26 Closed by Armored Vehicles, <http://armtimes.com/hy/read/65818>

⁹⁴ Armenian Demonstrators Beaten, Chased, and Detained: Police Clear Protest Site in Yerevan, <http://www.epress.am/en/2015/06/23/armenian-demonstrators-beaten-chased-and-detained-police-clear-protest-site-in-yerevan-video.html>

⁹⁵ 7 organizations issued statements regarding violence against journalists, <http://armtimes.com/hy/read/65889>
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Tables

Table 1

Cases of human rights violations in the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2015

| Violated Rights | Number of cases | |
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| | Number of cases | Violated Rights |
| Right to freedom of movement | 0 | 1 |
| Right to personal freedom and immunity | 12 | 21 |
| Right to personal freedom and immunity, Journalist's rights | 0 | 1 |
| Right to respect for private and family life | 1 | 0 |
| Right to be free from inhuman or degrading treatment | 7 | 9 |
| Right to be free from inhuman or degrading treatment, Journalist's rights | 0 | 2 |
| Right to be free from unlawful searches in one's residence | 1 | 3 |
| Right to security of property | 0 | 2 |
| Right to security of property, Journalist's rights | 0 | 1 |
| Right to legal assistance | 0 | 1 |
| Right to effective legal remedies | 6 | 5 |
| Journalist's rights | 2 | 4 |
| Right to peaceful and unarmed assembly | 19 | 20 |
| Right to freedom of expression | 0 | 3 |
| Right to life and right to be free from inhuman or degrading treatment | 1 | 0 |
| Right to information | 3 | 1 |
| Right to be free from physical violence | 4 | 10 |
| Right to be free from physical violence, Journalist's rights | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 56 | 85 |

Table 2

Individual cases of human rights violations in 1st and 2nd quarters of 2015

| Violated Rights | Number of cases | |
|--|-----------------|-----------|
| | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 |
| Right to personal freedom and immunity | 3 | 10 |
| Right to respect for private and family life | 1 | 0 |
| Right to be free from inhuman or degrading treatment | 3 | 5 |
| Right to be free from unlawful searches in one's residence | 1 | 3 |
| Right to legal assistance | 0 | 1 |
| Right to effective legal remedies | 3 | 4 |

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| Journalist's rights | 1 | 3 |
| Right to freedom of expression | 0 | 2 |
| Right to information | 3 | 1 |
| Right to be free from physical violence | 3 | 7 |
| Total | 18 | 36 |

Table 3

Incidences of human rights violations recorded during assemblies in 1st and 2nd quarters of 2015

| Violated Rights | Number of Incidences | |
|---|----------------------|-----------|
| | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 |
| Right to freedom of movement | 0 | 1 |
| Right to personal freedom and immunity | 9 | 11 |
| Right to personal freedom and immunity, Journalist's rights | 0 | 1 |
| Right to be free from inhuman or degrading treatment | 4 | 4 |
| Right to be free from inhuman or degrading treatment , Journalist's rights | 0 | 2 |
| Right to security of property | 0 | 2 |
| Right to security of property Journalist's rights | 0 | 1 |
| Right to effective legal remedies | 3 | 1 |
| Journalist's rights | 1 | 1 |
| Right to peaceful and unarmed assembly | 19 | 20 |
| Right to freedom of expression | 0 | 1 |
| Right to life and right to be free from inhuman or degrading treatment | 1 | 0 |
| Right to be free from physical violence | 1 | 3 |
| Right to be free from physical violence, Journalist's rights | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 38 | 49 |

Table 4

Locations of cases in 1st and 2nd quarters of 2015

| Location | Number of Incidences | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 |
| c. Yerevan | 36 | 67 |
| Aragatsotn Marz (Region), c. Aparan | 0 | 1 |

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|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Ararat Marz (Region), t. Vedi | 0 | 2 |
| Armavir Marz (Region), c. Armavir | 2 | 0 |
| Armavir Marz (Region), t. Metsamor | 1 | 0 |
| Lori Marz (Region), t. Alaverdi | 0 | 2 |
| Lori Marz (Region), c. Vanadzor | 0 | 2 |
| Lori Marz (Region), t. Tashir | 0 | 1 |
| Syunik Marz (Region), c. Goris | 0 | 2 |
| Syunik Marz (Region), c. Kapan | 0 | 1 |
| Tavush Marz (Region), c. Ijevan | 1 | 0 |
| Shirak Marz (Region), c. Gyumri | 14 | 7 |
| NKR, t. Berdzor | 1 | 0 |
| Unknown | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 56 | 85 |

Table 5

Number of human rights violations during the cases in 1st and 2nd quarters of 2015

| Number of incidences | Number of human rights violations | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 |
| 33 | | 1 |
| 34 | Unknown | |
| 26 | | Unknown |
| 20 | 1 | |
| 6 | | 2 |
| 4 | | 13 |

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|--------------|------------|------------|
| 4 | 2 | |
| 2 | 5 | |
| 2 | | 3 |
| 3 | | 6 |
| 3 | | 5 |
| 3 | | 4 |
| 1 | | 237 |
| 1 | 38 | |
| 1 | | 25 |
| 1 | 21 | |
| 1 | 19 | |
| 1 | | 9 |
| 1 | | 8 |
| 1 | | 7 |
| 1 | 4 | |
| 1 | 3 | |
| Total | 123 | 434 |