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**Education and awareness on human rights issues**

During the years of independence of the Republic of Uzbekistan formed the legal space, based on the new, international principles and standards, which are based on the priority of human rights and freedoms. In the country has been formed and is constantly improving an effective mechanism for the protection of human rights as part of the state, and on the part of community groups of citizens.

Established in Uzbekistan national human rights protection system consists of legislation regulating social relations in the field of human rights and the system of government and public institutions, providing the whole range of human rights and freedoms enshrined in the Constitution and the laws, passed with recognized international standards for human rights issues.

Uzbekistan has created its own system of education in the field of human rights. First of all, in the Republic of Uzbekistan have been taken towards the development of the legislative framework and national education programs for the promotion and protection of human rights: in August 29, 1997 adopted the Law "On education" and approved the National Program for Personnel Training, the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan adopted a resolution "On national program to increase the legal culture in society", and in May 29, 1998 Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers "On the national program of action to implement the National Programme for improving the legal culture in society" and the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov in 25 June 1997 "On the improvement of legal education, raising the level of legal culture, improving the system of training of lawyers, improving the work of the Study of Public Opinion".

Created in Uzbekistan national human rights institutions, contribute to increasing the level of education of the population in the area of human rights. With the help of the National Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights; Commissioner of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (Ombudsman); Institute for Monitoring Current Legislation under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan; Departments of Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Interior, educational and training institutions on juridical profile in Uzbekistan has been established a system of continuous education in the field of human rights.

From the 1997-1998 school year has been taught a special course "Human Rights". Human rights issues, deepening democracy and strengthening the rule of law are included in the curricula of educational institutions at all levels and, above all, public schools, universities, legal, pedagogical institutes, institutions of governance and management.

Particular attention of the management of the Ministry of Interior is paid to the level of training and retraining of police officers, conducting training sessions on protecting the rights of citizens, in which attention is focused on the employees respect the honor and dignity of citizens, the rule of law in strict accordance with the rules of criminal procedure and criminal enforcement legislation, curb appearance of a violation of law in any of its form, to the study ratified by the Republic of Uzbekistan of international standards relating to the protection of the rights and interests of citizens (conventions, covenants and declarations).

One of the primary objectives of the Department of the human rights protection and legal support of the Ministry of internal affairs of Uzbekistan is to strengthen cooperation with the government, non-governmental organizations, national institutions and international organizations in order to improve work in the field of protection of human rights, training of police officers to international human rights standards, the implementation of international standards into national legislation.

**In the period 2009-2013 yy. and for the last period in 2014 within the framework of international cooperation, with the assistance of the international human rights organizations such as the OSCE Project Coordinator in Uzbekistan, the Regional Representative of UNDP in Uzbekistan and the Regional office of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Central Asia, the EU project "Support to criminal-judicial reforms in Uzbekistan" with the participation of international experts of the Helsinki Foundation for human Rights (Warsaw, Poland) and other experts in the field of human right, the Department of the human rights protection and legal support of the Ministry of internal affairs of Uzbekistan organized and conducted more than 40 training-seminars on the theme:**

- «Theoretical foundations and international standards of human rights»;
- «Monitoring of compliance and enforcement of human rights by internal affairs bodies»;
- «Law enforcement in the fight against trafficking of human beings»;
- «Women, Peace and prevention- best practices»;
- «Human rights and professional ethics in law enforcement»;
- «Implementation of the provisions of international treaties in law enforcement»;
- «Ensuring human rights and freedoms in the internal affairs bodies»;
- «Interaction of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) with law enforcement»;
- «Features of the methodology of teaching the theory and practice of human rights in the internal affairs»;
- «Information-analytical work of police structures»;
- «Education press-service officers»;
- «Resolution of conflicts among prisoners»;
- «First Aid»;
- «The United Nations Convention against Corruption" and others.

During the training police staff have studied the provisions of international human rights standards, make the comparisons with national legislation, accept a knowledge about the concepts of the Declaration, Conventions, Covenants, the Optional Protocols, special attention was paid to the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and punishment. By the end of training workshops over 1,000 internal affairs staff received certificates.

In particular, in collaboration with the regional office of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Central Asia training courses were held on the theme: "First aid" for employees of the patrol service and the protection of public order, working directly with the public, who are serving in public places and places with large concentrations of people, with a view to train them to aid people affected by the any accident.

Every year by the Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan approved **"Training program of officers of internal affairs bodies with national legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the field of human rights and international instruments ratified by the Republic of Uzbekistan"**, designed to improve and strengthen the knowledge of staff, training of highly qualified specialists in the field of human rights protection, which is sent for execution in all divisions and territorial bodies of internal affairs. To conduct this training sessions involved experienced and well trained staff, specialists.

On the initiative and direct participation of the Department of the human rights protection and legal support of the Ministry of internal affairs of Uzbekistan, all the staff, arriving at training sessions of the Police Academy are required to attend training, which includes the theme: **"Human rights and professional ethics in the work of law enforcement agencies"**, **"Implementation of the provisions of international treaties in law enforcement"** , **"Safeguarding the rights and freedoms in the internal affairs bodies"** and others.

Staff of the Department regularly prepare articles pursuant to the Programme of studies "Education and political classes" on such topics as human rights, which are published on the pages of the newspaper "Potsda" - "Ha پوست (On Guard)", as well as they also conducting training sessions in the structural units and educational institutions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and also at the National Centre of Uzbekistan for Human Rights, Ombudsman etc.

By the initiative of the Department of the human rights protection and legal support of the Ministry of internal affairs of Uzbekistan in the curricula of higher education institutions ministry - Academy, Tashkent Higher Military-Technical School and the Higher Technical School of Fire Safety and centers for training and retraining sergeant staff included lectures on the study of international human rights instruments.

Also by the initiative of the Department of the human rights protection and legal support of the Ministry of internal affairs of Uzbekistan, in January 2009 at the Police Academy has been opened "Theory and practice of human rights" unit.

The educational process in this area is as follows:

- 2 full-time study course taught discipline "General theory of human rights" in the amount of 40 hours, including 20 - hour lectures, 8 hours - seminars, 12 hours - self-education;

- in Higher academic courses of the Academy of the Ministry of internal affairs of Uzbekistan taught discipline "Human rights and the activities of the internal affairs" in the amount of 40 hours, including: 12 hours - lectures, 18 hours - seminars, 10 hours - self-education;

- at the Higher training courses for sergeant staff taught the course "Legal training", providing subject "Human rights and the activities of the internal affairs" in the amount of 16 training sessions;

- on the faculty of training officers of the Interior affairs bodies, in accordance with the curriculum classes provided lectures on topics: "International human rights standards in law enforcement", "Respect for human rights in the internal affairs bodies", examines the Conventions, Covenants and Declarations.

In 2011, with the assistance of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Uzbekistan, at the Department of the human rights protection and legal support and at the Academy of the Ministry of internal affairs of Uzbekistan, in 2014, with the assistance of the Regional Office of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Central Asia, at the Higher Technical School of Fire Safety created an information resource centers, that contribute to increase the legal knowledge of the staff and students, the effectiveness of self-training, conducting training sessions, conferences and "round tables" on the basis of a broad base of information on human rights, using the latest innovative technologies.

Equipped with modern computers and office equipment, connected to the local network and the Internet, they are a great opportunity to educate staff of the Ministry with the amendments to the national legislation of the republic, as well as the latest information on human rights.

In addition, questions of the rule of law and protection of human rights in the performance of staff, including the results of the training of international human rights standards are regularly reviewed at meetings of the Board of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Under the agreement with the Commissioner of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights, together with the Ombudsman, with the support of the Fund of Konrad Adenauer, police officers in 2011-2013. participated in the inter-regional training workshops on the theme: "Actual issues of interaction of the Ombudsman with government agencies and non-governmental organizations in the field of security and protection of human rights", "Interaction of the Ombudsman with the courts and law enforcement agencies to implement the mechanism of "Habeas Corpus Act" in the implementation of reforms in the judicial sphere in Uzbekistan".

In the period of 2011-2013 in cooperation with the Ombudsman for law enforcement officers conducted a series of seminars on the theme: "**Enhancing the culture of human rights in law enforcement and civil society - an essential element for the protection of the rights and freedoms of citizens.**"

Under the guidance of the Department of the human rights protection and legal support of the Ministry of internal affairs of Uzbekistan, in order to further development of the legal culture of police officers on issues of human rights, in all structural bodies of Ministry and the territorial bodies established the library and "corners" of legal literature, which are regularly updated with new publications.

The National Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights submitted to the Department of the human rights protection and legal support of the Ministry of internal affairs of Uzbekistan books in human rights sphere on more than 10,000 titles for a free.

OSCE Project Coordinator in Uzbekistan for a use of the Department of the human rights protection and legal support of the Ministry of internal affairs of Uzbekistan, transferred for a free of charge more than 800 legal literature (40 titles) on human rights.

The Regional office of the International Committee of the Red Cross for use of the Department of the human rights protection and legal support of the Ministry of internal affairs of Uzbekistan, at no charge transferred more than 600 books on international humanitarian law, the ICRC also provided 2,500 copies of the handout "Norms of behavior. Guide for law enforcement".

EU project "Support to criminal-judicial reforms in Uzbekistan" for the use of the Department of the human rights protection and legal support of the Ministry of internal affairs of Uzbekistan transferred about 500 publications on human rights issues.

All of the above mentioned legal literature assigned to the structural units of the Ministry and its territorial bodies for the replenishment of libraries and "corners" of legal literature.

Employees of the Ministry of the Internal affairs and its territorial bodies conducted at the extensive outreach activities to raise awareness of the population on international standards and norms of the national legislation.

With the assistance of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Uzbekistan issued 15 thousand posters "Hotlines of the Ministry of internal affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan" in Uzbek, Russian, Karakalpak, Tajik, Turkmen, Kyrgyz and Kazakh languages. Printed manual "Employee of the internal affairs bodies - defender of human rights."

With the assistance of the EU project "Support to criminal-judicial reforms in Uzbekistan", were published poster "International human rights standards", textbook "The general theory of human rights", as well as replicated discs of the documentary film "The History of Human Rights".

Annually by the Department developed and approved plans to highlighting issues of human rights protection in the central national newspapers. These plans are sent for execution to the structural units of the Ministry of Internal affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan.