

STRUCTURE OF THE ARMENIAN POLICE

The Police of the Republic of Armenia is the national police of Armenia. The head is Vladimir Gasparyan, in office since 1 November 2011.

The activities of the Police are directed by the Chief of the Police, who is appointed by the President of Armenia at the nomination of the Prime Minister of Armenia. The Chief has one First Deputy and several Deputies, appointed by the President upon nomination by the Chief.

The Commander of the Police Troops is appointed by the President and serves as ex officio Deputy Chief of the Police. Each of the Deputy Chiefs is assigned a sphere of responsibility by the Chief of Police, who is also assisted by a group of Advisers.

The Police are organised into the Central Body, and 11 geographic divisions.

The Departments of the Central Body are: Headquarters, Combating Organized Crime Main Department, Criminal Investigations Main Department, Investigative Main Department, Public Order Department, Personnel Department, Information Centre, Public Relations and Press Department, Finances and Economic Affairs Department, Administration, Department of Road Inspection, Passports and Visas Department, State Protection Department, Criminal Forensics and Legal Affairs Department, as well as the National Central Bureau of Interpol.

The NCB is divided into three divisions:

Division for international search and general crime - responsible for conducting criminal investigations of an operational nature, preparing international notice requests and sending them to the General Secretariat for publication, providing liaison and co-ordination activities, maintaining criminal records, implementing criminal investigations concerning the search for wanted persons. The division comprises 6 police officers including a head of division.

Division for the analysis and processing of criminal intelligence division deals with the following areas: legal matters, analysis and processing of criminal intelligence on drug trafficking, fraud, organized crime, terrorism, corruption, counterfeiting, crimes against human beings, international relations support, general reference sources, methodological data, etc. It comprises 6 police officers including a head of division.

Division for telecommunications and technical support - division deals with matters relating to information technology systems, providing telecommunications services and technical support for the NCB. It consists of 7 police officers including a head of division. There is one police department for the city of Yerevan, and one for each of the 10 Marzer.

Decrees passed in October 2002 and April 2003 set the rules for police officers' uniforms. Police personnel are armed primarily with Soviet-made firearms and ammunition, including Makarov PM and TT handguns, and AKS, AKM, and AK-74 automatic rifles.

The RA Police cooperates with the ministries of internal affairs of the CIS member states, as well as the police of foreign countries, as well as with European and international organizations. Within the CIS countries, the RA Police has closely developed close cooperation in a bilateral format, especially with the ministries of internal affairs of the Russian Federation, the Republic of Belarus, and Ukraine. Close cooperation with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia continues.

The RA Police cooperates with the Ministries of Internal Affairs and with police structures of countries, members of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC). The cooperation of the RA Police with the Council of Europe is developing every year, and since 2009 also with the European Union and the European Commission in the light of the activities carried out within the framework of the European Neighborhood Policy. According to the program of events approved in 2003, cooperation continues within the framework of cooperation with the OSCE, in particular within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding signed in July 2003 between the RA Police and the OSCE. The RA Police actively participates in sports events organized by the European Sports Union of Police (USPE) and the International Sports Union of Police (USIP), as well as in conferences and meetings of the executive committees of the above-mentioned organizations.

Since 1992, Armenia has joined the International Criminal Police Organization, Interpol. The bilateral cooperation with the ministries of the Interior Ministry of such countries of the European Union as France, Bulgaria, Romania, Poland, Latvia, Italy, Germany and Greece is continuing, and close cooperation with the Iranian Islamic Republic is carried out. Active cooperation is developing between the

RA Police and the US Embassy, the Department of Justice, the National Guard of the State of Kansas USA, the American Lawyers Rule of Law Rule, the Fairfax County police of the USA, the US State Department, the US Diplomatic Security Service and several other services.

The RA Police continues to meet with the consultants of the Twining and Tayeks programs and EU experts to conduct a more detailed discussion of the issues related to the implementation of the above programs. The police closely cooperate with a number of international programs, in particular the United Nations (UNODC, UN OHCHR), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Association of European Police Training Institutions (AEPC).

Since 2012, close cooperation with the International Association of Chiefs of Police has been carried out. The RA Police officers participate in seminars and retraining courses both in Armenia and abroad, in particular, police officers are trained and retrained in educational institutions of the ministries of the Interior Ministry of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, as well as in the police academy of the Arab Republic of Egypt, in the International Academy law enforcement bodies of Hungary.

Since 1992, the RA Police has signed more than three dozen multilateral agreements and treaties and more than fifty bilateral interdepartmental agreements; more than one hundred international treaties related to police functions have been concluded. In Armenia, Interpol cooperates with all countries, members of Interpol, through the channels of the State Security Service.

Список використаних джерел

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