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Monthly Report for the situation of the Roma Rights in Macedonia (August 2010)

The Roma Rights Forum "AORKA" with the help of Balkan Trust Democracy started with permanent following of the situation of the Roma in Macedonia, making monthly reports distributed to all relevant institutions and Non-Governmental Organizations which take care for the protection of the human rights. The project will be in touch with the Institutions and will inform them and the medias about cases with elements of offending the human rights.

1. Police cases

A Brutal Police Abuse in Kocani

As part of the project activity monitoring and reporting on the situation of Roma Rights in the Republic of Macedonia there was a case of cruel treatment and brutal human rights violation again by police officers in the performance of their official duties.

This unpleasant event happened on May 6, 2010 at 10 p.m hours in Kocani. The son of S.M., RM with his friends gets into Billiards in a private house on the street "Pop Arsov Blaze" in Kocani. They pay the boss 100 denars to play pool and he allows children to play freely. Once finished with one pool party which costs 10 denars the child went to pick the rest 90 denars. The boss who talked on the phone while the child stood before him and waiting for his change of 90 denars tore the money them and begun to swear and haunt the children. Escaping from him R.M with his friend enter into a channel to hide. Once they saw the children took refuge in a channel, the boss called his neighbor, inspector. S., who lives on the same street and another civilian Z.J. caught the children and began to beat R.M.

The inspector hit R.M with a strong fist in the right eye, and after he fell on the ground

the inspector hit him several times with kicks in the groins and legs, and then he dragged him a few meters down the street.

He brought the boy in the yard of the inspector, and continued to beat him with his friend Z.J. and wanted to shut the child in the shed. At that point the police appeared and asked the children what are they doing in this place and time and let them go home.

This event once confirms and illustrates the reality of how a police inspector allows himself to abuse his position and authority.

So we ask the Interior Ministry, on the base of which "official" power these people brutally reach for the physical integrity of the two minor children without any particular reason.

Alternative circumstance in this case is that apart from the fact that the children are minors, the person R.M is with easy mental disabilities so that it cannot rationalize and assess the situation.

With this relentless and violent abuse by the inspector and the person Z.J., the child suffered severe fear and physical injures as well as mental suffering.

2. Police cases

Eighteen year old Girl Unregistered

An interesting case worth mentioning and associated with the Project "Roma Monitor" is a case of our fellow citizen Emina Dzemaili. Emina Dzemaili is a nineteen years old girl and has been unregistered entity in the country. She was born in Kumanovo, in the settlement Sredorek, 1991, at home. Her parents Seljver Dzemaili and Vera Dzemaili both from Kumanovo, never registered their child, because they are insufficiently addressed in the written procedure for enrollment of newborns in the Registry of births so Emina is unknown and invisible to the institutions in the state.

As a child, never used any health insurance, she did not attended classes at school, she did not received any vaccine and immunization procedure now seems very difficult for an additional entry in the Registry of births because there is no valid personal document.

Her parents have regulated their legal status in the state and they have the basic documentation, so we were able to provide the required personal and realized documents for registration of their daughter, ID cards, certificates and citizenship.

What is required as a condition for entry of an additional child in the registry of births is the immunization record that despite all the efforts that were put by us it is very difficult to get it by the Center for Public Health in Kumanovo.

We managed to get in contact with known medical facility in the city and provided for Emina to receive the necessary and allowable doses of vaccines suitable for her age, as they could get some confirmation and later and board for further immunization as a condition of entry to be made.

A burdening circumstance arise when such unregistered unregulated entities with no legal status in the state and there are a few, is that there is no legal regulation. We ask the relevant institutions in the country to find a solution for these specific cases, that would provide adequate legislation which will provided separate legal mechanisms and ways to help these people and they are subsequently enrolled in the registry of births.

Whit a regulated legal status these people will become equal citizens of this country and will normally have the opportunity to enjoy all their civil legal and basic human rights including the right to health care and social insurance.