

Police Internal Affairs Service

1. Police Internal Affairs Service (P.I.A.S.), whose mission is to prevent and combat police corruption, from the information /complaints which were investigated since 2018 (year of P.I.A.S. establishment), 15 cases, were brought before the Court for criminal prosecution, in which 15 members of the Police and 14 citizens are involved. From the above cases, one (1) case was completed and the involved member of the Police was sentenced to six months in prison with a three-year suspension. This member was also prosecuted disciplinary and the sentence imposed on him was resignation from the force. For another one (1) case the involved member of the Police was sentenced recently, to four months in prison. For one (1) case, a citizen was sentenced to 8 months in prison for a criminal offence, for which a case of providing false information to the P.I.A.S. was also taken into account. For two (2) cases, the criminal prosecution before the Court was suspended, one (1) case has been interrupted by the Court and for one (1) case the accused member was acquitted by the Court. The remaining eight (8) cases, are still under trial, before the Court. The cases dealt with by the Police, involving Police members, do not establish any link of corruption with organized crime.

2. In 2022, Police Internal Affairs Service (P.I.A.S.), received 95 information /complaints about possible involvement of police members in acts of corruption. From the evaluation of the information /complaints, only 19 were of investigate interest, while the rest did not relate to the responsibilities and powers of P.I.A.S. Out of the 19 information /complaints, two (2) resulted in the opening of two criminal cases against two police members, which were subsequently presented for trial before the Court. The ten (10) information/complaints were investigated, with no evidence found against police members for criminal acts of corruption and the remaining seven (7) information, are under investigation.

As far as concern disciplinary offences which does not fall within the competences and powers of P.I.A.S., in 2022 there were 71 disciplinary procedures opened, which resulted in 11 decisions with sanctions (either a reprimand or a fine), 53 are still under disciplinary trial proceedings, for 4 the disciplinary proceedings were suspended and for 3 no disciplinary action was taken.

3. The Independent Authority for the Investigation of Allegations and Complaints against the Police (I.A.I.A.C.A.P.) was established by the Law 9(I)/2006 and it commenced its operation in May 2006. The members of the IAACAP Board , including its President are appointed by the Council of Ministers for a 5-year tenure.

It must be noted that the members of IAACAP, **are not members of the Police**. Further more the IAACAP is not related with the Police Internal Affairs Service. For that reason, we are not in a position to give any result or details about the Independent Authority of IAACAP.

