

To the RA Minister of Defence Seyran Ohanyan

Dear Mr. Ohanyan,

On September 5, 2016 a refugee Zinaida Akopova has applied to our organization for legal service.

According to Akopova's application, she had already submitted a written application to to the RA Ministry of Defence still on July 27, 2016 regding her neighbours Robert and Suren Aghasyan brothers, according to which they are orphans and currently are in compulsory military service. The elder brother Robert Aghasyan (born on 11.02.1997) serves in N63853 military unit located in Vanadsor city, Republic of Armenia. The younger brother Suren Aghasyan serves in N1 defence military unit located in Hadrut region, Nagorno-Karabagh Republic.

In her application the applicant Z.Akopova had asked the RA Minister of Defence to allow Aghasyan brothers to serve in the same military unit or military units close to each other, as they are orphans and the elder brother Robert Aghasyan is his younger brother's only guardian (R.Aghasyan has the corresponding document), which will allow the brothers to visit each other during their service, as they don't have any other relatives.

Consequently, taking into account the applicant Z.Akopova's application-request, as well as the Aghasyan brothers' vulnerable condition, we ask you to discuss the brothers' issue of serving together in one of the military units at 150 km from the place of their residence.

It's worth mentioning that none of the requirements of Part 7 of Article 11 of the RA law "On liability for mandatory military service" haven't been applied while conscripting the brothers. I think Aghasyan brothers have the full right to take advantage of the privileges given them by the law.

Thus, we anticipate your active assistance in the process of immediate solution of this issue.

Please, inform our organization on the results.

Please, see attached:

1. The copy of Akopova's identity document.
2. The copy of the post receipt presented to the RA Ministry of Defence.

Sincerely,

Levon Nersisyan

Executive Director