



HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS MONITORING IN THE NON-GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED AREAS OF THE LUHANSK AND DONETSK REGIONS

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In November 2017 in certain districts of Luhansk and Donetsk regions, controlled by the armed groups of so-called “LNR” and “DNR” new facts of human rights violations were identified: illegal detentions, restrictions of freedom of movement of civilians, obstruction of the activities of international organizations, involvement of schoolchildren into the events with propagandistic aims, coercion of the residents of so-called “LNR and DNR” to join “civic society organizations”, development of parallel legal system and violation of property rights. Unfortunately, all these human rights violations have become a “norm” for residents of the territories of so-called “people’s republics”.

1. Illegal arrests, detentions and restriction of freedom of movement

On November 27, 2017 press-service of “Ministry of State Security of LNR” informed that so-called “military court of LNR” sentenced to 12 years of imprisonment the resident of Luhansk, Chmeruk Anton Vasylyovych, born in 1990, who allegedly engaged in “the collection and transfer the information constituting state secret to intelligence of Military forces of Ukraine.” Chmeruk A.V. found guilty of committing a crime under article 335 of “Criminal Code of LNR” – “State Treason.”

On November 6, 2017 press-service of so-called “Supreme court of DNR” informed that the resident of Donetsk region was sentenced to 10 years of imprisonment in a colony of strict regime “for espionage in favor of Ukraine.” It was reported that citizen B. born in 1974 convicted from October 2015 to November 2016, placed photographs and maps in the social network “Twitter” with the location of military equipment, military units, fire positions of the army of “DNR” and other military information.

On the territory controlled by the illegal armed formations of “DNR” the Ukrainian citizen, Polishchuk A.M. was detained by officers of the “Ministry of State Security of DNR”. The so-called “Ministry of State Security of DNR” accuses Polishchuk in cooperation with the SBU and the preparation of the kidnapping of one of the “officials of DNR”.

In Luhansk, controlled by illegal armed formations of “LNR”, in early November, reinforced patrolling of the city streets was introduced. According to the local resident, the number of patrols in different parts of the city has increased, who without explaining the reasons check documents of local residents.

The detained earlier Russian politologist and supporter of the so-called “DNR” Roman Maniekin, who spent a month in one of the Donetsk pre-trial detention centers, went free and described how he was treated by the “law enforcement authorities of DNR”. As Maniekin wrote on his Facebook page, “Zakharchenko’s people” broke his limbs and put a plastic bag on his head, and also he complained that he could hardly move after being in jail.

2. Development of parallel legal system, advocacy, notary, courts

In the territory controlled by illegal armed groups of “LNR” and “DNR”, so-called “authorities” and controlled media continue to inform local people and world community on activity of their “state agencies” and results of their “work”. It should be noted that this activity has no legal force and is aimed only at demonstrating the so-called “statehood” in the “republics”.

In the beginning of November at the briefing of the tt»LNR Ministry council» the so-called “Minister of Justice” Sergey Kozyakov informed that territorial bodies of the “Ministry of Justice” have registered more than 12 thousand rights of legal entities and individuals for real estate since September 2016.

In the territory controlled by the illegal armed formations of “LNR”, a “department of state architectural and construction control” was created. It is reported that the “department” will carry out architectural and construction control, issuance of documents related to obtaining the right to carry



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out construction work, as well as issuance of documents related to the commissioning of completed construction projects.

During the first week of November, the so-called “Ministry of Transport of DNR” issued eight licenses and license cards for 20 vehicles in the field of road transport. According to the press service of the “ministry”, also 42 applications from carriers for issuing licenses and license cards were accepted by the “Department of Technical Regulation and Licensing”.

3. Coercion for membership in “civil society” organizations and participation in “patriotic” and “social” actions of “LNR” and “DNR”. Involvement of children in propaganda

In the territories controlled by members of illegal armed groups of the “LNR” and “DNR”, military-patriotic propaganda among children, teenagers and youth is actively carried out, involving them in membership in “civil society” organizations.

In the so-called “DNR”, at the enterprises controlled earlier by Ukraine, and currently seized by pro-Russian militants, after the introduction of so-called “external management”, the involvement of the employees in the “civil society movement” the “Donetsk republic” continues. Thus, 70 employees of Makeevka Metallurgical Plant, 19 employees of Yenakiyevko Coke and Chemical Plant, 30 employees of Donetsk Metallurgical Plant, 11 employees of Komsomolsk Mine Administration, 30 employees of Donetsk Railways, and 24 employees of “Comtel” Company joined the ranks of social movement “Donetsk republic” in November.

On November 24, the so-called acting “Minister of Education and Science of LNR”, Sergey Tsemkalo, at the session of “people’s council of LNR” informed that “the Pioneer and Komsomol movements are planning to be resumed in the republic.”

The militants of the so-called “Luhansk People’s Republic” used children in their propaganda who came to the front line in the area of the antiterrorist operation (ATO).

4. Violation of property rights

In November 2017, in the territories of “DNR” and “LNR”, the process of so-called “nationalization” of enterprises that had previously operated under the jurisdiction of Ukraine or belonged to the citizens of Ukraine, living in the territory controlled by Ukraine since the beginning of the conflict, continued. The process of “searching for the owners” is widespread.

Thus, in “LNR” in November the so-called “state committee of taxes and fees” posted 29 announcements about the search for owners of various property.

It should be noted that applications from owners are accepted within 60 days from the date of the announcement published. After the expiration of this period, the enterprises pass under the control of the “republic”.

In the so-called “DNR” in November, the “state property fund” introduced “state management” at 22 real estate facilities.

5. Right to health care

On November 21, 2017 in the controlled by illegal armed formations of “LNR” Luhansk, in the intensive care of the hospital No. 1, due to the fault of doctors within a day, the mother of the detained earlier by the employees of the “Ministry of State Security of LNR” blogger Gennady Benitsky.

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