



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

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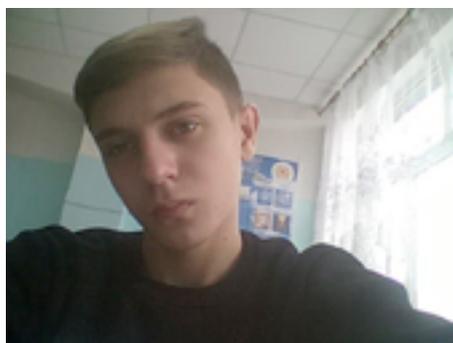
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In October 2017 in certain districts of Luhansk and Donetsk regions, controlled by the armed groups of so-called “LNR” and “DNR” new facts of human rights violations were identified: illegal detentions, restrictions of freedom of movement of civilians, 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 the 24th of October, 2017, at a briefing in Luhansk, the so-called «Interior Minister of the Luhansk People’s Republic,» Igor Cornet reported the detention of «Ukrainian saboteurs suspected of the murder of the deputies of the People’s Council of the Luhansk People’s Republic Anatoliy Krivososov and Inna Kuznetsova.» According to the «minister,» the group «specialized in committing criminal acts against civil servants and deputies of various ranks of the LNR.»

On the 2nd of October, 2017, the «press service» of the so-called «Ministry of State Security of the DNR» reported that six suspects in the case of the car bombing of Alexander Timofeyev «Minister of incomes and fees of the DNR» were detained. Later, a message appeared that the names of the two detainees were known: Igor Viktorovich Evtyushin and Denis Vyacheslavovich Derpishin. Both are not residents of Donetsk.



In the social network Facebook there was a message about detention of the Luhansk resident Sergey Shiryayev, born in 2001, arrested in October 28 by the employees of “Berkut”, on Serov Street in Luhansk. There was a flag of Ukraine with him.

The employees of the so-called «Ministry of State Security of the LNR» carried out a search at the place of residence of the Luhansk resident. During the search, the history of the browser was viewed, where «traces» of visiting Ukrainian sites were found.

Former employee of the «criminal police of the DNR» Stanislav Ramzanov reported that on the 24th of October, 2017 in Donetsk, on the shore of the Kalmius reservoir, the body of Roman Manekin, who disappeared in September 28, was discovered. On the body were traces of torture and bullying, and death came from shots in the head.

On the 9th of October, 2017, the press service of the «General Prosecutor’s Office of the DNR» reported that the sentence of the so-called «military tribunal on the rights of the chamber of the Supreme Court of the DNR» found two residents of Donetsk guilty of committing crime under Art. 321 of the «DNR criminal code» (espionage), and were sentenced to 14 years of prison. It is reported



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that the convicts collected information about the locations of the deployment of military equipment of «DNR» and reported it to the representatives of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine via the Internet.

On the 17th of October, 2017, the press service of the «General Prosecutor's Office of the DNR» reported that the verdict of the so-called «military tribunal on the rights of the Chamber of the Supreme Court of the DNR» denounced Debal'tsevo resident as guilty of committing crimes under Art. 321 and art. 256 «of the DNR criminal code» (espionage and illegal possession of weapons) and sentenced to 19 years of imprisonment. In July 2014, the «convict» collected and transferred to representatives of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine the information about the personnel, weapons, quantity and deployment of military equipment of «DNR».

On the 25th of October, 2017, the court of «LNR» found guilty of espionage in favor of Ukraine the Luhansk resident Vlad Ovcharenko. according to the Art. 335 of the «Criminal Code of LNR» and sentenced him to 17 years of imprisonment.

As a local resident informed, a man was detained for the pro-Ukrainian position by the so-called law enforcement authorities of the «LNR» in Luhansk. It is reported that at the moment there is no connection with him.

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».

On the 16th of October, 2017, the press service of the «Central Electoral Commission of the LNR» reported that more than 55,000 citizens living in the territory controlled by the illegal armed groups of «LNR» during January-September 2017 applied to «the state register of voters» in order to clarify personal data.

In «DNR» reported that for the period from 2nd to 9th of October 2017 the so-called «Ministry of Transport» issued ten licenses and 11 license cards in the sphere of road transport.

On the 13th of October, 2017, at a regular meeting of the so-called «People's Council of the DNR», the law on the «state system of notaries» was passed. Later, in October 30, the press service of the «Ministry of Justice» reported that since the beginning of 2017, more than 3,600 contracts for the purchase and sale and donation of real estate have been registered by «notaries of the DNR».

On the 25th of October, 2017, the so-called head of the «Judicial Chamber for Civil Cases of the Supreme Court of the DNR» Liliya Reznikova reported that «the courts of general jurisdiction of the DNR since the beginning of the year have heard 34,324 civil cases and materials.»

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.

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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. So in October the ranks of the “civil society movement” «Donetsk republic» were enriched by 67 employees of the State enterprise «Mospinsk Manufacturing Enterprise Management» and by 40 employees of the company «Regional Energy Supply Company».

In the territory controlled by the illegal armed groups of «LNR», the management of the NGO «Union of Communists of the Luhansk region» together with the «Ministry of State Security of the LNR» is considering the possibility of creating a youth association of «Yunyi Dzerzhinets» (by the name of Soviet Union political figure, the founder and chief of the Soviet secret police, Felix Dzerzhynskiy) on the basis of the «Union of Communists of the Luhansk region». They also plan to involve young people who have to identify the supporters of Ukraine in educational institutions of the «LNR», as well as monitor the Internet and provide information about «unreliable» persons to the «security authorities of the LNR».

4. Violation of property rights

In October 2017, in the territories of the «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 the «LNR» in October the so-called «state committee of taxes and fees» posted 67 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 October, the «state property fund» introduced «state management» at 4 real estate facilities.