



# REVIEW OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SEPARATE AREAS OF LUHANSK AND DONETSK OBLASTS

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Illegal arrests  
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In April 2017 in the districts of Luhansk and Donetsk regions controlled by the armed forces of so-called “LNR” and “DNR” regular facts of human rights violations were identified: illegal detentions of civilians, restrictions of freedom of movement of civilians, involvement of schoolchildren and students into the events with propagandistic aims, development of parallel legal system, appropriation of property. These and other rights abuses have become a “norm” for residents of the territories controlled by the armed groups of so-called “L/D-NR” long ago.

## 1. Illegal arrests, detentions and restrictions of freedom of movement

In the territory of so-called “LNR”, on the 12th of April, in Luhansk city, at Lenina street 3 young people at the age of 26-28 y.o. were detained by the “law enforcement authorities”. As reported by eyewitnesses in social networks, young people shouted out pro-Ukrainian slogans: “Glory to Ukraine – Glory to the heroes”, “Ukraine above all”, “Heroes don’t die”.

On the 20th of April, at the Yelenivska “DNR customs” (Donetsk-Mariupol direction) in front of the whole line a young man was taken off the bus by the militants of the armed forces of the “DNR”. As reported by eyewitnesses in social networks, the militants bit him and took him to an unknown direction.

In the controlled by the “DNR” territories in Horlivka – Nikita Shevchenko, missing from the autumn 2016, was found shot and dug in the forest shelter-belt. For all this time announcements about his search have been placed in public transport and social networks. His friend was found together with him.

In the city of Samara 27-year-old citizen of Ukraine was detained as a suspect in work for Ukrainian intelligence by the Administration of Federal Security Service (FSB) in cooperation with the State administration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. Approximately in the late April, he was deported to the territory of so-called “Donetsk people’s republic”.

In Luhansk the workers of so-called “commandant’s office” bit to death the 38-year-old resident of Stanitsa Luhanska during the “explanatory conversation”.

According to the certificate issued to the father of the deceased in the morgue of “LNR”, death of the man came from “multiple blunt injuries to the head, torso and limbs, as well as the bones of the skeleton fractures and internal injuries”. During the operational activities of the National Police of Ukraine the operational information was received: when crossing the checkpoint of “Stanytsya Luhanska” at the blockpost of the militants of illegal armed forces of the “LNR”, the man was detained and taken away to the so-called Luhansk “commandant’s office”. In the “commandant’s office” they conducted “explanatory conversation” in the course of which the man died from numerous bodily injuries. The body of the man was taken out and thrown out at Lomonosova Street of Luhansk controlled by the “LNR”.

“The authorities of the republics” apply restrictive measures for the departure of the specialists of the enterprises from the occupied territories of Donbas. Employees of such enterprises have been banned from traveling to the territory controlled by Ukraine with the introduction of information about them into the relevant database which is used by the members of illegal armed forces of the “LNR” and “DNR” at the checkpoints of intersection of the demarcation line.

In the late April the following document appeared in the social networks, where the so-called “Acting Minister of Health of the DNR” Aleksandr Oprishenko recommended all health care workers not to leave the territory of the “republic” in order not to be captured by the representatives of the



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Ukrainian government. Acting “minister” assured his colleagues in the document that as soon as they cross the Ukrainian checkpoint, they will immediately be seized and prosecuted, “what could endanger their lives and health, as well as the national security of the Donetsk People’s Republic”.

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

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

Thus, in March 2017 the “Ministry of Justice of the Luhansk People’s Republic” registered 75 departmental regulatory legal acts, “which is more than double the number of registered acts in February”.

Additionally, in the “LNR” “Qualification board of judges of the Luhansk People’s Republic” reported to mass-media on its activity. The qualification board declared competition on replacement of judges positions.

In addition, “law-making” activities were conducted in April in CDDL. Thus, on the 7th of April the “People’s Council deputies of LNR” considered in the second reading and adopted the “Customs Code of the Luhansk People’s Republic”.

“Parliamentarians” of the neighboring “republic” on April 21, 2017 reported that the law of the Donetsk People’s Republic “On Amending Article 75 of the Law of the Donetsk People’s Republic “On the Mass Media” came into force.

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

In Krasnodon, controlled by the members of illegal armed forces of the “LNR”, On April 5th, the event commemorating the anniversary of development of the Post №1 at the Memorial complex in honor of the heroes of the “Young Guard” was conducted. For the event, arranged in militaristic style and subject, the children of Krasnodon kindergarten No. 2 “Watercolor”, as well as the schoolchildren of Krasnodon were attracted.

In Lutihino, controlled by the members of illegal armed forces of the “LNR”, the schoolchildren from local schools were attracted for participating in so-called “Russian run”. The event was dedicated to seizure of the building of administrative office of Luhansk SBU (Security service of Ukraine) in April 2014.





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On April 7, 2017 the rally dedicated to the “day of declaration of the DNR” was conducted in Donetsk .The rally gathered more than 10 000 people, as local media reported. According to the photos posted in the media, controlled by pro-Russian militants, schoolchildren, students and pensioners were gathered for the rally.



In the “LNR” on the eve of the May 1st celebration the “order” concerning necessary number of participants of the rally was submitted to the health care institutions of Luhansk. The management of the institutions were recommended to ensure the attendance of the event by the employees. This information was reported by a staff member of one of the institutions.



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In April 2017 in the territory of the “LNR” and “DNR” the process of “nationalization” of enterprises that previously operated under the jurisdiction of Ukraine continued.

In April, so-called “The State Property Fund of the DNR’ informed that “state management” had been introduced at real estate objects: three objects in Donetsk, one – in Dokuchayivsk and one – in Horlivka.