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

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In March 2017 in the districts of Luhansk and Donetsk regions controlled by the armed groups of so-called “LNR” and “DNR” regular facts of human rights violations have been observed: illegal detention of civilians, involvement of schoolchildren and students into propagandistic events, development of parallel legal system. These and other human rights violations have become a “standard” for the residents of so-called “LNR” and “DNR” for long ago.

## 1. Illegal arrests and detention

In March in the territory of so-called “DNR” on suspicion of espionage the resident of the city of Donetsk, Buchok Valentyna Nikolayevna, born in 1965, an electrician of PJSC was detained by the employees of the “Ministry of state security”.



As stated by the “Ministry of state security”, information received from the suspect was used by the members of the Ukrainian special services to arrange sabotage and terrorist activities in the territory of “DNR”.

At the moment investigative actions are hold, addressing the issue of initiating criminal case under the case 320 of Criminal Code of “DNR” (Treason). According to the published by “Ministry of state security” video record of interrogation of Buchork, the detained does not hide her “pro-Ukrainian” views.

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

In the territory controlled by illegal armed groups of “LNR” and “DNR”, so-called “power” and controlled media continue to inform local residents and world community on activity of their “state authorities”. It is should mentioned, that this activity has no legal force and directed only to demonstrate so-called “statehood” in the “republics”.

So, on the 2nd of March, 2017 in so-called “LNR” “state registry of voters” was introduced. “CEC” noted that the “registry” was developed on the basis of the law “On the State Register of Voters”.

In March, 7th members of so-called “People’s Council” adopted the law “On amending certain legislative acts of Luhansk People’s Republic”, suggesting changes to the Criminal and Criminal Procedure Codes of “LNR”. Additionally, the laws “On investment activity” was adopted.

On the 10th of March in “DNR” so-called “Supreme Court” reported on its “activity” from the beginning of 2017. The press service of the “highest court institution” informed that more than a thousand cases and materials were accepted, 754 have already been considered.

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In addition, the activity to create legislative and regulatory framework for the “Labor Code of DNR” is being conducted.

On the 29th of March 2017 the “law of DNR” “On amending certain laws of Donetsk People’s Republic “On taxation system” came into force.

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

In Luhansk controlled by the members of illegal armed groups of “LNR”, the activists of motorbike club “Night volves. Donbass” in the guise of “patriotic” education involve children into so-called “military-patriotic clubs”, under protection of “Ministry of Internal Affairs of LNR” which are used by the “power” as a tool of military propaganda.



### 4. Preventing the activities of international and charitable organizations

The “power” of so-called “DNR” forbade the activity of charitable foundation “Pompzhem”. Earlier during the inspection of storage conditions of humanitarian aid of charitable foundation “Pomozhem” by the authorities of “DNR” “flagrant violations” have been detected.

### 5. Violation of property rights

In March 2017 in the territory of “DNR” and “LNR” the process of “nationalization” of enterprises that continued operating under the legislation of Ukraine started.

On the 1st of March it was informed in the “DNR” that approximately 40 enterprises of Ukrainian jurisdiction passed “under external control in the DNR.”

On the 5th of March “Ministry council of LNR” introduced “state management” at 3 mine enterprises, had been operating in “LNR” under the Ukrainian jurisdiction – “Krasnodonugol”, “Rovenkianratsyt” and “Sverdlovskanratsyt”.