

Civil Campaigns

Campaign on monitoring the quality of administrative services provision has started

Starting from 16 May 2014 the Association UMDPL started the All-Ukrainian campaign of civil monitoring of the quality of administrative services provision by departments of the Ministry of Internal

Affairs (hereinafter – MIA) and the State Migration Service of Ukraine. The aim of the campaign – to improve the transparency and accessibility of administrative services (national passport, driver's license, document for foreign travel, permit for caring a gun etc.), as well as to

increase the awareness of a wide range of civil society representatives of their rights and obligations for their receipt.

The first stage of the campaign concerns the migration service, the next two stages concerns SAI and permit system.

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Reform of law enforcement authorities

Civil experts prepared the reform of police of Ukraine

On 15 May 2014 there was a press-conference where the representatives of the working group on reforming the law enforcement within the framework of civil initiatives “Emergency Reform Package” told about the elaboration of the draft reform of police. The group of experts in different organizations and institutions elaborated and presented for public discussion the concept of police reform as well as the draft law on police and police activity in Ukraine which has to substitute the old one.

Experts are sure – the reform of police shall not be elaborated and implemented by the police itself. These issues have to be dealt with by people who is not interested in keeping positions or influence.

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Press-conference
on police reforming



Meeting of the Expert Council working group

The meeting of the working group of the Expert Council on the Observance of Human Rights and Reforming the Law Enforcement Authorities under MIA took place

On 17 April at the conference-hall of the Ministry of Internal Affairs there was a meeting of the working group of the Expert Council on the Observance of Human Rights and Reforming the Law Enforcement Authorities under MIA. The meeting of the group took place in the format of a “round table” during

which its participants discussed the issues on combating corruption in police and creating the effective system of internal control over the observance of citizens' rights in law enforcement authorities units.

A Regional Coordinator of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Cherkassy Region, the member of Association UMDPL Mr. Volodymir Batchaev also took part in the meeting.

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The new website on reform of law enforcement authorities is created

The new website police-reform.info includes the results of the work of experts of the working group on reform of law enforcement authorities within the framework of “Emergency Reform Package”. The work on the elaboration and implementation of civil idea of law enforcement authorities in Ukraine is coordinated by Association UMDPL together with the Center for Political and Legal Reforms with the support of the International Renaissance Foundation.

The representatives of the working group work on the elaboration of the concept and a text of the new draft law on police and police activity as well as present the elaborated proposals to the representatives of authorities.

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Awareness raising activity



Conference on administrative services

There was a conference dedicated to reforms and the role of civil society in the sphere of administrative services provision

On 17-18 April the Association of Ukrainian Monitors of Human Rights Observation in Law Enforcement (Association UMDPL) together with the Center for Political and Legal Reforms in partnership with the Secretariat of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights and a financial support of the European Union, held a conference "Reforms and Civil Control in the Sphere of Administra-

tive Services Provision in Ukraine". Among the participants were the representatives of authorities, experts, civil activists and journalists from different regions of Ukraine.

During the first day of the conference together with the experts and representatives of authorities participants discussed the ways to achieve European standards in the sphere of administrative provision in Ukraine and reforms necessary to introduce positive changes in this sphere.

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A specialized training took place in cooperation with coordinators of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights

On 15-16 May 2014 at the premises of the Secretariat of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights took place a specialized training "Peculiarities of realization of the national preventive mechanism in cooperation with regional coordinators on public relations of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights".

The Ombudsman took a decision on providing the regional coordinators on public relations with the mandate to conduct independent visits within the framework of the national preventive mechanism. Before that they conducted monitoring visits to places of detention only together with the staff of the Secretariat of the Commissioner which limited the numbers of visits. A range of specific peculiarities of monitoring of different types of places of detention was also discussed at the event.

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Seminar on successful advocacy campaigns

A seminar for civil activists where they were trained to implement successful advocacy campaigns

On 23-24 May 2014 in Kyiv the Association UMDPL held a seminar "How to act in the time of change: the theory and practice of successful advocacy campaigns in Ukraine and Abroad". Among its participants were the human rights defenders, activists and journalists in different regions of Ukraine.

During a two day seminar among the experts were: Maksym Latsiba, the Head of the Program of Development of Civil Society of the Ukrainian Independent Center for Political Research (UICPR), Hanna Hopko, coordinator of "Emergency Reform Package" and Dmytro Malarov, the leader of Youth Human Rights Movement (YHRM), city of Voronigh, Russia.

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Training on police monitoring

In Kyiv civil activists started monitoring patrol services and police control rooms

On 27-29 June 2014 in Kyiv the Association UMDPL held a training "Civil Monitoring of the Activity of Internal Affairs Authorities of Ukraine".

During the training participants learned the structure and the system of work of police, the algorithm of civil monitoring of activity of district police inspectors, patrol service, police control rooms and State Automobile Inspection (SAI). Besides the lectures and interactive conversations with independent analysis of situations there was also a practical part – monitoring patrol service and police control rooms near the place of the training. This task shall be done by participants themselves using the received knowledge as well as the guidebook explaining in detail the requirements of the activity of different services and units of police.

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In Lviv there was a training on research of human rights violations of vulnerable groups

On 20-22 June 2014 in Lviv the Association UMDPL held a training "Civil Research of Human Rights Violations of Vulnerable Groups of Population in Cooperation with the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights".

During the training participants learned the main principles and peculiarities of conducting civil researches in cooperation with the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, legal grounds for conducting such activities. Besides that, participants learned the research and practical activity aimed at detection and removal of the main types of human rights

violations of drug addicts and sex workers in law enforcement authorities activity. The practical session – groupwork dedicated to the analysis and solving concrete situations including obtaining information, its inspection, collection of proof of human rights violations of representatives of vulnerable groups of society.

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Awareness raising activity

Training was held for activists who together with the Ombudsman will take part in civil research of human rights violations of vulnerable groups

On 30 May – 1 June 2014 in Kyiv the Association UMDPL held a training “Civil Researches of Human Rights Violations of Vulnerable Groups of Society in Cooperation with Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights”.

During the training participants learned main principles and peculiarities of civil researches in cooperation with the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, legal grounds for conducting such activities. Besides that, participants learned the research and practical activity aimed at detection and removal of the main types of human rights violations of vulnerable groups of society (drug addicts and sex workers) in law enforcement authorities activity. The practical session – groupwork dedicated to the analysis and solving concrete situations including obtaining information, its inspection, collection of proof of human rights violations of representatives of this category of population etc.

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Training for regional coordinators of the Ombudsman

Cooperation with the Ombudsman

In Cherkassy the Head of Regional Police and the representative of the ombudsman spoke of human rights

On 2 April there was a meeting of the regional coordinator of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Cherkassy region, the member of Association UMDPL Mr. Volodymyr Batchaev with the acting Head of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in Cherkassy region Mr. Vladislav Pustovarov.

In the course of the meeting parties discussed the course of investigations of unlawful actions of law enforcement officers during the detention of citizens in the city of Cherkassy in January of the recent year, analyzed the perspectives of processes of cooperation of police with NGOs, including the organizational peculiarities of the ways of renewal and ensuring effectiveness of the activity of the civil council under the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and participation of the local community in the process of consideration of candidatures for appointments. Besides that, an agreement was reached concerning the engagement of regional coordinator to the conduction of trainings of personal staff in order to raise the level of awareness of officers of the international standards of observance of human rights and freedoms as well as about the assistance from the leadership of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in conduction of monitoring campaigns on control over the observance of human rights by local authorities and internal affairs units.

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Commissioner's Regional coordinator for Public Relations in Ternopil region

Regional Coordinator of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights on Public Relations in Ternopil region started working

A Regional Coordinator of the Commissioner on Public Relations in Ternopil region became Mr. Volodymyr Shevchenko, the member of Association UMDPL. He will be dealing with issues in Ivano-Frankivsk region since the mandate of the regional coordinator includes not only the territory of the region he is operating in, but also the neighbouring regions not having coordinators.

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Prosecutor General's Office reacted on the submission of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights concerning the human rights violations during the protests in Cherkassy region

The submission of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights read there should be a comprehensive, objective and unbiased investigation of the facts of ill-treatment of police officers during the events on 23-27 January 2014 in Cherkassy nad that measures should be taken to bring the procedure of investigation of facts of tortures and ill-treatment in correspondence with the requirements of national legislation and practice of the European Court of Human Rights. From 11 to 15 March 2014 in Cherkassy together with a group of representatives of the Secretariat of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights there was an investigation also conducted by the regional coordinator of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Cherkassy region, the member of Association UMDPL Mr. Volodymyr Batchaev.

The answer of the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine reads that the criminal proceedings on the facts of abuse of power using tortures during the demonstrations in Cherkassy in January 2014 and prior false testimonies of police officers of the Department of MIA in Cherkassy region are investigated by an investigator of the department of the prosecutor's office in Cherkassy region. 51 person were proved victims part of whom during the investigation declared that police officers were tortured by law enforcement authorities.

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Analytics, useful materials



Scientific and practical issue "Human Rights in the Activity of Ukrainian Police – 2013"

Association UMDPL prepared and issued a scientific and practical issue "Human Rights in the Activity of Ukrainian

Police – 2913". This analytical report is a traditional annual review of the state of observance of human rights in the activity of Ukrainian police preparation of which was initiated by the Association UMDPL in 2008.

The issue is based on different sources of information – state statistics, departmental regulatory acts of MIA, results of sociological researches of civil organizations, materials of the All-Ukrainian monitoring campaign "Police Under Control", individual petitions of citizens and mass media information. It includes 14 sections covering such spheres of human rights as observance of the right to life, freedom and personal integrity, property rights, violence and ill-treatment, fight with corruption. Besides that, an important aspect stays the observance of Roma rights, rights of immigrants, drug addicts, internal affairs officers etc.

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"Conversation book for equal dialogue with an official of the State Migration Service" was published

Association UMDPL prepared a conversation book that includes answers to standard cliches of officials of the State Migration Service. Now there will no problems during the change of photograph in the passport, receiving of documents for travelling abroad, registration of place of residence etc. Knowing your rights, you will not be fooled and robbed by officials.

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News from the regions



Volodymyr Shevchenko became a member of the Civil council under the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine

Representative of Association UMDPL was included to the Civil Council under the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in Ternopil region

On 8 May 2014 in the building of the regional police representatives of civil organizations and private mass media held a constituent assembly to form the new Civil Council under the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine. Based on the submitted applications the initiative group formed the general list of participants of constituent assembly, among whom was the regional representative of Association UMDPL – Mr. Volodymyr Shevchenko..

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Volodymyr Batchaev offered MIA draft amendments aimed to increase the level of objectivity of consideration of petitions of citizens and quality of internal investigations

On 15 May, with the participation of the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine Mr. Arsen Avakov, there was a planned meeting of the Expert Council on the Observance of Human Rights and Reforming the Internal Affairs Authorities under the MIA of Ukraine. Among the participants was the regional coordinator of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Cherkassy region, a member of Association UMDPL Mr. Volodymyr Batchaev who presented to all the participants a draft aimed to increase the level of effectiveness of running internal investigations upon the information of citizens on violations of their rights by police officers. The expert council under the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine adopted the decision to support the offered package of changes, and the document package with offers (explanatory note and a comparative table) were submitted for consideration to the leadership of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine..

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Meeting of the Expert council

News from the regions



Yuriy Chumak told police officers about the electoral law

On 22 May 2014 the Head of Kharkiv Regional Center of Association UMDPL, the member of the Secretariat of Civil Council of the Directorate General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in Kharkiv region Mr. Yuriy Chumak delivered a lecture to the staff of Chuguiv District Police Station (covering Chuguiv and Pechenizkiy districts) on the role of the internal affairs authorities in the electoral process.

In his speech Yuriy Chumak drew special attention to the obligations and limitations of internal affairs officer in the electoral process set by the legislation, as well as told about the electoral procedures internal affairs officers are engaged in, and about the role of law enforcement officers in ensuring the observance of such procedures. At the end of the event he gave out a number of informational notes on electoral legislation prepared by human rights defenders.

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Regional department of police in Volyn region now has a Civil Council that includes the representative of Association UMDPL

An advisory body is comprised of representatives of 22 institutes of civil society. According to the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 3 November 2010 № 996 “On Ensuring Participation of civil society in formation and realization of state policy” delegates were chosen by open vote at the constituent assembly. The Head of the Civil Council became the representative of Volyn Center of Association UMDPL Mr. Anton Tsisaruk.

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Anton Tsisaruk became the Head of the Civil council under the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine

Other news



Report on the Activity of Organization for 2013

Association UMDPL published a report on its activity for 2013 that covers the most important moments of work, information on the main activities, projects and financing of organization.

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Association UMDPL launched the new website

The new website is an attempt to combine two main components – the information about the activity of the organization (upper menu) and the information on civil control over the activity of police (lower menu). In order to make the website more effective and user-friendly, we used new possibilities: blogs and tags system – which would let people find materials on different topics faster. Website includes “Event Announcement” section, projects of Association, enlarged library as well as a wide filter for materials etc.



Maryna Tsapok: “Officers of State Automobile Inspection, as before, “give money to Kyiv”.

“Gazeta po Kyivski” held an interview with the member of Association UMDPL Ms. Maryna Tsapok. Interview was about how a new police should look like after being reformed, about the elimination of the academies and universities of MIA, about renaming law enforcement authorities as well as about civil control.

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