

Civil Campaigns

Report on the results of monitoring campaign of the State Migration Service of Ukraine

Starting from 16 May 2014 there was an All-Ukrainian campaign of civil monitoring

of the quality of administrative services provision by departments of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) and the State Migration Service of Ukraine. The aim was to find out how comfortable it is for people to receive

a national passport, document for foreign travel etc. Upon the results of campaign a report was drawn up. You can learn and download it at the Association UMDPL website.

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A Round-table with representatives of State Migration Service



Results of the Round table «Administrative services of the State Migration Service – public opinion»

On 29 July 2014 at the Secretariat of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner of Human Rights was held a round table on «Administrative services of the State Migration Service of Ukraine – public

opinion». For almost three hours participants of a round table actively discussed the existing scheme of providing services to citizens at the State Migration Service based on the results of the All-Ukrainian campaign of monitoring of the quality of administrative services provision by this service which was conducted by the As-

sociation UMDPL. Raised were also issues concerning the role of the state enterprise «Document», strategic reforms in the sphere of administrative services provision and problems with receiving an interim ID by persons forcefully displaced from occupied territories.

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State migration service reacted to the report on public monitoring

During the round table that took place on 29 July 2014 on «Administrative services of the State Migration Service of Ukraine – public opinion», Ms. Tetiana Nikitina, Deputy Head of the State Migration Service promised to submit a letter to the Association UMDPL on the results of consideration of the monitoring report and measures taken based on it. A long awaited letter included the information on what measures were taken to eliminate violations detected during the monitoring.

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Monitoring campaign of administrative services provision by State Automobile Inspection conducted

From 7 to 20 July 2014 Association UMDPL conducted a second stage of the All-Ukrainian campaign of civil monitoring of the quality of administrative services provision by State Automobile Service.

Monitoring campaign was called to increase the transparency and accessibility of receiving given services as well as to increase the awareness of public with regard to their rights and obligations to receive them. Since without knowing procedures defined by the law, the order set to provide services and their real costs (because most of the time we trust officers and silently pay all the fees), citizens become victims of fraud and violations of their rights by officers of relevant structures.

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Monitoring campaign of the quality of administrative services provision by public order police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine started

Because of the situation in Ukraine, citizens actively buy weapons in order to protect themselves and their families. However there are numerous flaws in the

sphere of issuing permits to buy, keep and carry weapons as well as to registration, reregistration and provision of other administrative services by the Department for Public Security of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.

From 1 to 13 September 2014 Association of Ukrainian Monitors of Human

Rights Observance in Law Enforcement conducted the third stage of the All-Ukrainian monitoring campaign of the quality of administrative services provision by the Department for Public Security of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.

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International Activity

Human rights defenders discussed the report on human rights observance prepared by the OSCE mission

On 18-19 September 2014 in Warsaw the Executive Director of the Association UMDPL took part in the meeting of

Ukrainian human rights defenders with the representatives of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. A meeting was dedicated to the discussion of the report on human rights observance that was prepared upon the results of

the OSCE mission in March – April 2014 to Crimea and to the analysis of the current situation in Ukraine in the sphere of human rights and fundamental freedoms violations in the Eastern Ukraine.

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Law Enforcement Authorities Reform

Public Draft Law on Police was amended according to the results of public consideration

At the website of law enforcement authorities reform published was an amended version of the draft law «On Police and Police Activity», elaborated by experts of the working group on reforming law enforcement authorities. During three

months hundreds of proposals and comments from the experts of Ukraine and other countries were considered. Several working meetings were conducted, including meetings with officers of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine and the Secretariat of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights. The text of the draft law is, as before, open for comments because

the work on improvement continues parallel with advocacy for real and effective reforms of Ukrainian police.

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More about reforms of law enforcement authorities you can read at the following [website](#)

Educational activity



A training on monitoring police activity was held in Chernivtsi

On 18-20 July 2014 in Chernivtsi Association UMDPL held a training “Public monitoring of activity of internal affairs authorities of Ukraine”. During the training its participants learned about the structure and the system of police work, algorithms of public monitoring of activity of district police inspectors, patrol service, duty stations and State Automobile Inspection. Besides lectures and interactive conversations with independent analysis of the situation, a practical part was also foreseen – monitoring of patrol service and duty stations near the place where a training was held. This task is fulfilled by participants of the training by themselves using received knowledge and guides where the requirements to the activity of different police services and units are clearly stated.

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Cooperation with the Ombudsman

Regional coordinators of the Ombudsman on public relations



Ms. Valeriya Lutkovska: «Role of regional coordinators of the Commissioner in the situation the country is going through is hard to overestimate»

On 25-26 July 2014 there was a meeting of regional coordinators on public relations of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights during which presented was a report of Association UMDPL "Activity of regional Coordinators on Public Relations for August-December 2013". An Expert group of the Advisory council under the Commissioner provided recommendations concerning the organization of the work of regional coordinators.

Regional coordinator of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Cherkassy region continues to protect the rights of local «Euromaidan» participants

Regional coordinator of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Cherkassy region, a member of the Association UMDPL Mr. Volodymyr Batchaev held personal meetings with the prosecutor of Cherkassy region and deputy head of the Unit for informational and analytical provision of the Department of

The case of the commander of the 5th battalion of territorial defense «Prikarpatia» is under personal control of the Commissioner

Following the order of Ms. Valeriya Lutkovska the regional coordinator on public relations of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Odessa region Mr. Andriy Tolopilo visited

According to Valeriya Lutkovska, besides traditional functions, defined by the Memorandum on Cooperation between the Commissioner for Human Rights and the Association UMDPL, regional coordinators have functions of monitoring the observance of the rights of mobilized, military personnel and members of their families, temporary migrants, especially children deprived of parental care. Besides that, within the framework of the meeting there was a seminar on implementation of the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine.

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the Ministry of Internal Affairs. They discussed the closure of criminal proceedings against the citizen K., who in January 2014 was detained by police officers on suspicion of participation in the storming the Cherkassy regional state administration. Mentioned violation was immediately dismissed and from 25 August 2014 citizen K. received a certificate proving that he did not and does not have problems of criminal character.

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the commander of battalion «Prikarpatia» lieutenant colonel Mr. Vitalii Komar and checked the conditions of his detention in the pre-trial detention center of Odessa city as well as the state of his health. As a result, upon the request of the regional coordinator Mr. Vitalii Komar received help of professional psychologist.

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On the initiative of the Ombudsman activists of Association UMDPL were engaged to open proceedings on the fact of death of a resident of the city of Chernivtsi

As of 05 August 2014 the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights had under her personal control the information received from activists of Chernivtsi NGOs on the unlawful detention of a citizen D. by police officers on 21 July 2014 and infliction of bodily injuries to him.

On the initiative of the Commissioner and with the aim to provide for the transparency and objectivity of proceedings activists of NGOs were engaged, particularly, activists of Association UMDPL, Ternopil Human Rights Group and Bright Future for You.

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Mr. Volodymyr Batchaev: human rights during mobilization cannot be ignored because citizens go to protect their right to live according to the law

On 04 August there was a working meeting of the regional coordinator of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Cherkassy region, member of the Association UMDL Mr. Volodymyr Batchaev with a military commissioner of Cherkassy Regional Military Commissariat Mr. Yevhen Kurbet during which they considered the issue of observance of the rights of residents of the region during the third partial mobilization campaign. Main topics of the discussion were the categories of persons liable for military service, conditions and the order for their dismissal from mobilization, the role of local authorities in the mobilization processes, the necessity of a wide awareness raising campaign among the population on the aim and the order to conduct mobilization.

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Association UMDPL representatives teach police officers to observe human rights

Alla Lepekha, representative of Association UMDPL in Chernihiv region took part in the first training within the system of service preparation of personnel of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Chernihiv region. It was human rights and freedoms observance in today's circumstances that was discussed during the first training.

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Conversation with law enforcement officers about the national preventive mechanism

Activity of national preventive mechanism in Ukraine became the topic of additional training within the framework of the system of service preparation of law enforcement officers in Cherkassy region

On 12 August regional coordinator of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Cherkassy region, an Association UMDPL member Mr. Volodymir Batchaev held a training with personnel of the Temporary Holding Facility of the Pridniprovsk District Police Station of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in Cherkassy region on the topic «National Preventive Mechanism in Ukraine». [Read more](#)

Civil society together with representatives of the Ombudsman detected a number of flaws in the activity of the Dnipro and Darnitsa district police departments of the city of Kyiv

Representatives of the Department for the realization of the national preventive mechanism of the Secretariat of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights together

with public monitors of the «Center Social Action» NGO and the All-Ukrainian NGO «Association UMDPL» visited the fourth territorial police unit of the Dnipro and the First Territorial Police Unit of the Darnitsa district department of the Directorate General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in the city of Kyiv. During the monitoring visit they detected a number of flaws.

Recommendations of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights with regard to their elimination were sent to the leadership of the Ministry of Internal Affairs many times which shows the improper reaction of the leadership of the Ministry of Internal Affairs to the recommendations of the Commissioner. [Read more](#)



Regional coordinator of the Ombudsman in Poltava region

Coordinator on Public Relations of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Poltava region started her activity

Following the order concerning exercising civil control over the military organization and protection of rights of mobilized persons regional coordinator on public relations of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Poltava region Ms. Vera Yakovenko met with military commissar of Poltava regional of the military commissariat colonel Manzhos. During the meeting they discussed cooperation with regard to raising awareness of mobilized about their rights, planned lectures and working meetings.

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Representative of the Ombudsman in Kirovograd region trained police officers

Viktor Zhutchenia, a Regional coordinator on public relations of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, visited the first in this year training session of law enforcement officers within the system of service training in the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Kirovograd region. He talked to personnel of the Department about the functioning of the Institute of law in Ukraine, told about the tasks of certain authorities exercising control over the observance of human rights in law enforcement activity as well as about taking response measures in cases of detection of violations in this sphere. [Read more](#)

First class within the system of service training of officers of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in Chernihiv region was dedicated to human rights

At the beginning of September 2014 was held a first class within the system of service training with officers of the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in Chernihiv region. It was dedicated to human rights observance issues in the law enforcement. A member of Association of Ukrainian Monitors of Human Rights Observance in Law Enforcement, the Head of Civil Council under the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in Chernihiv region Ms. Alla Lepekha took part in the training.

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Regional coordinator of the Ombudsman in Odessa region

A member of Association UMDPL became a regional coordinator of the Ombudsman

Mr. Andriy Topolin, a member of Association UMDPL was appointed as the Regional Coordinator on Public Relations of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Odessa region. On 11 August he held a number of working meetings with the leadership of the Prosecutor's Office in Odessa region, Directorate General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in Odessa region as well as with the Governor of Odessa region during which they were informed of the mandate and tasks of the regional coordinator.

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The new academic year started in the Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Poltava region

Ms. Vera Yakovenko, an Association UMDPL member, the coordinator on public relations of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Poltava region was invited as a lecturer to the first training of police personnel which took place in the regional department. The first topic of the system of preparation for service became the requirements of the legislation of Ukraine and international legal acts with regard to observance of rights and freedoms of citizens, particularly concerning the preventive detentions of persons involved in terrorist activity in the region of the anti-terrorist operation as well as the decision of the European Court in the case «Livada v Ukraine».

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A lecture for police personnel in Poltava region

Representative of the Ombudsman checked the observance of rights of persons liable to military service



Alla Lepeha, Association UMDPL member, inspected the observance of rights of persons liable to military during the medical examination in Chernihiv region

Regional coordinator on public relations of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Chernihiv region, an Association UMDPL member Ms. Alla Leleha, together with the executive director of the Chernihiv civil committee on human rights Mr. Viktor Tarasov on 11 and 14 August 2014 conducted a monitoring visit to Chernihiv regional military commissariat. They met with the leadership of Chernihiv regional commissariat, learned the documents and materials regulating the mobilization process, conditions of running medical examinations.

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In Cherkassy city regional coordinator of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights controls the observance of rights of mobilized persons

During August 2014 regional coordinator on public relations of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Cherkassy region, a member of Association UMDPL Mr. Volodymir Batchaev visited Cherkassy regional and Cherkassy united city military commissariat with the aim to observe the rights of military liable persons mobilized to Armed Forces of Ukraine.

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Volodymir Batchaev controls observance of rights of recruits

Visit of the regional coordinator of the Ombudsman to the military hospital in the city of Poltava

Regional coordinator on public relations of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Poltava region Yakovenko V., following the order of the Commissioner, conducted a monitoring visit to the military hospital in the city of Poltava during which they talked to patients with regard to their legal rights and interests and provided individual consultations to the patients. Main issues that were discussed were security of social benefits of military personnel, status of a participant of military action and payments of one-time assistance in case of partial disability.

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Regional coordinator of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights took part in the meeting of the Consultative Council under the Prosecutor's Office in Cherkassy region

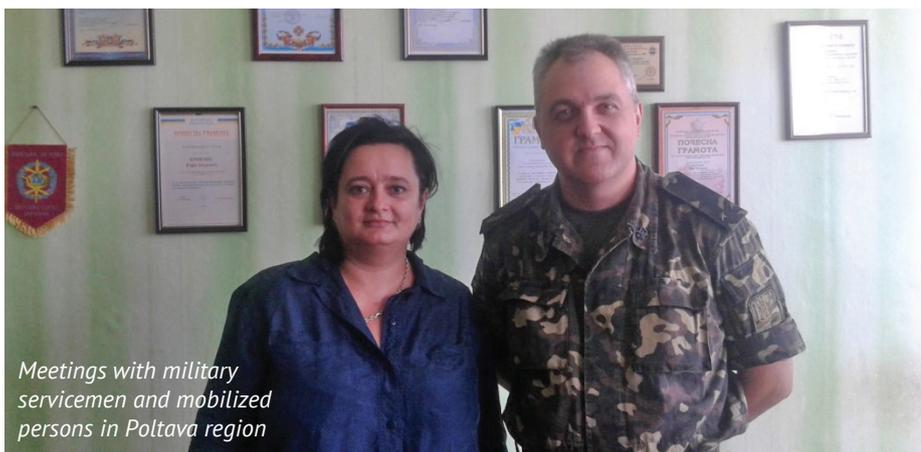
On 17 September representatives of civil society and officers of the prosecutor's office met again during the meeting of a Consultative council under the the Prosecutor's Office in Cherkassy region. This time they discussed the report of the prosecutor's office on investigation of cases of illegal detentions, beatings, property damage of citizens in Cherkassy during the mass protests in January-February 2014.

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Thanks to the intrusion of the regional coordinator of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights criminal proceedings on the fact of beating of a man by police officers were initiated

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Meetings with military servicemen and mobilized persons in Poltava region

Poltava coordinator of the Commissioner continues to hold meetings with military service personnel and mobilized persons

According to a separate order of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights concerning the prevention of human rights violations of mobilized persons, a coordinator on public relations of the Commissioner in Poltava region visited military base – Poliova poshta B 0213. During the visit she held a meeting with 128 mobilized persons who were passing relevant training at the military base.

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A training was conducted on “Investigations of human rights violations in cooperation with Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights”

On 29-30 August 2014 in the city of Kyiv was held a two-day training for regional representatives and coordinators on public relations of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, advocates, journalists and civil activists on «Investigations of human rights violations in cooperation with Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights». A trainer on this training was a head of the Unit of special proceedings of the Secretariat of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights Mr. Serhiy Shvets. All participants of the event received unique knowledge that will be used during special proceedings of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner.

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Participants of the training on investigations of human rights violations in cooperation with the Ombudsman

Members of Association UMDPL continue taking active part in the monitoring visits within the NPM framework

Regional coordinator on public relations of the Commissioner in Cherkassy region, a member of Association UMDPL Mr. Volodymyr Batchaev together with

public activists carried out a monitoring visit to Cherkassy regional psychiatric hospital in the city of Smila. Detected problems, flaws and recommendations with regard to their elimination will be submitted to the Ministry of Healthcare and the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine.

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Civil society controlled the state of observance of human rights in Odessa Pre-Trial Detention Center

Following the order of Ms. Valeriya Lutkovska a regional coordinator on public relations of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Odessa region, an Association UMDPL member, Mr. Andriy Topilo together with civil NPM monitor Ms. Iryna Bobrovnik conducted a monitoring visit to Odessa Pre-Trial Detention Center. During the monitoring its participants learned the conditions of detention of persons, the state of observance of their rights and freedoms. Upon the results of the monitoring the Commissioner for Human Rights prepares relevant acts of reaction.

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Monitoring of human rights observance in Odessa Pre-Trial Detention Center

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Coordinator of the Commissioner in Poltava region – cooperation with students-volunteers of Poltava institute of economics

Having responded to the call of the NPM concerning the necessity of calling to all places of detention in the anti-terrorist operation region and making a map of problems, Coordinator of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Poltava region in close cooperation with Poltava institute of economics and law created a volunteer group to solve the given task.

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Commissioner continues to control the observance of rights of mobilized persons and participants of the anti-terrorist operation

Following the order of Ms. Valeriya Lutkovska regional coordinator on public relations of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Odessa region, a member of the Association UMDPL Mr. Andriy Tolopilo

visited Milinovska, Kyiv and Primorsk district military commissariats of Odessa city.

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A meeting with the Coordinator on public relations of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights with the representatives of Poltava bar system

On 16 August in the building of Bar association of Poltava region during the seminar on skills improvement for bars and interns, regional coordinator on public relations of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in Poltava region Ms. Yakovenko Vira held a lecture on “NPM in the Ombudsman+ system”.

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Analytics, useful materials

Mr. Volodymir Batchaev: “MIA reform: without stopping hopeless efforts. Part 1”

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Ms. Zlata Shvets: “Money in the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine: secret or public information?”

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Ms. Uliana Shavets: “A way to ideal in the system of law enforcement authorities”

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News from the regions

A member of Association UMDPL visited the stationary unit of the territorial center for social services

On 24 July 2014 a member of Association UMDPL Mr. Yuriy Chumak together with the representative of the Department for the realization of the national preventive mechanism of the Secretariat of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights Ms. Iryna Serhienko visited the stationary unit of the Chuguiv district territorial center for social services (social services provision). They inspected the conditions of living, nutrition, level of medical treatment of clients of the center living there.

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Representative of Association UMDPL took part in discussion of issues concerning the creation of the Service for Financial Investigations of Ukraine

The Head of Kharkiv regional center of the Association UMDPL, the President of the Center for Legal and Political Researches “DUMA” Mr. Yuriy Chumak took part in the discussion held by representatives of institutes of civil society, business schools and the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine. He raised the topic about excessive mandate of the future Service, which can lead to abuse of office and corruption, and stressed on the necessity to provide for the acting mechanism of public control over the activity of the newly created law enforcement structure.

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The Head of Kharkiv regional center of Association UMDPL became the Deputy of Chuguiv city council

On 17 August 2014 in Chuguiv of Kharkiv region held were the midterm elections of a deputy to the city council in connection with the death of the deputy Mr. Mykola Lobanov. According to the results of elections people elected Mr. Yuriy Chumak, one of the experts of Association UMDPL. He received 46,6% of votes.

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Other news



New Head of the Board – Viktor Zhuchenia

Greetings to the new members of the leading bodies of Association UMDPL!

On 30 August 2014 Association UMDPL held the general assembly where members and the head of the board, members of the revision commission were elected along with the new members of the organization. Besides that, discussed was the future work of Association UMDPL, particularly the work of the regional centers. The Head of the Board became Viktor Zhuchenia. Newly elected board members became: Ms. Alla Lepekha, Viacheslav Svirets, Yuriy Chumak, Volodymir Shevchenko. Revision commission: Andriy Tolopilo, Yuriy Frankiv, Vira Yakovenko.

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Blogging at the Association UMDPL website

Association UMDPL offers an interesting possibility – to blog at the [website](#).

Give your ideas, share your thoughts and useful information on police activity with a wide audience of our readers (each day the Association UMDPL website is visited by 1000-2000 people)! Besides that, a blog is a wonderful possibility to find associates and necessary resources!

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«The most pleasant thing is when on the question «Who are you?» you answer «We are the citizens of Ukraine...»

Yulia Palagniuk, the activist of the all-ukrainian monitoring campaign of police, conducted by the Association UMDPL, at her own experience saw the strength of public control and shared the emotions about it.

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Press-conference «War is not the reason for dictatorship: human rights defenders warn of the danger of «12 August laws»

On 15 August 2014 there was a press-conference where human rights defenders were talking about the danger of laws and draft laws adopted on 12 August 2014 because those acts are violating national and international norms of legislation. Ms. Maryna Tsapok, an Association UMDPL expert, took part in the event.

Particularly, the draft law №4310a gives police officers the right to apply force without warning, use impact munition and weapons in the region of anti-terrorist operation. Such a decision can lead to injuries to life and health of people not involved in terrorist activity.

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Press-conference «War is not the reason for dictatorship»

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