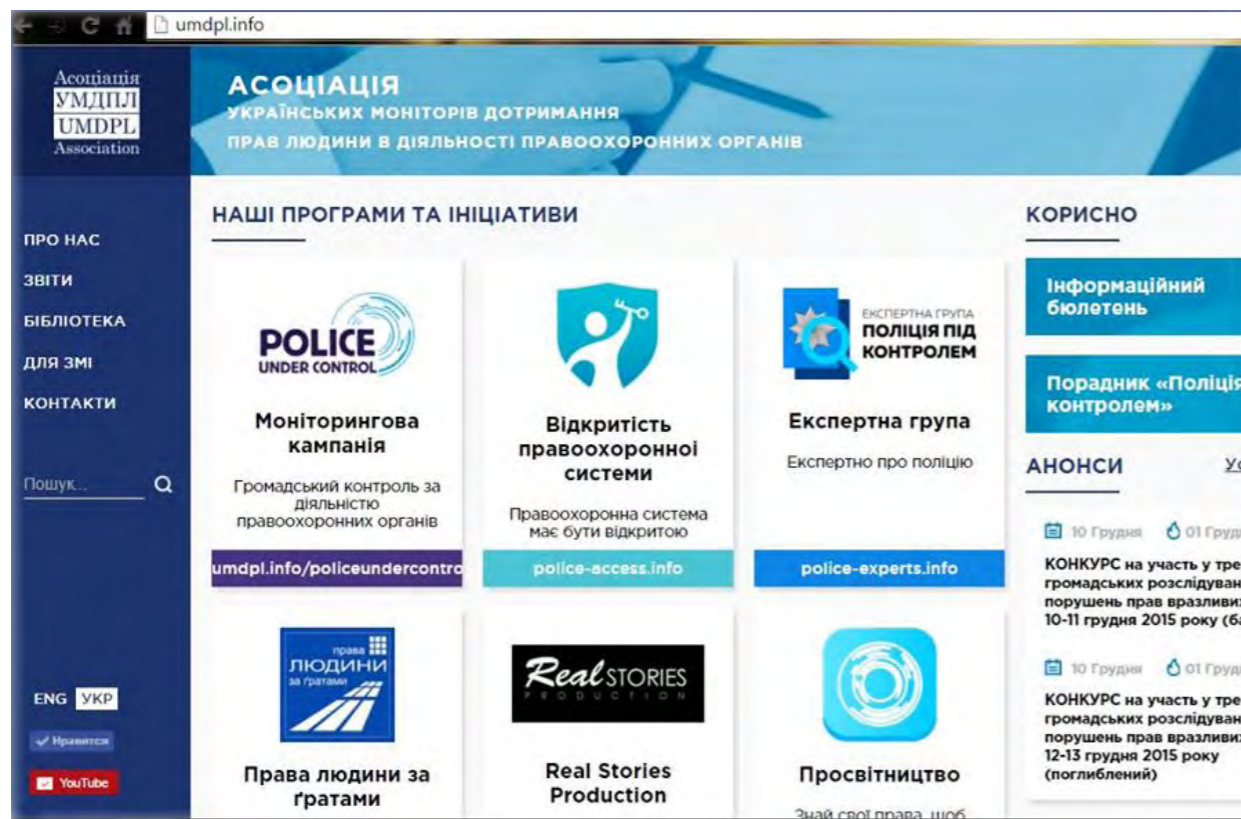


The Association UMDPL launched a new representative website. Now one only needs to click on one out of six independent programs and initiatives to find more useful and topical information in the sphere of human rights observance in law enforcement (umdpl.info).

We provide an expert analysis of all topical events in Ukraine connected with police reform and law enforcement authorities' activity. Do you want to learn more about human rights violations by law enforcement officers, informational rights, civil control, monitoring visits to police units, animated and documentary movies on human rights, listen to an expert opinion?



Then regularly visit our Internet site. Here you will find only quality information and independent evaluations of law enforcement actions and activity.

In order to reach and implement its strategic goals the Association UMDPL conducts six programs, within the framework of which the organization will perform its main functions:

- “Education” (umdpl.info/knowyourrights),
- “Openness of the Law Enforcement System” (police-access.info),
- “Real Stories Production” (realstoriesproduction.com),
- “Human Rights behind Bars” (umdpl.info/placesofdetention),
- Monitoring campaign “Police under Control” (umdpl.info/policeundercontrol),
- Expert Group “Police under Control” (police-experts.info).

Vadym Pyvovarov took part in the 5th transfer of convicts from the Non-Government Controlled Area

On 19 April 20 persons were transferred from the non-government controlled area under the Ukrainian jurisdiction. Mr. Vadym Pyvovarov, the Executive Director of the Association UMDPL took part in this transfer. The Association UMDPL together with Real Stories Production prepared a video report about the transfer of prisoners.

[Watch video under this link](#)



► AWARENESS RAISING ACTIVITY

Series of trainings on preparation of civil monitors of police activity started

A first such training took place on 24-26 June 2016 in Dnipro city.

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A School on Observance of Informational Rights “Open Police” was held

Among the participants of the School were officers of legal units of the Department of Patrol Police and Departments of Patrol Police in cities from all around Ukraine. The aim of the School was to improve law enforcement officers’ knowledge of international practices and Ukrainian legislation in the sphere of informational rights, particularly to give more information about access to public information and personal data protection.

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Participants of a first school on informational rights observance

► ANALYTICS, USEFUL MATERIALS

Education

Association UMDPL published a practical advisor “Pocket Attorney”

Please be informed that there is a new version of a practical advisor “Pocket Attorney”. There you can find basic recommendations on how to behave with police officers in different life situations, protect oneself of their arbitrariness and solve issues in a legal manner. Everyone can receive the brochure free of charge.

[Read more](#)



Monitoring of places of detention

Association UMDPL published two guidebooks on monitoring places of detention of the National Police of Ukraine and of the State Penitentiary Service of Ukraine

Guidebooks were elaborated by experts of the Department for the Realization of the National Preventive Mechanism of the Secretariat of Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, experts of Association UMDPL to be used by monitors of the national preventive mechanism during visits to relevant institutions. Besides that, guidebooks can be useful to anyone who monitors activity of state authorities, particularly law enforcement authorities.

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[Monitoring human rights observance in territorial units of the National Police of Ukraine \(within the realization of NPM mechanism\)](#)

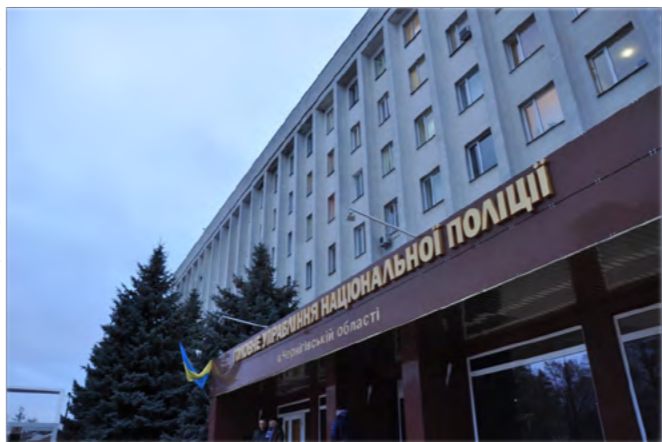


[Monitoring human rights observance in penitentiary institutions \(within the realization of the NPM mechanism\)](#)

Open police

Where the Directorate General of the National Police in Chernihiv region fails?

Representatives of Association UMDPL were trying to find an answer to this question within the program “Openness of Law Enforcement System”. In cooperation with the representative of the Secretariat of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights they conducted a monitoring visit to the Directorate General of the National Police in Chernihiv region. The visit helped detect a number of violations of observance of the right to access public information.



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Is the National Police open to journalists?



Tetiana Honcharuk

While working on her next article, a journalist Tetiana Honcharuk addressed to the Department for Communications of the National Police. In the end – “day-to-day speaking” with press-service of police allowed to detect substantial systemic problems in the work of the institution, that are not noticeable at the first glance. One of such problems is legally unregulated issue with requests from mass media which threatens human rights observance by the National Police of Ukraine.

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Will Ukraine have community based policing?

Thoughts of Uliana Shadska, the head of the program “Openness of Law Enforcement System” regarding the effectiveness of cooperation between the population and law enforcement officers.

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Attestation of police

Attestation of police officers has almost failed: three ways to solve the problem

Members of Association UMDPL continue working in attestation commissions on different levels. Article presents three ways to solve the problem with attestation of police officers – radical, moderate and optimal. The latter means reorganization of a criminal block and conducting attestation of this block on a legal basis which looks better for us considering the long-term consequences and results.

[Read more](#)

Expert comments regarding the grounds for court abolishing of police attestation results

Article provides a detailed analysis of administrative courts decisions that ruled to renew in their positions those officers who were fired based on results of the attestation. Taking into consideration the existence of a big number of similar litigations from fired after failed attestation police officers, some of the provisions of the reasoning of the above mentioned court decisions can become sort of unofficial example for courts all around the country when considering such disputes.

[Read more](#)

A right to privacy

Expert comments regarding a request of the Department for Combating Illegal Drug Trafficking of 19 May 2016 (on illegal formation of database of drug-dependent persons)

This article analyses a well-known request of the Department for Combating Illegal Drug Trafficking to a Drug Addiction Treatment Facility and gives answers to the following questions:

- Can police, particularly the Department for Combating Illegal Drug Trafficking request such information?
- Was the request duly formulated, if police, particularly the Department for Combating Illegal Drug Trafficking can request such information?
- Can police, particularly the Department for Combating Illegal Drug Trafficking, form databases (data banks) using the requested information?

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A personal inspection and visual inspection: expert analysis

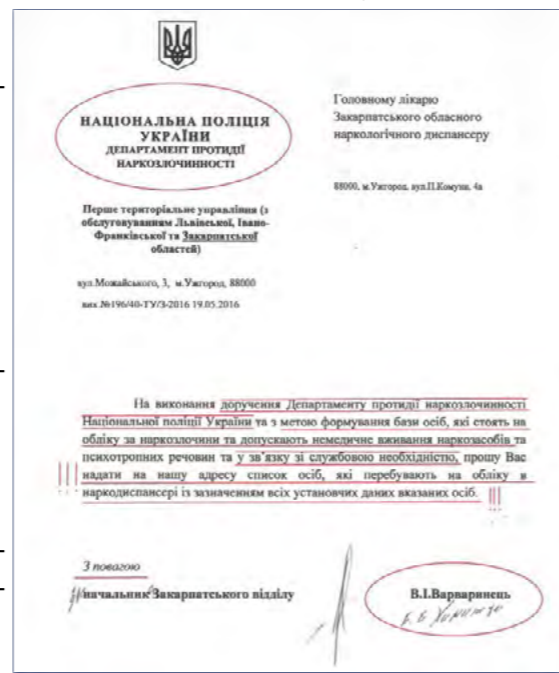
Ukrainian legislation includes five terms referring to one institute of personal search. What is the difference between a personal inspection, search, visual inspection etc.? This article gives a detailed information about the institute of personal search, it explains the difference between these two terms and procedures as well as provides analysis of the institute of surface inspection.

[Read more](#)

Chest camera (video recorder) of a patrol officer: legal regulation and violation of the right to privacy

This article covers the following range of issues: legal regulation for video recorders and problems connected with them, violation of a right to privacy, ways to solve a problem, recommendations for the National Police.

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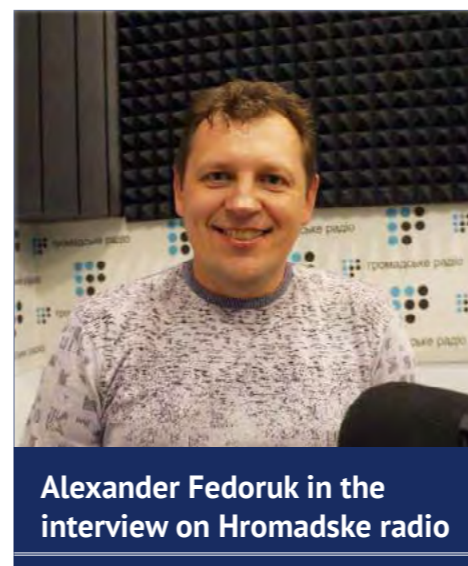


Other topics

Presented was a scientific and practical issue on human rights observance in the activity of militia/police in 2015

Annually the Association UMDPL analyses and generalizes the state of human rights observance in the activity of Ukrainian police (until 07 November 2015 - militia), providing a comprehensive picture of human rights and freedoms violations. Such analysis is formed into a scientific and practical issue published since 2008.

[Read more](#)



Alexander Fedoruk in the interview on Hromadske radio

How a penitentiary service will be reformed? An interview with an expert of the Association UMDPL for Hromadske radio

Head of the Program “Human Rights behind Bars” Alexander Fedoruk in the studio of Hromadske radio. Topic for discussion: How a penitentiary service will be reformed?

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► OTHER NEWS

Association UMDPL elaborated a Strategic plan of organizational development for 2016-2018

Association UMDPL held a working meeting during which a Strategic plan of its activity for the next three years was elaborated. The work on its elaboration has started almost a year ago and has been carried out together by the members of organization and central office staff.

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A representative of Association UMDPL took part in discussion of an idea of conducting a national poll about human rights in Ukraine

In 2016 for the first time in the history of Ukraine there will be human rights base line study – a national poll on how Ukrainians understand human rights.

To discuss the concept of future research on 24 May in the UNDP Ukraine office there was a brainstorming event “Human Rights in Ukraine: starting point”.

[Read more](#)



Participants of a brainstorming event on conducting a poll about human rights in Ukraine

Association UMDPL started working on a documentary film “Life in Prison”

Filming was done within the framework of the program “Human Rights behind Bars” which launched its new project with a working title “Life in Prison”. It has an educational goal – give a wide range of people an information on the activity of penitentiary institutions, pre-trial detention centers and life of people kept in there.

[Read more](#)



Work on filming a documentary movie “Life in Prison”



Coordination meeting of civil monitors

A coordination meeting of civil monitors “Police under Control” was held in Kyiv

On 23 April a Coordination meeting of civil monitors within the framework of the Association UMDPL program “Monitoring campaign “Police under Control”” was held in Kyiv. From all over Ukraine came its participants to discuss a joint cooperation and define further plan of actions in the context of how to evaluate the level and quality of work of police units as well as how civil monitors can improve their skills by improving their work.

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A program “Openness of Law Enforcement System” celebrated its first anniversary

One year ago wanting to improve the level of openness of law enforcement authorities and promote building a new system of relations between law enforcement officers and population, Association UMDPL launched a program “Openness of Law Enforcement System”. During the first year of Program activity lots of things were done.

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