

Comments and recommendation to the national report

Information Group on Crimes against the Person during monitoring of a situation with human rights in Ukraine revealed the following regular human rights violations committed by authorities of Ukraine and nationalist radical groups supported by them.

- 1). The authorities of Ukraine accepted a number of the documents having discrimination character in relation to the whole national groups. Here enter as the laws adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, in particular the Package of laws on "decommunization", and resolutions and instructions accepted by executive bodies, such as the Rules of work of media accepted in 2014 and bans on import and the distribution of literature which is regularly released by SBU.
- 2). Authorities of Ukraine regularly violate the rights of citizens for obtaining information, namely, oppositional media and journalists are pursued, under cover-ups broadcasting to territories of Ukraine of the Russian TV channels is forbidden. A number of oppositional journalists were forced to leave the country.
- 3). The rights of citizens for religious liberty are regularly violated, priests and parishioners of initial Ukrainian Orthodox Church are exposed to prosecution and pressure from groups of the radical nationalists supported by representatives of authorities. In 3 last years we recorded at least 34 attempts by an arson of cult buildings of Ukrainian Orthodox Church, more than 34 cases of attacks on priests, at least 5 priests died.
- 4). Representatives of opposition are regularly attacked from groups of radical nationalists. Here armed attacks, beatings, dispersal of meetings and demonstrations, captures and arsons of offices and buildings belong. It occurs with the actual connivance of authorities. Crimes, perfect are not investigated by nationalists. Still there are no results of investigation of death of people during the Euromaidan events on February 18-21, 2014 during which 77 people of activists of Euromaidan and about 20 militiamen died. There is no investigation of an arson of the building of the Trade Unions Building in Odessa on May 2, 2014 as a result of which more than 40 people died. These are only the loudest cases.
- 5). The group established existence in Ukraine of illegal detention centers of citizens. Both places of illegal arrest in the anti-terrorist operation zone, and pre-trial detention centers of SBU to which citizens get on suspicion of separatism and the anti-Ukrainian activity concern to them. Only through the pre-trial detention center of SBU in Kharkiv on ours given in recent years there passed over 3000 people, more than 800 of them still illegally are kept by the Ukrainian intelligence agencies.

Recommendation

The given facts testify to the catastrophic situation which developed with realization of basic rights and freedoms of the person in the territory of Ukraine. In this regard the Group of information on crimes against the personality recommends:

- 1) To repeal the discrimination laws adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. To provide legislative protection of basic rights and freedoms of citizens, to impose liability for their violation. To cancel the violating basic human rights of the resolution of executive authorities, to provide accountability guilty of their acceptance.
- 2). To stop prosecution of members of the media, including oppositional. To lift the ban on broadcasting of a number of foreign TV channels. To provide realization of the right of citizens of Ukraine for an open entry to information.
- 3). To stop prosecution of initial Ukrainian Orthodox Church. To stop support of the radical groups which are carrying out prosecution on faiths to a nose to a sign. To provide realization of the right of citizens of Ukraine for religious liberty.
- 4). To make fair investigation of all cases of attacks on representatives of opposition. In particular the crimes committed during Euromaidan on February 18-21, 2014 and during the Trade Unions Building arson in Odessa on May 2, 2014.
- 5.) To close places of illegal detention of citizens. To make investigation and identifications guilty of their creation. To provide compensation to the citizens injured with the conclusion.
- 6). To the international organizations. To provide control of performance by the authorities of Ukraine of points given above.