



CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

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New victims of Berkut riot police in Kyiv: at least 11 people injured, including journalists and MPs Foreign diplomats condemn the use of violence

January 10, 2014 - the clashes between Berkut riot police and protestors renewed when Svyatoshyn district court in Kyiv pronounced a guilty verdict to the “Vasylkiv terrorists” with 6 years in prison. Three people were arrested in 2011 and accused of preparing fall of the power, while people community believes this case fabricated by the police. Read more about the case (in Ukrainian) here <http://goo.gl/AHbRtB>

During the court hearings, more than a hundred people came together to support the accused. After the verdict was read, police and protesters clashed inside the courthouse before demonstrators outside blocked the police bus in which the convicts were transported. The riot police reacted by brutally pushing people off and beating them with truncheons. Three journalists and two MPs were injured by the riot police. In an hour thousands of people arrived to the place of conflict resulting in quantity domination vs. police. The activists forced the riot policemen, who were beating the protestors, to remove their masks and have their faces photographed before letting them out safe. See photos and the video from the clash here <http://goo.gl/CES3Fj> and here <http://goo.gl/fUOn2U>
Read more in English at <http://goo.gl/HWYm8Q>

Former Minister of the Interior, Yuri Lutsenko, was injured and taken to a hospital for an intensive treatment. He was severely beaten while trying to intervene to stop the police from attacking the protestors. Read more at <http://goo.gl/pVLcWQ>

As of January 12, four out of seventeen people, who requested medical help after the clash, continue to be hospitalized.

Read more at <http://goo.gl/9HrfxO>

The U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, Geoffrey R. Piatt, the Foreign Minister of the U.K. David Livington and other western diplomats and politicians have condemned the use of violence by the riot police on January 10. Read more at <http://goo.gl/0iRqKr>

Repressions against Maidan activists reach the unprecedented level The regime uses violence and legal prosecution to frighten the activists

January 8, 2014 - the unidentified severely beat the activist of the Dnipropetrovsk Maidan Igor Mashkevych with a metal pipe. Igor's legal defender claims that the police refused to visit the crime scene.

More information can be found at <http://goo.gl/ouIUBi>

Activists of “AutoMaidan” (Kyiv) - a group of activists conducting protest car rallies and convoys –received notifications to come to the Prosecutors office for interrogation. One of them, Vladyslav Lysenko, 8.01.14 has been banned from driving for 6 months. Activists claim this is a tactic of intimidation used by the law-enforcement.

Read more and see video at <http://goo.gl/tqzfhS>

Prosecutor General's Office in Kyiv, demanding to stop prosecution of peaceful protestors.

Read more at <http://goo.gl/wIk2Q4>

Three young people – Oleh Brovko, Inna Grigoryan and Anatoly Shynkaruk - who have not been seen since the violent dispersing by Berkut riot police of peaceful protestors on Nov 30 are probably not alive.

Since peaceful protests started on, 15 activists were beaten in different circumstances, 45 private cars were set on fire, 21 MPs were beaten, more than 100 activists became suspects in various criminal cases.

The updated information about the repressions against the Maidan activists, gathered by the EuroMaidan SOS legal aid initiative, can be found at

<http://goo.gl/RKgnyV>

January 8, 2014 - Activists held protest actions near the

EuroMaidans of Ukraine – Unite!

The Forum of Maidan representatives from all over Ukraine was held in Kharkiv despite provocations

The Forum of Maidan representatives was held from January 11 to 12, 2014 in Kharkiv, region centre in the eastern Ukraine. The aim of the Forum was to establish horizontal cooperation for further national actions. Forum gathered 45 delegations - each representing local EuroMaidan, 125 delegates and over a hundred Ukrainian and international observers.

The resolution of the Forum declared that the participating regional activist groups will form a grassroots network, which will support each other and will become a platform for communications. The Forum delegates have formed seven working groups on actions planning, information, civic education, legal protection, culture etc. Working within groups delegates developed an action plan for the next month.

The Forum has been held despite many provocations. The participants, prevented from

gathering in 8 locations confirmed previously, finally found shelter in the building of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and in the offices of local human rights NGOs. However, windows have been broken, lights went off, and criminal gangs tried to impede the work of the activists. Read more at <http://goo.gl/TTb1qS> and see photos and the video at <http://goo.gl/YY0lgL>.

Olga Halabala, one of the coordinators of Civic Sector of EuroMaidan said: **“Maidan will support a candidate for Presidency who will publicly declare his or her commitment to implement the “REANIMATION PACK” suggested by the people – a combination of political measures and reforms, which will enable the system’s change.”**

Read the complete article at <http://goo.gl/rtPNbU>

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All-Ukrainian boycott of the brands and goods produced by the companies owned by the members of the Party of Regions.

People of Ukraine start the economic blockade of the bloody regime of Yanukovich

Boycott the businesses of the Party of Regions!

MP Lesia Orobets appeals to foreign businessmen and bankers to stop shaking hands with politicians and businessmen from the Party of Regions. Read the statement at <http://goo.gl/sA1jok>

Ukrainian diaspora in Portugal calls on the Ukrainian communities all over the world to “react immediately on the presence of the Party of Regions” in their country and to inform the local media about their affiliations with the authoritarian regime of Yanukovich”. Read more (Eng.) at <http://goo.gl/PXvNkZ>

People all over Ukraine started to boycott the brands and goods produced and owned by the representatives of the Party of Regions. The actions called “Do not feed the bloody regime” have been held in Kyiv and Lviv near the shops and companies belonging to the Party of Regions businessmen.

Join the action group on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LvivBoycott/> <https://www.facebook.com/BoycotteInUkraine>

Tetyana Chornovol: I have been beaten because of Viktor Yanukovych

The activists accuse the police in impeding the investigation of Chornovol's case

January 8, 2014 - a well-known EuroMaidan activist and journalist Tetyana Chornovol gave her first big interview after she was severely beaten on December 25, 2013.

In the interview, Tetyana reveals the details of the attack. She talks about the people, who are responsible for giving order to beat her. She claims: ***“For the last three years, I have been working against the only person – Viktor Yanukovych. All the other people got into my investigations only because they belonged to his team or acted in the interest of his family. I have only one suspicion - I have been beaten because of Viktor Yanukovych. I was on his “black list.”***

Read the whole text of the interview (in Ukrainian) and watch the video at <http://goo.gl/YIGw5L>

Chornovol suggests that there were personal reasons for the attack, that she had taken several steps “which irritated him [Yanukovych] personally and members of his family. This concerns his residence”. She suspects the Minister of the Interior, Vitaliy

Zakharchenko, in implementing the will of Yanukovych. Read more at <http://goo.gl/sf7yKV>

Mykola Berezovy, the husband of Tetyana Chornovol, has described as misleading statements by the Ukrainian Health Ministry that his wife can be discharged from the hospital. He said that she remains in a grave condition. Read more at <http://goo.gl/x5ELGj>

On January 8, Euromaidan activists were protesting near the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Health demanding to make complete investigation of the attack on Chornovol.

Video is available at <http://goo.gl/YGUGFG>

The U.S. government is to act firmly against the Ukrainian state officials, responsible for the use of violence

The detailed money laundering schemes of Yanukovych and his family have been revealed by experts

On January 7, 2014, the U.S. Congress has adopted the resolution on Ukraine. The resolution states that, ***“in the event of further state violence against peaceful protestors, the President and Congress should consider whether to apply targeted sanctions, including visa bans and asset freezes, against individuals responsible for ordering or carrying out the violence”***.

See a full text of the resolution issued by the U.S. Congress at <http://goo.gl/LgFST0>

Additionally, on January 15, 2014, the U.S. Senate committee will hold the hearings on the current situation in Ukraine. The key spokesperson at the meeting will be the Deputy

U.S. Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs Victoria Nuland, who has submitted the list of names of the Ukrainian officials against whom to impose personal sanctions. This hearing is scheduled to be webcast live.

See more at <http://goo.gl/j7Mu9Q>

For the detailed information about the illegal financial assets of Viktor Yanukovych and his “family,” visit the website: <http://yanukovich.info/>. The experts from the Anticorruption Action Centre have investigated the money laundering schemes of Yanukovych and his business partners.

EuroMaidan protestors – who are they and what do they want?

Social portrait of EuroMaidan, the outcomes of the survey conducted by Dr. Olga Onuch (University of Oxford)

Discussing the role of social media in the protests, the authors argue that *“social media and Internet sites seem to be crucial in providing new information about, as well as the language of, protest, which protest participants can employ and make their own once they join their friends and family members on the streets”*

Read more at <http://goo.gl/haKB9e>

Serhii Kvit, President of the National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy” explains the origins of the phenomenon of the Ukrainian Maidan as *“a place for discussing and solving problems that are significant for every member of the community”* and discusses the future of Ukrainian peaceful protests.

Read more at <http://goo.gl/KEsg2M>

People at the EuroMaidan held an action called “Ukraine Says Thank You to the World!” for the solidarity and support



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