



# REVIEW OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SEPARATE AREAS OF LUHANSK AND DONETSK OBLASTS

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In January 2017 in the regions of Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts controlled by armed groups of so-called “LNR” and “DNR” another facts of of human rights abuses were revealed: illegal arrests of pro-Ukrainian citizens and sentencing detainees, obstruction of the activities of international organizations, the involvement of schoolchildren and students into propagandistic activities, creation of parallel legal system – all of those violations of human rights and freedoms, which became for the people living in the so-called “republics” a part of everyday life.

## 1. Illegal arrests and detentions

In January, in the so-called “LNR” and “DNR” several illegal detention of civilians were committed.

January 1st, 2017, arrested 62-year-old Serhiy Vlasenko, was arrested. He hung yellow-blue ribbons with “Ukraine is over all” slogan on them in the courtyard of his house on 44 Lenina Street. The report of the “Sverdlovsk - you must know it” of social network “VKontakte” says that Sergey Vlasenko was arrested on suspicion of “treason” and “espionage” in favor of Ukraine.

January 2nd at the “Gnutovo” checkpoint on the Ukrainian border area that is controlled by illegal armed groups of “DNR”, the staff of so-called “Border Service of DNR” 16-year-old local person of Donetsk city, Valeria Mazurenko was detained. As the “DNR” media reported, Mazurenko tried to smuggle “the stickers of extremist and banned in DNR groups and literature of propagandistic orientation of “Azov” Volunteer Battalion to conduct agitation on the territory of republic.” Later, she was released, but in exchange for the freedom they required to give video testimony that were needed to militants of the “DNR”. Later Valeria noted that the video has been filmed several times, she was forced to utter negative text prepared beforehand about the fighters from “Azov”. “On many videos I said nonsense, that I was asked to say in exchange for freedom” - told the girl on the video, which she placed on her page on the Vkontakte social network.

January 10th, 2017 “DNR military tribunal” has sentenced a citizen of Ukraine Oleg Chulga detained in February 2015, to 11 years in prison “for spying for Ukrainian security officials.” “The Military Tribunal of the Donetsk People’s Republic passed a sentence, according to which Chulga O.N. is guilty of an offense under Art. 321 Criminal Code of the DNR and sentenced to imprisonment for 11 years.” According to so-called “Ministry of State Security of DNR” in the course of investigative and operational measures, it was found that Chulga in 2014 assisting the militants of DNR in Slavyansk, was recruited by the SBU officers (State Security Service of Ukraine).

## 2. Obstruction of the activity of the international organizations

January 26th, 2017 at “Novotroitskoe” checkpoint 25 trucks with humanitarian aid from the humanitarian organization “Regional Office of UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine” were denied to pass to the territory controlled by illegal armed groups of the “DNR”. As explained by the “head of the Interministerial Committee for the Accreditation of humanitarian missions”, “Chairman of the People’s Council” Denis Pushylin, the cause of the denial of pass was “technical problems with the documentation.”



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### 3. Creation of parallel legal system, advocacy, notaries, courts

On the territory controlled by illegal armed groups of “LNR” and “DNR”, so-called “powers” continue to inform local people and the world public about the activities of their “public bodies”. It should be noted that this activity has no legal force and is only aimed at demonstrating the so-called “statehood in ORDLO”.

So, during the visit of the delegation of “LNR” to the temporarily occupied Crimea in connection with the celebration of the 363rd anniversary of Pereyaslavskaya Rada, held from 16th to 20th of January 2017, the Director of Ltd “Luhansk regional administration of bus stations” Vladimir Gerasimchuk signed the contract with representatives of the Crimean transport companies on cooperation in the field of passenger transportation. The “LNR” Media reported that this contract would solve the problem of illegal traffic.

January 6th, 2017 the “deputies” of so-called “LNR People’s Council” examined and adopted in the second reading the bill “On the Fundamentals of Urban Development”. One of the deputies of the “People’s Council”, said “the adoption of this law is due to the need to determine the legal, economic, social and institutional framework of urban planning activities in the Republic.”

January 20th, 2017, “MPs of the DNR” and representatives of “ministries” and “departments” supported the proposal of the “Ministry of Transport” on accession to international agreements ADR, in particular, the Agreement on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. As noted by the “deputies DNR”, “will be prepared by an appeal to the Head of the Republic of Accession unilaterally to international treaties.” (ADR - agreement of European states on the international carriage of dangerous goods.)

### 4. Compulsion to membership in the “social” organizations and participation in the “patriotic” and “social” actions of “L / DNR”

In January, as it was in previous months, rallies and mass meetings took place at the initiative of the leaders of the illegal armed groups. According to published photos and videos, as well as the testimony of local residents, there were attracted mostly schoolchildren, students, pensioners, workers of budgetary organizations and businesses. “The powers” use these events as a propaganda tool.

The “LNR” media reported that in January 2017 in the cities located on the territory controlled by illegal armed “LNR” groups, the action “1000 days contrary to” was held, it was dedicated to the thousandth day of the anti-terrorist operation in eastern Ukraine. As the analysis of photos and videos shows local people of retirement age, schoolchildren and students were employed at the action.

January 22, the leaders of “DNR” in Donetsk held a rally-requiem dedicated to the anniversary of the tragedy at Bosse close to “Dongormash plant” public transport stop. From the photos and videos posted in the “DNR” media, we can conclude that pensioners, students and schoolchildren were attracted to this meeting.

As you know, two years ago thr “Dongormash Plant” public transport stop (“Bosse”) in Donetsk, Leninsky district, came under fire from mortars of 82 mm caliber (3 km firing range). So-called “DNR” authorities blamed the Ukrainian military for death of 13 civilians.

It should be noted that these and other public events are contain a message of inciting hatred and aggression against the Ukrainian government, security forces, residents of other regions of Ukraine, as well as to those who left uncontrolled territories.