



REVIEW OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN OCCUPIED DONETSK AND LUHANSK REGIONS

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Illegal arrests, detentions and restriction of freedom of movement

In June, 2018, the new facts of human rights violations were identified in certain districts of Luhansk and Donetsk regions, controlled by the armed groups of so-called “LPR” and “DPR”: illegal detentions, restrictions of freedom of movement of civilians, obstruction of the activities of international organizations, involvement of schoolchildren into the events with propagandistic aims, coercion of the residents of so-called «LPR» and «DPR» to join «civil society organizations», development of parallel legal system and violation of property rights. Unfortunately, all these human rights violations have become a «norm» for residents of the territories of so-called «people’s republics».

1. Illegal arrests, detentions and restriction of freedom of movement

The occupation government of the Russian Federation in occupied Luhansk and Donetsk regions limits the freedom of movement via so-called «curfew» at night time. At the same time, raids are periodically conducted to identify «offenders». Thus, 499 people were detained for [June 15th-17th](#), 400 - for [June 9th-10th](#), 343 - for [June 2nd-3rd](#) and 365 for [June 23rd-24th](#) for “violating the curfew” during the “Night city” police operation.

A student of the Vinnitsa University, who was illegally held by the so-called «law enforcement agencies» of the occupation administration of the Russian Federation in occupied Luhansk, was released by [the Security Service of Ukraine \(SBU\)](#). The information about arrests of young people was published in our report (August 2017): a criminal case was opened in occupied Lugansk against three 18-year-olds persons, who raised the Ukrainian flag of Ukraine near the Building 1 of former East Ukrainian National University named by V. Dahl, painted and dropped from the pedestal a bust of soviet marshal Georgy Zhukov in the yard of school №36 in the Solnechny district and painted Ukrainian flags on the walls of school building. Links to the report:

in Russian: <https://issuu.com/vostok-sos/docs/prava-cheloveka-v-ordlo-avgust-2017>

in Ukrainian: <https://issuu.com/vostok-sos/docs/prava-lyudyny-v-ordlo-serpen-2017>

in English: <https://issuu.com/vostok-sos/docs/human-rights-in-sadlr-august-2017>

On June 7, 2018, the news about [arrest of Tetyana Gorbulich](#) was published on the website of the so-called «Ministry of State Security of Luhansk People’s Republic» («MGB of LPR»). She was credited with activities for behalf of the SBU, the crime under article 335 of “LPR” Criminal Code (State treason). She faces up to 20 years’ imprisonment and confiscation of property. It was reported that Tetyana Gorbulich had been allegedly recruited by an SBU officer in 2016 to collect military and other types of data about “LPR”.

On June 6, 2018, the website of the so-called «Ministry of State Security of Donetsk People’s Republic» («MGB of DPR») reported that [a citizen of the Kingdom of Jordan, Haldun Nayef Sail Kharakhshah, born June 2, 1986, was arrested](#) for “being the SBU agent”. The detainee allegedly provided information “to prepare and carry out sabotage and terrorist acts in the territory of the Republic» to the intelligence services of Ukraine. In particular, «to prepare the assassination attempt against E.A. Basurin». The criminal case under article 321 («Espionage») of “DPR” Criminal Code was opened. The detainee faces 12-20 years’ imprisonment.

On June 12, 2018, [Valery Anatolievich Sokolov, born in 1958, an inhabitant of Krasnohorivka city, was sentenced to 10 years in prison by the so-called «military tribunal on the rights of the Chamber of the Supreme Court of DPR»](#). He was found guilty of committing a crime under article 321 «Espionage» of “DPR” Criminal Code. He will serve his sentence in a correctional colony of strict regime.



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On June 19, 2018, [16 Ukrainian citizens were found guilty by the so-called «Military Court of LPR»](#). They were accused of committing murders and terrorist acts on the territory of so-called «LPR», including the assassination of a colonel Oleg Anashchenko, the head of «LPR People's Militia».

On June 22, 2018, the post about the local man, who appealed the to the “police” of the occupied city of Bryanka, was published on [«LNR | MADHOUSE CHRONICLES»](#) FB page. Valery Belitsky, born in 1995, the son of that local man, was forced to step into a car by the armed man and was taken away in an unknown direction.

2. Development of parallel legal system, advocacy, notary, courts

Russian occupation administrations and controlled media continue to inform local residents of the occupied areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, as well as the world public, about the «state bodies» activities and the results of such «work». It should be noted that this activity has no legal basis and the main aim is to demonstrate the so-called «sovereignty» of the «republics».

On June 22, 2018, the so-called [«Ukrainian People's Tribunal for the Investigation of Poroshenko Regime War Crimes Against the Citizens of Ukraine»](#) («UPT») announced the “sentence” on Petro Poroshenko, the President of Ukraine, and other Ukrainian officials, in the center of occupied Luhansk.

The so-called «Council of Ministers of LPR» and MPs of «People's Council of LPR» report their activities in June.

On June 5, 2018, the so-called «Council of Ministers of LPR» approved a [temporary procedure for the acceptance of unauthorized construction projects](#).

On June 13, 2018, the [decisions on registration of religious organizations](#) were adopted in the occupied territory of Luhansk region under the control of the occupational administration of the Russian Federation.

In June, a number of laws was adopted by the «MPs» of the so-called “People's Council of LPR”, namely: [«On Amendments to Article 4 of the Law of Luhansk People's Republic «On Defense»](#) and [«On Military Obligations and Military Service»](#).

3. Coercion for membership in “civil society” organizations and participation in “patriotic” and “social” actions of “LNR” and “DNR”. Involvement of children in propaganda

Military-patriotic propaganda and involvement in participation in “civil society” organization are actively spread among children, adolescents and youth on occupied areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, controlled by the Russian Federation's occupation administrations. The employees of budget enterprises and enterprises with so-called «external management» are actively enlisted in «civil society» organizations.

Thus, the occupation administration of the Russian Federation in occupied Donetsk region proved the number of members of so-called [public movement «Donetsk Republic»](#) to 200 thousand people.

On June 12, 2018, Anna Gracheva, the “activist” from Khartsyzk city, got her «jubilee» membership card from the hands of Aleksandr Zakharchenko, the ringleader of “DPR”.



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4. Violation of property rights

In **June 2018**, the process of so-called «nationalization» of enterprises that had previously operated under the jurisdiction of Ukraine or belonged to the citizens of Ukraine, who live in the territory controlled by Ukraine since the beginning of the conflict, continued in the territories of «LPR». The process of «searching for the owners» is widespread.

In **June 2018**, 23 announcements on the search of real and personal property owners was posted by the so-called «[state revenue committee](#)» of “LPR”.

It should be noted that applications from owners are accepted within 60 days from the date of the announcement. Otherwise, the enterprises will pass under the control of the «republic”.

5. Violation of freedom of association

In **June**, the «[state registration](#)» of 21 public organizations was canceled by the so-called «[Ministry of Justice of LPR](#)». It was reported on the “[ministry](#)” website.

On **June 27, 2018**, the the so-called «Ministry of State Security of DPR» («MGB of DPR») announced the [cessation of activity of the Donetsk division of the international religious-political movement «Muslim Brotherhood»](#). The movement was recognized as terrorist by Russia and «DPR».

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