



CIVIC SECTOR OF EUROMAIDAN GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

EuroMaidan Newsletter # 7

AutoMaidan leader Dmytro Bulatov found alive, tortured.

Police and criminal terror continues

One of the leaders of Automaidan **Dmytro Bulatov** went missing on January 22. He was found on the evening of January 30 in Vyshenky, a village outside of Kyiv in the Boryspil district. According to Bulatov, *strangers beat and tortured him, cut off a piece of his ear and even crucified him*. The Automaidan leader does not know who kidnapped him, but noted that the men spoke with Russian accents.

Read more and watch video at <http://goo.gl/lvEe4r>
What is AutoMaidan? – read at <http://goo.gl/Cm7q2X>

EuroMaidanSOS reports 33 people missing as of Jan. 31. Read details at <http://goo.gl/GVfXxv>

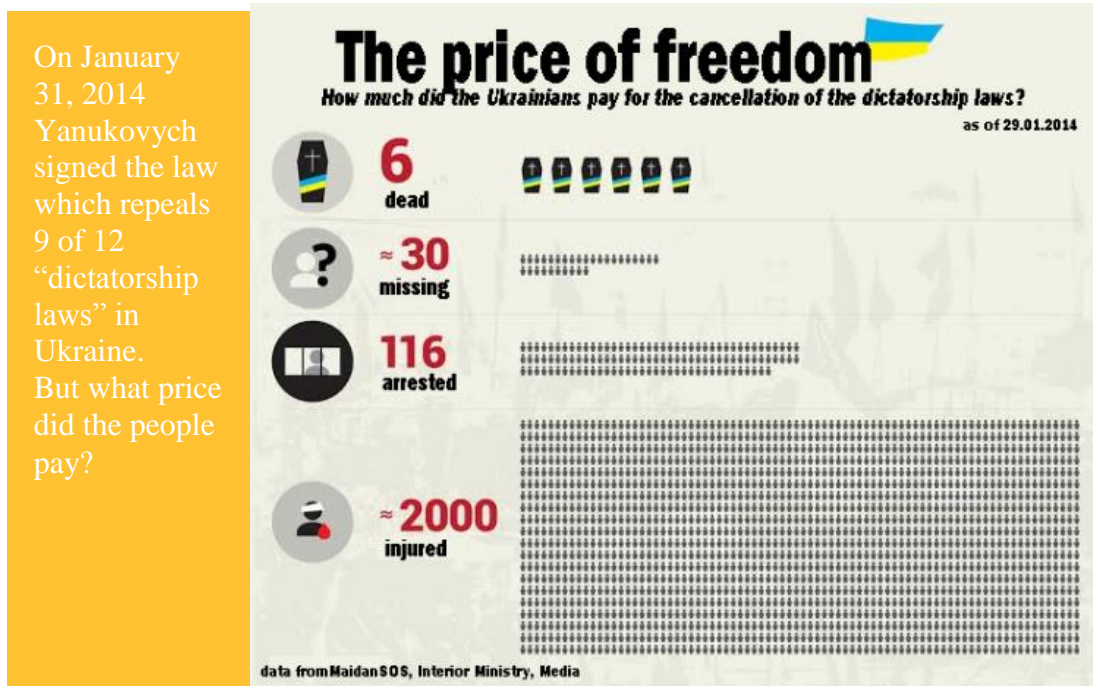
95 people have been arrested and many more brutally beaten during police sweeps in the East Ukraine oblast

capitals of Zaporizhzhia, Cherkasy and Dnipropetrovsk. Read more at <http://goo.gl/qFxxzl>

“When I fell down, the policemen were jumping on my chest to break the ribs. The floor was slippery with blood,” one victim says. Watch the video statements of victims of riot police brutality: <http://goo.gl/Uf7ryq>

Read more on torture as a tool used by the Yanukovich regime against protesters at <http://goo.gl/dlRzM2>
Updated information on the systemic violence by state agents, available in English at <http://goo.gl/vBLkXN>
Human Rights Watch report on attacks on journalists in Ukraine: <http://goo.gl/BQHRYX>

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On January 31, 2014 Yanukovich signed the law which repeals 9 of 12 “dictatorship laws” in Ukraine. But what price did the people pay?

While the regime calls for “dialogue and cooperation”, riot police forces are being increased, their arsenal expanded

On January 31, Viktor Yanukovich signed into law a new bill granting amnesty to all protesters, but only if they vacate Independence Square (Maidan) and government buildings occupied nearby. People are defying this law, call it a “Law on Hostages”. Read more at <http://goo.gl/Nx1Gu5>

Statement by the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union on “Law on Hostages”: Read more at <http://goo.gl/2afP1H>

On January 28, 2014 the Ministry of Interior’s new order increasing Berkut’s power went into effect. This order greatly expands Berkut’s use of force and increases the specialized equipment and weapons that the riot police can use against the civilian population. Read more at <http://goo.gl/jd4wRa>

On January 30, the Cabinet of Ministers increased the number of Berkut riot police by six fold, or up to 30,000. Read more at <http://goo.gl/a94BrT>

Two months after the EuroMaidan November 30, 2013 crackdown on EuroMaidan: We will not give up!

January 28, 2014. Journalists displayed photos of their beaten and wounded colleagues during the press-briefing with Oleksandr Efremov, head of the Party of Regions faction in the Parliament. Read more (in Ukr) at <http://goo.gl/61XWrm>

On January 28, 2014 at 12.00, office workers at more than 22 business centers in Kyiv held a 1-hour strike. The strike was initiated by activists from the DemAlliance political party. See photos at <http://goo.gl/tyZdpV>

Experts from the AntiCorruption Action Center continue to investigate the illegal financial activities of Viktor Yanukovich and his counterparts. Read the detailed dossier on the top Ukrainian government officials and their money laundering schemes at <http://yanukovich.info/>

The top legal experts in Ukraine created a commission to investigate human rights violations. The Commission will prepare an independent report for Parliament on the facts and on the perpetrators of human rights violations related to EuroMaidan. Committee Members are not aligned with the opposition or the government. Rather they are simply legal professionals who harbor a strong belief in the rule of law. Read more at <http://goo.gl/uiEUwP>

On January 30, two months after the first bloody crackdown at EuroMaidan, activists from the Civic Sector of EuroMaidan held street actions to remind Ukrainians that the state officials responsible for giving the orders to use violence have still not been prosecuted. The activists held banners reading: “FROM BEATEN TO KILLED: THE UNPUNISHED EVIL GROWS STRONGER”. See more (in Ukr) at <http://goo.gl/YZcWeI>

Activists from the Civic Sector of EuroMaidan hold banner: “30.11.13. From the beaten to the killed: the unpunished evil grows stronger”



PACE adopts a resolution on Ukraine EuroMaidan to PACE: Do not believe deceptive messages spread by Party of Regions

On January 28, 2014 the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) adopted a resolution on the functioning of democratic institutions in Ukraine. The Resolution was addressed to Ukrainian state officials with the following demand: “**violence and human rights violations should be brought to an immediate halt and open and effective negotiations should be started**”. Read the text of the resolution at <http://goo.gl/yX4gkT>

2 The Civic Sector of EuroMaidan calls on PACE members not to believe in Party of Regions propaganda about EuroMaidan. The cancellation of anti-protest laws did not

stop the repression of activists. There are no violent provocateurs, Nazis, or military extremists within the EuroMaidan movement! EuroMaidan is a multicultural democratic movement. Any provocations reported in mass media are organized by authorities to win the information war. Read the statement at <http://goo.gl/aoTwxq>

Opposition MP Olesya Orobets expressed her dismay with the compromises reached by the Yanukovich regime and opposition on January 28, 2014. She asked the Ukrainian people and Western diplomats not to believe in the deceiving messages spread by the Party of Regions, but rather to trust their actions. Read more at <http://goo.gl/aRCnDQ>

Women bringing firewood to EuroMaidan by metro, because road police stop cars taking supplies to central Kyiv



EuroMaidan: a unique space of friendliness, cooperation and resistance.

Read about the humans of EuroMaidan – the doctors, guards, cleaners, cooks, painters, musicians, and all those who add their energy and creativity to the unique space called “Maidan”. Read more at <http://goo.gl/Cjfred>
EuroMaidan is resolute self-defense, effective self-organization, splendid barricades, civic resistance, spirit of freedom, direct democracy, spontaneous cooperation, improvised discipline, and phenomenal friendliness. The sight, mood and atmosphere of the EuroMaidan are a unique experience. You have probably never seen and may never again see anything like this! Look at photos of the EuroMaidan barricades here <http://goo.gl/jPU3mJ>

Read about the EuroMaidan hospital which was organized and equipped completely by EuroMaidan supporters <http://goo.gl/FRSxds>

On January 27 EuroMaidan activists and supporters carried out #digitalmaidan Twitter Storm initiative and topped the twitter worldwide trends. Read an article about EuroMaidan digital activism at <http://goo.gl/uXShBJ>

Football Ultras of Ukraine have united to defend civilian population and freedom of Ukraine.
Read more at <http://goo.gl/uxXPP1>

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