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Politically motivated criminal prosecution in Crimea

«CASES OF CRIMEAN SABOTEURS»

Ukrainian citizens were deprived of liberty in violation of fundamental rights and freedoms **for political reasons**. According to international legal standards, this gives grounds to consider them as **POLITICAL PRISONERS**.

ARRESTED IN AUGUST 2016



Evgeniy Panov, 39 years old

Ukrainian citizen, a resident of the city of Energodar, driver at Zaporizhzhya Atomic Power Station. Charged with preparing acts of sabotage; in custody.

Andrei Zahtey, 41 years old

Ukrainian citizen, born in Lviv region, recently lived in Yalta, was engaged in private taxi. Charged with preparing acts of sabotage; in custody.



Redvan Suleymanov, 27 years old

Ukrainian citizen, a resident of Crimea, who left after the occupation to work in Zaporizhzhya. Initially accused of preparing acts of sabotage, and later it became known about the charges of «deliberately false report about the terrorist attack, which caused major damage»; in custody.

Vladimir Prisich, 33 years old

Ukrainian citizen, a resident of the Kharkiv region, worked as a truck driver. Charged with preparing acts of sabotage; in custody.
Обвиняется в подготовке диверсии, находится под стражей.



ARRESTED IN NOVEMBER 2016



Dmitry Shtyblikov, 46 years old

Ukrainian citizen, a resident of Sevastopol, a journalist, analyst, former soldier of Armed Forces of Ukraine. Until 2014 he worked in Sevastopol as an analyst in the Centre of assistance in the study of geopolitical issues and Euro-Atlantic Cooperation in Black Sea Region «Nomos».

Charged with preparing acts of sabotage; in custody.

Alexey Bessarabov, 40 years old

Ukrainian citizen, a resident of Sevastopol. Until 2014 he worked at the «Nomos» centre. Charged with preparing acts of sabotage; in custody.



Vladimir Dudka, 52 years old

Ukrainian citizen, a resident of Sevastopol, an officer of the Navy of Ukraine.

Charged with preparing acts of sabotage; in custody.

Gleb Shabliy, 41 years old

Ukrainian citizen, a resident of Sevastopol, a businessman.

Charged with preparing acts of sabotage; in custody.



Alexey Stogniy, 41 years old

Ukrainian citizen, a resident of Sevastopol, a businessman.

Charged with preparing acts of sabotage; in custody.

Leonid Parkhomenko, 57 years old

Resident of Sevastopol, a former member of staff of the Black Sea Fleet, Captain 2 rank, reserve.

Charged with treason; in custody.



The numerous violations were documented regarding the «cases of Crimean saboteurs»:

- Falsification of evidence, the absence of direct evidence, and the spreading of staged interrogation videos;
- Forced confessions, the violation of the prohibition of use of leading questions during interrogations, the absence of the defence in legal proceedings, staging character of interrogation;
- Obstruction of the work of lawyers: illegal refusal to visit clients, forcing detainees to renounce the lawyers; attracting lawyers intended to make a formal action, but not the actual protection of detainees; obstruction of access to arranged attorney of the defendant (detainees are kept in places which are contrary to the decisions of the court for arrest);
- Detainees still at the investigation stage were presented as guilty in the media of Russia and Crimea, which violates the presumption of innocence;
- The inability of the case to be considered by a competent, independent and impartial tribunal established by law;
- The use of torture, physical and psychological pressure.

Fundamental human rights have been violated with regard to persons detained according to the «cases of Crimean saboteurs»: the prohibition of torture, the right to liberty and security of person, the right to a fair trial, and the right to an effective remedy.