

Ukraine: Reconciliation Instead of Repression

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Statement of European personalities in support of democratic forces

We are seriously concerned about the facts of the systematic pressure on the opposition in Ukraine.

On September 4th, right-wing radicals had the attacked “Inter” TV channel. The channel’s office was burned by nationalists, only the miracle helped to avoid human casualties. Threats of physical violence are coming against journalists and editors of “NewsOne” channel. In fact, all of the independent media are facing direct violence or the threat of violence from nationalist organizations.

We are also very concerned about information that right-wing radicals are controlled and directed by high-rank Ukrainian state officials and leadership of law enforcement authorities. Attacks on the media synchronized with the pressure of the authorities on the opposition leaders.

Alla Alexandrovskaya, a 68 year old former MP of the Communist Party is still imprisoned in the city of Kharkiv. One of the leaders of the parliamentary opposition Vadim Novinsky faced with threats of criminal prosecution soon after he tried to stop attempts of the authorities to interfere in the affairs of the Orthodox Church.

Today, Ukraine needs national reconciliation, not confrontation and witch-hunt.

We call on the leadership of Ukraine unswervingly adhere to the principles of political pluralism, respect for the independence of the media and the rights of the opposition.

First endorsers:

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* Ulla Jelpke, MP Die Linke

* Alexander Neu, MP Die Linke

* Karin Binder, MP Die Linke

* Jürgen Aust, member leading body Die Linke North Rhine-Westphalia

* Thomas Zmrzly, activist, Duisburg

* Thomas Schmidt, Vice President ELDH European Association of Lawyers for Democracy & World Human Right, German section: Association of Democratic Lawyers

* Sylvia Gabelmann, scientific staff for Dr. Alexander S. Neu MB Die Linke

- * Harri Grünberg, member leading body Die Linke
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- * Moreno Pasquinelli, Programma 101

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- * PD Dr. Gernot Bodner, Assistant Professor at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences BOKU Vienna
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Greece

- * Panagiotis Sotiris, member of political secretariat of Popular Unity, Greece
- * Yiannis Rachiotis, ELDH European Association of Lawyers for Democracy & World Human Right Greek section Alternative Intervention of Athens Lawyers
- * Antonios Markopoulos, MP Syriza, chairman foreign policy committee of the Greek parliament

France

- * Jacques Nikonoff, candidate of the Party of Deglobalization (Pardem) at the election of the French Republic

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- * Pedro Montes, President Socialismo 21

[A reduced version of the call was adopted by 11 members of the European parliament.](#)

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