

URGENT ACTION

SERGEI DOLGOV: ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE?

Ukraine's Security Services have now told Amnesty International that the authorities have no record of Sergei Dolgov's detention. This implies that he has been subjected to enforced disappearance.

The security services of Ukraine, Sluzhba Bezpeky Ukrayiny (SBU), told Amnesty International after the last update of this UA that according to the official Unified Register of Pre-trial Investigations in Ukraine "there are no records about Mr S. Dolgov's detention by the Ukrainian investigating authorities, neither about any criminal investigations or other preventive legal measures taken against him."

The head of the SBU in Mariupol had told journalists on 21 June that Sergei Dolgov had been arrested by the Ukrainian National Guard and was being held in the city of Zaporizhzhya. There has been no further official clarification of Sergei Dolgov's fate and whereabouts after his reported detention by the National Guard. The authorities have refused to give his wife any information about him.

In letters to the UA network's appeal-writers the SBU added that the information on Sergei Dolgov was "registered with the Security Service's Centre for the release of prisoners, hostages and missing persons", a reference to the lists of missing people compiled by the Ukrainian authorities and the de facto authorities in the separatist-controlled parts of Donbass region in eastern Ukraine and used for prisoner exchanges.

Please write immediately in Ukrainian, Russian, English or your own language:

- Expressing concern that Sergei Dolgov may have been subjected to enforced disappearance, and urging the authorities to establish his fate and whereabouts immediately and inform his family;
- If he is in custody, urging them to charge him with an internationally recognizable criminal offense or else release him immediately;
- If he is in custody, urging them to ensure that he has immediate access to any medical attention he may require.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 13 MAY 2015 TO:

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Email: mvsinfo@mvsinfo.gov.ua
Salutation: Dear Minister

Chairman, Security Service of Ukraine
Valentyn Nalyvaichenko
Volodymyrska St. 35
01034 Kyiv
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Fax: 011 380 44 279 30 40 (if voice answers, say "fax")
Email: pressinfo@ssu.gov.ua
Salutation: Dear Chairman

And copies to:
Prosecutor General of Ukraine
Viktor Shokin
Vul. Riznytska 13/15
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Email: press-service@gp.gov.ua

Also send copies to:
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3350 M St NW, Washington DC 20007
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Please let us know if you took action so that we can track our impact! **EITHER** send a short email to uan@aiusa.org with "UA 215/14" in the subject line, and include in the body of the email the number of letters and/or emails you sent, **OR** fill out this [short online form](#) (press Ctrl + click on link) to let us know how you took action. Thank you for taking action! Please check with the AIUSA Urgent Action Office if sending appeals after the above date. This is the second update of UA 215/14. Further information: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/EUR50/043/2014/en>

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sergei Dolgov, the editor of the Ukrainian newspaper *Khochu v SSSR* (“I want to be in the USSR”), has been missing since June, when he was abducted by armed men. There are people who say they have seen him and believe he is alive and in detention in the Ukrainian city of Zaporizhzhya.

Forces loyal to Kyiv regained control of the city of Mariupol on 13 June and cleared the city of people they believed were separatists. When the Ukrainian authorities were seeking to regain control of the territory seized by pro-Russian separatists they restricted access to what they saw as pro-separatist media. The Ukrainian newspaper *Ukrainskaya Pravda* published a piece on 12 June with the headline “In Kyiv separatist papers are sold”, giving *Khochu v SSSR* as an example. In the same article an SBU spokesperson was cited saying that they intended to “prevent” such newspapers from operating.

Sergei Dolgov’s wife, Olga Dolgova, believes her husband is held at the military base A1978 in Zaporizhzhya. As reported by a source who contacted Olga Dolgova and asked to remain anonymous for security reasons, Sergei Dolgov, who is 60 years old, is very weak and tends to lose consciousness frequently. The source, who said he had been held at the same military base as Sergei Dolgov, was there until October.

Name: Sergei Dolgov (m)

Issues: Enforced disappearance, Fear for safety, Health concern

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