

## **Official position of Ukraine**

### **Journalist Pavlo Sheremet Killed in Car Explosion**

Speaking at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers, Yurii Stets, Minister of Information Policy of Ukraine, initiated an interagency working group of law enforcement authorities to ensure prompt and high-quality investigation into the death of Pavlo Sheremet.

According to the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine, the Central Investigation Department of the National Police of Ukraine is carrying out a pre-trial investigation of an intentional homicide of Pavlo Sheremet. The criminal proceeding is based on the elements of criminal offences as defined in article 115, par 2, of the Criminal Code of Ukraine. The investigating actions aim at full, comprehensive and objective examination of all the circumstances of the committed violations of law.

The pre-trial investigation established that on 20 July 2016, Subaru XV, a car driven by Pavlo Sheremet, exploded at the intersection of Bohdan Khmelnytskyi and Ivan Franko streets in Kyiv. The explosion resulted in victim's injuries in the form of multiple shrapnel wounds on hands and feet, incomplete separation of the left leg, blood loss, and shock, which led to his death in an emergency ambulance. It was also preliminarily established that the explosion occurred on remote triggering of an explosive device equivalent to 400 grams of TNT placed beneath the bottom of the car from the driver's seat.