

Official position of Ukraine

Arson attack on Ukrainian broadcaster Inter TV

Any violation of law is inadmissible as the state governed by the rule of law and based on European values provides one of the basic rights of democracy – the right to freedom of speech.

According to the National Police of Ukraine, the Investigation Department of Directorate General of the National Police in Kyiv is investigating hooliganism actions committed by a group of unidentified persons next to the office of the National Information System Company. Because of these actions, arson was committed damaging office premises of Inter TV Channel and creating obstacles to lawful professional activity of journalists of the National Information System TV studio. The criminal proceeding instituted by the police is based on the elements of criminal offences as defined in articles 296, par 4, 194, par 2, and 171, par 1 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine.

Currently, a pre-trial investigation in criminal proceeding is underway. The investigating actions aim at full, comprehensive and objective examination of all the circumstances of the committed violations of law.