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Ukrainian Local Newspaper Raided, Office Sealed by the Representatives of the Local Authorities in Kivertsy

The Investigation Section of Kivertsy Police Branch of the Directorate General of the National police in Volyn region is investigating criminal proceeding into preventing lawful professional activity of Mr. M.Khitko, acting editor of Kivertsy regional newspaper Vilnym Shliakhom (Free Way), under Article 171, par 3, of the Criminal Code of Ukraine.

A pre-trial investigation is underway. All necessary investigative (search) actions are being conducted. The investigation is under control of the Prosecutor's office of Volyn region.

Ukrainian Government condemns any violence against journalists and calls on law enforcement agencies to respond promptly to any attempt to infringe the rights of journalists.