

**Ukraine's position on the new announcement on the Council of Europe
Platform for the Protection of Journalists entitled
«Arson attack on Alternativa.org editorial office»**

According to the information provided by the National Police of Ukraine, the Investigative Department of the Ovidiopol Police Department of the Main Directorate of the National Police in Odessa region is conducting a pre-trial investigation from October 17, 2020 into the criminal proceedings for causing bodily harm to the editor-in-chief and journalist of «Alternativa.org» R. Varshanidze in connection with his professional activity with the legal qualification of a criminal offense under part two of Article 345¹ (Threat or violence against a journalist) of the Criminal Code of Ukraine.

In addition, the Investigative Department of the Ovidiopol Police Department of the Main Directorate of the National Police in Odessa region is conducting a pre-trial investigation initiated October 21, 2020 of the criminal proceedings on the fact of arson of the office of «Alternative.org» in the Ovidiopol with the legal qualification of a criminal offense under part two of Article 194 (Intentional destruction and damage of property) of the Criminal Code of Ukraine.

Today, the pre-trial investigations in these criminal proceedings are ongoing. The state of the pre-trial investigation in these criminal proceedings was studied and heard with the participation of the leadership of the Main Investigation Department of the National Police of Ukraine.

According to the results of the hearing, in order to take all necessary measures to establish the circumstances that have probative value in criminal proceedings, persons involved in committing a criminal offense, making a final procedural decision, the leadership of the Main Investigation Department in criminal proceedings Ukraine gave written instructions and established control over their implementation.