

Brutal Attack on the Ukrainian National News Agency Ukrinform

On 30 July 2019, a group of young people broke into the press hall of the Ukrinform national news agency where the press conference was being held on the parliamentary election in constituency No. 50 in Donbas. The attackers damaged the agency's property and equipment.

Three Ukrinform employees were injured during the attack, with one being diagnosed with an eye injury and numerous bodily injuries and subsequently subjected to a forensic examination. The injured previously took part in the Joint Forces Operation in Donbas countering Russian aggression. The two other employees of the news agency, who were also injured by the attackers, did not undergo a forensic examination.

The police were called immediately to the crime scene.

Two attackers were apprehended and taken to the Shevchenkivskyi District Department of the Kyiv Police for identification. They were served with administrative charges.

The Chief Department of the National Police of Ukraine opened an investigation into the acts of hooliganism committed at the Ukrinform news agency. This case is under the supervision of the Kyiv Prosecutor's Office.

A pre-trial investigation is ongoing.