

## **Cameraman Vadim Makaryuk Severely Assaulted**

On 7 June 2019, a clash took place between groups of activists at Barabashovo shopping mall in the city of Kharkiv. As a result, seven people were injured, including Vadym Makaryuk, a cameraman of Channel 24. Following the event, Mr Makaryuk was hospitalised to the intensive care unit.

On the same day, the Chief Department of the National Police in the Kharkiv region opened a criminal investigation into alleged obstruction of the professional activities of journalists, threats or violence against journalists, alleged deliberate destruction of journalists' property, and hooliganism.

Four people were notified of suspicion and put under house arrest.

The units of the National Police of Ukraine in the Kharkiv region are properly gathering the information about the assault on Mr Makaryuk, the evidence was gathered, the study of the crime scene was conducted, and participants of the event were questioned.

In the course of the investigation, the police appointed nearly 10 investigative examinations.

As of now, the ongoing investigation is being personally overseen by the Head of the Chief Department of the National Police in the Kharkiv region.