

Belarusian Journalist Pavel Karnazytsky Deported from Ukraine

Belarusian journalist Pavel Karnazytsky is reported to be deported from Ukraine on 2 January 2019.

According to the Security Service of Ukraine, Pavel Karnazytsky had been illegally staying in Ukraine without having documents entitling him to reside permanently in Ukraine.

In addition, Mr Karnazytsky had not applied to the State Migration Service of Ukraine - the competent authority – for obtaining a permanent residence permit or acquiring Ukrainian citizenship.

Therefore, Mr Karnazytsky violated article 4 of the Law of Ukraine "On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons" setting out grounds for the stay of foreigners and stateless persons in Ukraine.

Consequently, on 2 January 2019, Mr Karnazytsky, a Belarusian citizen, was deported from Ukraine and prohibited entry for a period of three years.

It should be noted that in the first place these measures were applied to Mr Karnazytsky as to a foreign citizen, not a journalist.

Ukraine calls on all foreign journalists to comply with its legislation in force during their stay and while carrying out professional activities in the territory of Ukraine.