Georgian TV Journalist Assaulted by Security Services and Deported

According to the Security Service of Ukraine, on 17 November 2017, Georgian citizen Tamaz Shashviashvili, a journalist of Georgian TV channel “Rustavi 2”, was deported from Ukraine.

This decision was taken based on clearly established facts of his engagement in the activities aimed at threatening national security of Ukraine, its sovereignty, territorial integrity, and constitutional order. This information was confirmed by the State Migration Service of Ukraine and the National Police of Ukraine.

All actions of the law enforcement officers during the procedure of deportation were taken in compliance with the requirements of the national legislation and international law and aimed to prevent any criminal offence stipulated in the Criminal Code of Ukraine.

The Security Service of Ukraine denied the allegations of Tamaz Shashviashvili concerning the alleged use of force or inhumane treatment against him in the course of his deportation.