

The assault on the journalist Oleksandr Vlashchenko

On 30 November 2019, the journalist of the website «News-N» Oleksandr Vlashchenko was assaulted in the city of Mykolayiv.

According to the information provided by the National Police of Ukraine, the investigative department of the Central Police Department of the Main Directorate of the National Police in the Mykolayiv Region is conducting a pre-trial investigation in criminal proceedings initiated on 1 December 2019 on the grounds of criminal offense under Part 2 of Art. 345-1 (Threats or violence against journalist) of the Criminal Code of Ukraine for a reason of the infliction of bodily harm to the journalist Oleksandr Vlashchenko.

The pre-trial investigation is ongoing. Supervision of compliance with the law during the pre-trial investigation in this criminal proceeding in the form of procedural guidance is carried out by the competent prosecutor of the Mykolayiv local prosecutor's office № 1 of the Mykolayiv Region.

Ukraine condemns any negative impact on the profession of journalism and the activities of the media and law-enforcement agencies take all possible measures to identify persons for the specified criminal offense.