

Journalists Attacked by Far-Right Radicals

The investigative department of the General Directorate of the National Police in Kyiv is carrying out a pre-trial investigation of the criminal proceedings relating to the acts of hooliganism committed against Canadian national Michael Colborne on 18 November 2018.

During his communication with the police as a victim in this case, Michael Colborne informed the police that he is not a journalist and has never conducted journalist activities.

A pre-trial investigation into the case is ongoing.

Regarding the investigation into the attack on Ukrainian journalists Marharyta Bondar (an independent journalist of the Spilka outlet) and Bohdan Aminov (journalist of the NewsOne TV channel), it should be noted that the said journalists have not reported the attack on them to the police, according to the General Directorate of the National Police in Kyiv. Therefore, since there are no lawsuits filed by these persons, the police have no grounds for opening the investigation.

Ukraine condemns any interference with the professional activities of journalists and any physical or other pressure exerted on them and calls on journalists to act within the framework of the legislation in force while performing their professional duties.