

Ukrainian Court Rules to Block Access to 17 Online Media

On 23 July 2019, the Pechersk District Court of Kyiv adopted a ruling to block several websites operating in Ukraine.

In this regard, the National Commission for the State Regulation of Communications and Informatization has requested that providers block access to 18 web resources:

“The resolution by Mr Serhiy Vovk, the investigating judge of the Pechersk District Court of Kyiv, dated 23 July 2019, Case No. 757/38387/19- κ, in criminal proceeding No. 12018060020001159, which was submitted to the National Commission for the State Regulation of Communication and Informatization, reads: “To seize the intellectual property rights that Internet users acquire while using the following web resources:

1. <http://go338.top>
2. <https://trident-ua.info>
3. <https://enigma.ua>
4. <https://blogs.korrespondent.net>
5. <http://seychas.press>
6. <http://www.netadvocate.org>
7. <https://compromat.ws>
8. <https://compromat.ws>
9. <https://sled-net-ua>
10. <http://ua-24.com>
11. <http://moscow-post.press>
12. <https://novindoosh.com>
13. <http://www.stalker-world.net>
14. <http://rospres.press>
15. <https://informator.news>
16. <http://ustav.press>
17. <http://www.ukrpress.info>
18. <http://www.stalker-world.net>”.

The court's decision states that the websites to be blocked contain information with signs of blackmailing, spreading discrediting publications, libel, and hate speech.

Access to those web-resources was blocked based on Decree No. 133/2017 by the President of Ukraine dated 15 May 2017 “On the decision of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine of 28 April 2017 “On application of personal special economic and other restrictive measures (sanctions)” to ensure national security, cease hate speech and fomenting the inter-state conflict by the Russian Federation.

Such negative influence is exercised on a regular basis and risks escalating conflicts in certain districts of Luhansk and Donetsk regions, overthrowing the constitutional order of Ukraine, and violating its territorial integrity and form of government.

Ukraine has to implement such decisions and actions as a tool to protect European values, human rights and freedoms.