

## **Ukraine's position on the new alert No. 82/2021 «Ukrainian journalist Serhiy Nikishin attacked»**

According to the information provided by the National Police of Ukraine, the employees of the inquiry sector of the police department № 1 of the Zolochiv district police department of the Main Directorate of the National Police in Lviv region are conducting a pre-trial investigation into criminal proceedings, that initiated on 25.04.2021 for obstructing the lawful professional activity of journalist Serhiy Nikishin on Article 171 (Obstruction of lawful professional activity of journalists) of the Criminal Code of Ukraine.

Today, the pre-trial investigations in these criminal proceedings are ongoing. Supervision over the observance of laws during the pre-trial investigation in this criminal proceeding in the form of procedural guidance is carried out by the relevant prosecutor of the Brody Department of the Zolochiv District Prosecutor's Office of the Lviv Region.

Ukraine is taking every possible measure to identify those involved in the commission of this criminal offense and condemns any negative impact on the profession of journalist and the media.