



CRIMEA SITUATION REPORT

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The investigative committee started a criminal investigation against Nabi (Aiub) Rakhimov, killed by Russian law enforcement servicemen during the detention. The criminal investigation concerns an alleged “use of force against the representative of authorities.” Earlier courts, on multiple occasions, refused to release the body of Nabi Rakhimov to his wife for a funeral.



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The violation of the rights of political prisoners continues. Andrii Zakhtei stayed in a basement of punitive confinement at the penal colony in Simferopol for two months. The court expelled Yashar Muedinov during

the hearing because he was too loud when he repeated a question to a witness. The court ruled against returning the case of Oleksandr Sizikov to the prosecutor to translate them into Braille script. The court refused to approve a defense claim to release the operative documents that were the basis for operative-investigative actions against Vladyslav Yesypenko. The prison cell of Aziz Akhtemov is supposed to have six beds, but there are nine people in it. Therefore, prisoners have to take turns to sleep. They have to sleep on the floor as well.



Ivan Yatskin has been illegally convoyed again

A political prisoner Ivan Yatskin has been illegally convoyed to Kemerovo oblast. While he stayed at the detention center Ivan Yatskin went on a hunger strike. After he arrived at the penal colony #44 in Belovo, Kemerovo oblast, Yatskin was put on a crime-prevention list as a prisoner who is bound to escape.



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The occupying authority popularizes military service among Crimean children. During the event titled “Christmas tree of wishes,” the Russian ministry of defense representatives take children on tours on tanks, dress them in military helmets and protective vests, and organize target shooting. In addition, Russian authorities recruit school children to the “Youth army” – a Russian military-patriotic organization for children eight-year-old and above.

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