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Amnesty International at Euro 2012 in Ukraine

An Amnesty International representative is in Kyiv during Euro 2012. Max Tucker, one of Amnesty International's experts on Ukraine will be available for interviews to media interested to look beyond the newly built stadiums in Kyiv, Donetsk, Lviv and Kharkiv and see how residents of those cities have been subjected to different human rights violations.

Amnesty International has been urging the authorities of Ukraine to address the country's poor human rights record, in particular, widespread criminality, torture and other ill-treatment by the police force responsible for the safety of Euro 2012 fans.

The organisation has also raised with the authorities the issue of racist and homophobic attacks, discrimination, violations of the right to a fair trial, failure to protect asylum-seekers and migrants, and the harassment and prosecution of human rights defenders.

Please see:

Briefing: <u>Ukraine: Euro 2012 jeopardised by criminal police force</u> which summarizes the organization's human rights concerns in the country.

Video: Police criminality endemic in Ukraine

The latest cases and human rights news from Ukraine on Amnesty International's <u>Ukraine page</u>.

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