

URGENT ACTION

MISSING EDITOR REPORTED IN ILL-HEALTH

According to an anonymous source newspaper editor Sergei Dolgov, who has been missing since his abduction by armed men in June, in Mariupol, eastern Ukraine, is held in a military base and suffering from serious health issues. His wife fears for his life.

Sergei Dolgov's wife, Olga Dolgova, has told Amnesty international that her husband is reportedly currently held in the military base A1978 in Zaporizhzhya. However, this information is unconfirmed, and his fate and whereabouts remain uncertain. According to Olga Dolgova's source, who asked to remain anonymous for security reasons, Sergei Dolgov, who is 60 years old, is very weak and tends to lose consciousness constantly. The source, who was reportedly held in the same military base as Sergei Dolgov, was transferred from there two weeks ago.

Olga Dolgova told Amnesty International that her husband has a heart condition and needs constant medication. Sergei Dolgov has been placed on the self-proclaimed separatist Donetsk People's Republic's (Donetskaya Narodnaya Respublika, DNR) list for prisoner exchange with the Ukrainian authorities. A member of the DNR Council for the Exchange of Prisoners confirmed to Amnesty International that Sergei Dolgov has not been freed.

Please write immediately in Ukrainian, Russian, English or your own language:

- Calling on the authorities to immediately establish Sergei Dolgov's fate and whereabouts, and ensure his safety and an immediate access to the medical treatment he requires;
- If he is in detention, urging them to ensure his immediate access to a lawyer of his choice and charge him with a recognizable criminal offence, or immediately release him;
- Calling on the authorities to promptly, impartially and effectively investigate the abduction of Sergei Dolgov and allegations of his ill-treatment, and to hold anyone found responsible to account.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 19 DECEMBER TO:

Minister of Internal Affairs

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Salutation: Dear Minister

Chairman of the Security Service of Ukraine

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Salutation: Dear Chairman

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sergei Dolgov, the editor of the Ukrainian newspaper *Khochu v SSSR* ("I want to be in the USSR"), has been missing since his abduction by armed men in June. Media reports suggested that he had been killed, but his death has not been confirmed while his relatives, with reference to eyewitnesses, believe he is alive and being held in the Ukrainian city of Zaporizhzhya.

Forces loyal to Kyiv regained control of the city of Mariupol on 13 June, subsequently cleansing the city of alleged separatists in an ongoing wave of arrests.

A number of battalions made up of volunteers are fighting alongside regular government forces and there have been recurring reports that some are not sufficiently integrated with the official command structures, and act independently or semi-independently and in defiance of orders from above, often violating international legal standards.

As Ukraine seeks to regain control of the territory seized by pro-Russian separatists the authorities have restricted access to what is seen as pro-separatist media. For instance, on 12 June the Ukrainian newspaper *Ukrainskaya Pravda* published a piece "In Kyiv separatist papers are sold", where *Khochu v SSSR* was quoted as an example. In the same article a spokesperson of the Ukrainian SBU was cited saying that they were intending to "prevent" such papers from operating.

Name: Sergei Dolgov

Gender m/f: m

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