

URGENT ACTION

AUTHORITIES MUST DISCLOSE MISSING MAN'S FATE

Authorities continue refusing to disclose the fate and whereabouts of Kostyantyn Beskorovaynyi. He was detained in Kostyantynivka, in eastern Ukraine, on 27 November 2014 by security service officers. There are serious concerns about his health and safety.

Around 2 pm on 27 November 2014 four masked men with automatic rifles broke down the door of **Kostyantyn Beskorovaynyi's** house in Kostyantynivka, Donetsk Region, in eastern Ukraine, and took him away in a white VW van without number plates, according to neighbours who witnessed the incident and told his wife. Kostyantyn Beskorovaynyi (58 years old) called his wife the next day and told her that he had been detained for making a speech at a public rally in May 2014. Then a man interrupted him at the other end of the phone and told the wife that her husband was being held "for further inquiries" and ended the call without providing any further details. This was the last Kostyantyn Beskorovaynyi's wife heard from him. She reported him as missing to the local police who opened an investigation into his abduction. The investigation has not produced any results to date.

During a press briefing on 19 December 2014, Markiyan Lubkivskiy, then the spokesperson for the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU), announced that a man, whom he described as an "insane Communist" and member of the local council from Kostyantynivka, had been arrested, along with other fellow conspirators, for planning to poison local water sources with cyanide. Markiyan Lubkivskiy did not mention Kostyantyn Beskorovaynyi by name, but he was the only male member from the Communist Party in the local council at the time.

On 29 October 2015, Kostyantyn Beskorovaynyi's wife was contacted by a former detainee from the SBU detention facility (SIZO) in Kharkiv, eastern Ukraine. He said he had shared the cell with Kostyantyn Beskorovaynyi and that he was contacting her on her husband's request. He revealed personal details about Kostyantyn Beskorovaynyi which, according to the wife, he could have only found out directly from her husband.

Kostyantyn Beskorovaynyi's fate and whereabouts remain unknown to his family. His wife has demanded information on his fate and whereabouts from the Prosecutor General's Office and other government agencies, including from the SBU in January 2015, but all of them have replied that they were not holding Kostyantyn Beskorovaynyi and that there was no criminal case opened against him. She is worried about her husband's safety and well-being.

Please write immediately in Ukrainian, Russian or your own language urging the authorities to:

- Immediately reveal Kostyantyn Beskorovaynyi's current whereabouts to his family, and either charge him with a recognizable criminal offence and allow him access to a lawyer, or release him immediately;
- Ensure that he is not tortured or otherwise ill-treated and is provided with any medical care he may require;
- Investigate the circumstances of his arrest and subsequent incommunicado detention, identify those responsible for any violation of his procedural and human rights and bring them to account.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 4 MARCH 2016 TO:

Head of the Security Service of Ukraine

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Email: pressinfo@ssu.gov.ua
Salutation: Dear Mr

Prosecutor General of Ukraine

Viktor Shokin
Vul. Riznytska 13/15
01601, Kyiv, Ukraine
Fax: +380 44 280 2603
Email: press-service@gp.gov.ua
Salutation: Dear Mr

And copies to:

Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner on Human Rights
Valeriya Lutkovska
21/8, Instytutska street
01008, Kyiv, Ukraine
Email: hotline@ombudsman.gov.ua

Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country. Please insert local diplomatic addresses below:

Name Address 1 Address 2 Address 3 Fax Fax number Email Email address Salutation Salutation

Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Incommunicado detention is detention in which a detainee is denied access to people outside the place of detention, such as lawyers, doctors, family or friends. Incommunicado detention is the context in which torture, ill-treatment and enforced disappearances most frequently occur. Visits by lawyers, independent medical professionals and family provide the scrutiny of the detainee's health and conditions which may prevent such human rights violations. Governments must ensure that all prisoners be brought before an independent judicial authority without delay after being taken into custody. Prisoners should have access to relatives, doctors and lawyers without delay and regularly thereafter.

Amnesty International has interviewed former captives held by both the Ukrainian authorities and separatist groups in the context of the conflict in eastern Ukraine. The organization has documented compelling evidence of frequent and widespread prisoner abuses, including torture and other ill-treatment, committed by both sides. More details can be found in the document *Breaking Bodies: Torture and Summary Killings in Eastern Ukraine* (see <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/eur50/1683/2015/en/>).

Name: Kostyantyn Myhaylovych Beskorovaynyi

Gender m/f: m

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