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Amnesty International report on police torture in Ukraine Media invite

(Kyiv) Amnesty International delegates are in Kyiv to present a report revealing wide-spread torture and other ill-treatment, extortion, and arbitrary detention by police.

Corruption, inadequate investigations into police criminality and a judiciary which is not genuinely independent have eroded the rule of law in Ukraine, allowing police abuses to go unprosecuted.

No evidence of a crime: Paying the price for police impunity in Ukraine will be launched at a press conference in Kyiv, marking the start of a domestic and international campaign to end torture and police impunity in Ukraine.

Prior to the press conference, Amnesty International delegates will meet state officials to present their findings and recommendations.

In the following months, Amnesty International will be touring universities in Ukraine to talk about problems with the police, and will also be collecting signatures from around the world calling on President Yanukovich to establish an independent police complaints commission.

Who: John Dalhuisen, Europe and Central Asia Deputy Programme Director at Amnesty International
Heather McGill, Researcher on Ukraine at Amnesty International
Tetyana Mazur, Director of Amnesty International Ukraine

When: 11.00am, Wednesday, 12 October 2011

Where: Ukrinform
Bohdan Khmelnytsky str., 8/16
Kyiv

Several victims of police brutality and their relatives will also be available for interview, including:

- Family of **Ihor Indilo**, who died in police custody in Kyiv from a head injury
- **Sergei Fesik**, who was brutally beaten by police in Kharkiv
- **Anna Strogan**, whose husband Yakov was tortured when police tried to extort \$10,000 from her family. He is now on trial on fabricated attempted murder charges after filing a complaint about his treatment.

For further information or to arrange an interview, please contact:

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