Ukrainian journalist Stanyslav Aseev went missing in the Donbass region on 3 June 2017. Since then, the journalist has not been answering phone calls, his apartment in Donetsk has been ransacked and his professional laptop has gone missing, his family and friends told the media. They fear the journalist has been detained by representatives of the so called “Ministry of State Security” of the self-proclaimed "Donetsk People's Republic". Reports said that Aseev went missing on the day he was expected to send material to Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, which showed life in the self-proclaimed "Donetsk People's Republic" and never arrived.

Aseev has been working under the pen name of Stanyslav Vasin since 2014 and has been reporting from Donetsk for Radio Svoboda, Dzerkalo Tyzhnya, Ukrayinska Pravda and Ukrainian Week.

On 20 June, representatives from the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine (NUJU) and the Russian Union of Journalists (RUJ) expressed their deep concern for the safety and fate of Stanyslav Aseev and called for his immediate release.

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**分辨率：**

**06 Jan 2020:** On 6 January 2020, following the release of Stanyslav Aseev, the partner organisations to the Platform declared this case to be “resolved”, concluding it was no longer an active threat to media freedom.

**更新：**

**30 Dec 2019:** On 29 December 2019, Stanislaw Aseev was released as part of a prisoners exchange.
22 Oct 2019: In August 2019, Stanislav Aseev was found guilty of "organising the extremist community", "espionage and incitement to espionage", "public calls for the exercise of extremist activity" and "public calls for actions aimed at violating territorial integrity" by the so-called Supreme Court of the self-proclaimed "Donetsk People's Republic", and sentenced to 15 years in prison. He was also deprived of his right to engage in journalistic activities for 2.5 years. He is thought to serve his sentence in a penal colony.

22 Aug 2018: On 17 August 2018, Russian television channel Rossiya 24 has aired an interview with kidnapped journalist Stanislav Aseev, in which he confesses to working for Ukrainian intelligence in Donbass. The interview has raised concerns that Aseev, who has been illegally detained in Donetsk for over a year, was coerced into confessing to false espionage charges.

- Article published by RFE/RL: "RFE/RL Questions Aseyev ‘Confession,’ Demands Release"
- Statement from the European Federation of Journalists: "EFJ calls again for immediate release of Donetsk journalist Stanislav Aseev"
- Statement from of Ukrainian journalists, media and advocacy organizations: "Declaration of journalists, media and advocacy organizations of Ukraine on “Interview“ with the political prisoner Stanislav Aseev aired by Russia 24"

19 Jul 2017: On 15 July 2017, it was reported to independent broadcaster Hromadske Radio that Aseev has been detained by separatists. Yegor Firsov, a friend of Aseev and a former Ukrainian lawmaker, stated that the separatists have charged the journalist with espionage and that, if convicted, Aseev could be jailed for up to 14 years.

- Statement from CPJ: "Russia-backed separatists holding Ukrainian journalist, accuse him of espionage"

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Statement from CPJ: "Journalist missing in eastern Ukraine"
- Statement from EFJ: "Ukrainian and Russian unions ask for help finding missing journalist Stanyslav Aseev"
- RSF press release: "Journalist missing in separatist eastern Ukraine"
- Report published on Mapping Media Freedom: "Ukraine/Україна: Journalist disappears in separatist eastern Ukraine"
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