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## Journalists Beaten by Security Guards and Local Police in Kharkiv



SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Unknown

CATEGORY  ▶ Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists

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On 12 November 2016, in Kharkiv, two journalists from Stop Corruption news website and a journalist from pravda.com news website were threatened and beaten by four security guards and three policemen, in “French Boulevard” shopping mall. The journalists were investigating the ceiling collapse of the shopping center. Journalist Sergei Medyanik said he was threatened with guns, enchained and beaten in the basement of the mall. He said perpetrators attempted to rape his colleague, stole their money and broke their smartphones. The incidents were reported to the local authorities.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  Report published by the Institute of Mass Information (in Ukrainian)
-  Article published on Detector.media (in Ukrainian)

### STATE REPLIES



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