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## Failure to Punish the Perpetrators of Attack on Journalists in Berdyansk

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**PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ, AEJ**

TV journalist Volodymyr Holovatiy and his cameraman were attacked on 10 June 2016 in Berdyansk, Zaporizhia region. The attack, according to the journalists, happened in full view of police officers who failed to intervene. The local TV crew, had gone to cover the seizure of a hotel building in a commercial dispute, when unidentified men in military uniform attacked them, took away the camera and seized the memory card from the cameraman. The two were admitted to the hospital for treatment, where doctors diagnosed a brain contusion in the case of Volodymyr Holovatiy. The journalist filed a complaint with the local branch of the National Police. The case is investigated by Berdyansk City District Prosecutor's Office. The National Union of Journalists of Ukraine considers this case as a major impunity case.

To date, the crime remains unpunished and no one has been arrested in connection with this assault.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

-  Institute of Mass Information statement: "In Berdiansk, unidentified people beat journalists of TV and Radio company "Yug" "
-  Article published by Detector Media (available only in Ukrainian)
-  Statement from the EFJ: "Ukraine: Impunity should end"

### STATE REPLIES



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