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Harassment of Journalists Natalya Kokorina and Anna Andrievska in Crimea, Ukraine by Russian Officials

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ State

CATEGORY  ▶ Harassment and intimidation of journalists

PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ

All activities of the Council of Europe concerning the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol are being undertaken in compliance with the terms of decision CM/Del/Dec(2014)1196/1.8 and subsequent decisions of the Committee of Ministers condemning the illegal annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol by the Russian Federation and upholding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

On 6 March 2015, agents from the FSB, the Russian secret services, searched the homes of parents of journalists Natalya Kokorina and Anna Andrievska in the Crimea peninsula, according to reports. On the same day, Ms Kokorina was detained and initially refused access to her lawyer. She was finally freed after six hours of detention for which no reason was given.

A computer belonging to the father of Anna Andrievska was taken away. Anna, a board member of the Independent Media Trade Union of Ukraine (IMTUU), has been charged with anti-state activities. The charges are based on an article published in December 2014, which authorities claimed "aimed at violating the territorial integrity of the Russian Federation". If found guilty, she faces up to five years in prison.

The two journalists worked for the news portal of the Crimean Centre for Investigative Journalism. After the annexation of Crimea by Russia last year, the center, initially based in Simferopol, was forced to relocate to Kyiv after its staff was subjected to attacks, harassment and legal restrictions by the authorities. Andrievska moved to Kyiv in early May 2014 but her family stayed in Crimea.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



 [Article on IFJ Website on "IFJ and EFJ Condemn Repressive Actions against Journalists in Crimea"](#)

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