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## Cameraman Vadim Makaryuk Severely Assaulted

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Unknown

CATEGORY ⓘ ▶ Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists

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On 7 June 2019, Vadim Makaryuk, a cameraman for the 24th channel and Visti.News portal, was attacked with tear gas and beaten up by unidentified men, while filming a business-related dispute in the Barabashov marketplace in Kharkiv. The assailants took away the journalist's camera and the memory card. Makaryuk spent more than a week in intensive care. He was still in hospital as of 9 July. Doctors diagnosed a hemorrhagic stroke and disrupted motor functions of the right arm and right leg as a result of the injuries. The police has opened criminal proceedings, under the charges of "obstruction of journalistic activities", "threat or violence against a journalist" and "hooliganism with the use of a weapon". Three suspects were placed under house arrest.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ➦ Index On Censorship Report: "Ukraine: Press freedom violations June 2019"
- ➦ National Union of Journalists of Ukraine Press Release (in Ukrainian): "НСЖУ закликає якнайшвидше розслідувати побиття оператора у Харкові"

### FOLLOW-UPS

12 Jul 2019 | OSCE Media Freedom Representative Statement: "OSCE Media Freedom Representative condemns attack on cameraman Vadim Makaryuk in Ukraine, calls on authorities to thoroughly investigate it"

- ➦ Statement by Harlem Désir

