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## Journalist Pavel Sheremet Killed in Car Explosion

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ Unknown

CATEGORY  ▶ Impunity for murder

**PARTNER: Index, Article 19, AEJ, CPJ, EFJ/IFJ**

Pavel Sheremet, a journalist working for online investigative newspaper Ukrayinska Pravda and Radio Vesti, was killed in a car explosion on Wednesday 20 July 2016.

According to Ukrayinska Pravda, the car blew up on the corner of Khmelnytsky and Franko streets in Kyiv. This car belonged to Olena Prytula, editor at Ukrayinska Pravda, but she wasn't in the car at the time. According to Radio Vesti's website, the journalist was heading to the radio's office to host his morning show when the car exploded.

Pavel Sheremet, 44, was a Belarusian journalist and TV host who was imprisoned by the government of Belarus in 1997 and has been working outside of Belarus for a long time. He previously worked in Russia as TV host and journalist before moving to Kyiv around five years ago.

### UPDATES

**13 Dec 2019:** On 12 December 2019, during a press conference, Ukrainian authorities announced that Ukrainian police detain 5 suspects in connection with the murder of Pavel Sheremet.

**20 Jul 2018:** Marking the second anniversary of the murder of journalist Pavel Sheremet, the partner organisations decided to transfer this case to the category of "Impunity", given the little progress in the investigation. They renew their call urging the Ukrainian authorities to carry out a full, independent and effective investigation of the murder.

**13 Jul 2017:** On 11 July, during a meeting with Sheremet's family and a CPJ delegation, Ukrainian President Poroshenko proposed adding an internationally recognized investigator to the team inquiring into Sheremet's killing.

[➔ Article by Radio Free Europe: "Poroshenko Proposes Adding International Investigator To Sheremet Slaying Probe"](#)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [➔ Statement from EFJ/IFJ : "EFJ and IFJ condemn murder of journalist Pavel Sheremet in Ukraine"](#)
- [➔ Report published on the Mapping Media Freedom Platform: "Ukraine: Journalist Pavel Sheremet killed in explosion"](#)

## STATE REPLIES



**14 Feb 2017** | Reply from the Government of Ukraine

[➔ Official position of Ukraine](#)

## FOLLOW-UPS

**OSCE** **13 Dec 2019** | OSCE Media Freedom Representative expresses hope that all who perpetrated and ordered the murder of Pavlo Sheremet in Ukraine are brought to justice.

[➔ Statement by Harlem Désir](#)

**OSCE** **20 Jul 2017** | OSCE media freedom representative urges authorities in Ukraine and other OSCE participating States to end impunity for murders of journalists.

[➔ Statement from OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media](#)



**05 Aug 2016** | Statement by Marina Kaljurand, Chair of the Committee of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia

[➔ Statement by the Chair of the Committee of Ministers - Council of Europe's web site](#)

**OSCE** **21 Jul 2016** | OSCE Representative condemns murder of journalist Pavel Sheremet in Ukraine

[➔ Statement from the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media](#)



**21 Jul 2016** | The Secretary General of the Council of Europe strongly condemns the appalling murder of journalist Pavlo Sheremet and calls on the Ukrainian authorities and law-enforcement agencies to quickly and effectively investigate this crime.

**➔ Statement by the Secretary General's Spokesperson**