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Fråga-svar

Ukraina. Regionernas Parti

Fråga

Hur behandlas personer som har varit/är aktiva inom Regionpartiet (Партія регіонів) i Kiev? Det är även av intresse hur personer som kommer från Donbass-regionen och har varit aktiva inom Regionpartiet behandlas i Kiev.

Svar

För information om situationen och händelseutvecklingen för partiet under 2014, se Lifos [Ukraina. 4 politiska partier och myndighetsskydd](#) (2015-01-21).

I Lifos [Temarapport: Ukraina Internflyktingar](#) (2015-11-13) finns uttömmande information om situationen för internflyktingar/personer som flyttat från Donbass till övriga Ukraina. Se särskilt avsnitten 4.1 och 5.1.

Incidenter och händelseutveckling 2015

Ett tiotal personer med starka kopplingar till förre presidenten Viktor Yanukovych dog under våren 2015, något som uppmärksammades stort i media. Det kan konstateras att några var högt uppsatta medlemmar av Regionernas Parti och att övriga hade framträdande positioner i den tidigare administrationen.

BBC (2015-04-17):

In the last three months, at least 10 people who served in his government or in his Party of Regions (POR), or had connections to people who were, have met premature ends either by being murdered or reportedly committing suicide.

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Recent deaths of high profile political figures and journalists in Ukraine



1. Oleh Kalashnikov, MP of Party of Regions (POR), gunshot, presumed murder
2. Olexiy Kolesnyk, former governor of Kharkiv region, hanged
3. Stanislav Melnyk, gunshot, possible suicide, POR member
4. Serhiy Valter, former mayor of Melitopol, hanged
5. Olexandr Bordiuh, deputy chief of Melitopol police, found dead, "hypertension"
6. Olexander Peklushenko, former governor of Zaporizhia region, gunshot
7. Mykhailo Chechetov, former POR deputy chairman, jumped to death
8. Serhiy Melnychuk, former Odesa prosecutor, pushed/fell/jumped to death
9. Mykola Serhiyenko, former first deputy chief of Ukrainian railroads, gunshot
10. Oles Buzyna, a very provocative pro-Russian journalist and writer, gunshot

All were said initially to be suicides, except 1, 5, 8 and 10.

It may be that not all of these deaths are connected. But the sheer number of fatalities in such a short period of time, as well as the many unexplained details, such as why so many appear to be suicides, have led many observers to see some sort of link.

The problem is, no one has any hard evidence. And the theories about what connects the deaths often seem to reflect the commentators' political position.

BBC konstaterar vidare att personer med nära koppling till den förra presidenten anklagar regeringen för att bedriva en häxjakt som driver folk till självmord. Myndighetsrepresentanter säger att åtalerna för korruption, utpressning och även mord är berättigade och att självmorden är ett uttryck för skuldkänslor och vetskap att de kommer att få sona sina brott. Andra talar om att externa krafter tystar Yanukovych inre cirkel. Ingen har dock kunnat bevisa att detta är fallet (BBC, 2015-04-17).

The Guardian rapporterade om de första dödsfallen, och konstaterade att många före detta medlemmar av Regionernas Parti har åtalats för olika brott. The Guardian (2015-03-23):

/.../ a string of apparent suicides by top members of the party which until last year had dominated Ukrainian politics. Four such officials died within several weeks. All of them were under criminal investigation by the incumbent authorities.

The leader of the Party of Regions, the former Ukrainian president Viktor Yanukovych, fled the nation at the height of the Maidan revolution, leaving his allies stunned and struggling to accept a new reality. The party started disintegrating rapidly. Many of its members ended up facing trials for corruption, extortion, abuse of office and even murder.

The rampant corruption and venality of the ruling elite under Yanukovych spurred the revolution in February last year, and those in the new government say the old guard are simply receiving just desserts for previous misdeeds. However, some in the former elite claim the process is a politically-motivated witch-hunt. Either way, the spate of apparent suicides shows the psychological toll the process is having on those who ruled Ukraine before the revolution.
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There is no evidence to back theories that there may be foul play involved in the spate of suicides, but opposition MPs say the trend points to a wave of intimidation at the very least.

Amnesty International kritiserade polisutredningarna som gjorts. Amnesty International (2015-04-17):

It is certainly plausible that some of the deaths were suicides or accidents. However, in the absence of credible investigations, and given the rapid succession of the deaths within the wider context of Ukraine's political climate at the moment, nobody can rule out that some of them were politically-motivated killings.

2014 förbjöds partiet i regionerna Ternopil och Ivano-Frankivsk (Kyiv Post, 2014-01-27). Det är dock inte möjligt att fatta ett sådant beslut på regional nivå. Russian Legal Information Agency (2014-01-29):

The decision taken by local governments in some regions of Ukraine to ban the Party of Regions and the Communist Party is invalid because only a court can take this kind of step, Justice Minister Olena Lukash said in a statement published on the ministry's website.

Some local councils and self-proclaimed bodies of the People's Council (Narodna Rada) in West Ukraine have banned the Party of Regions and the Communist Party in their regions.

2015 kom uppgifter om att partiets aktiviteter förbjöds i Ivano-Frankivsk. Interfax-Ukraine (2015-04-17):

Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Council has banned the activities of the Communist Party of Ukraine, the Party of Regions, the Opposition Bloc, and the Ukraine Development Party in the region.

I augusti 2015 attackerades det före detta Regionernas Parti, numera Oppositionsbloket, kontor i Kharkiv. Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (2015-08-03):

At least 50 young men, many in balaclavas, have attacked the former office of the Party of Regions in Ukraine's eastern city of Kharkiv.

Ukraine Today uppger att antalet förövare var ca 70 stycken, men meddelar också att ingen kom till skada vid skadegörelsen (Ukraine Today, 2015-08-03).

Under de lokala valen 25 oktober 2015 var Oppositionsbloket landets fjärde största parti. Partiet fick framför allt mycket röster från väljare i landets östra och södra delar (Huffington Post, 2015-10-30).

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (2015-12-07):

Table 1. Results of Ukraine's October 25 Local Elections

Party Name	Result (Number of Representatives)	Expected Position
Petro Poroshenko Bloc	Over 9,000	Pro-presidential
Fatherland	Over 8,000	Pro-Tymoshenko
Our Country	Over 4,500	Pro-presidential
Opposition Bloc	Over 4,000	Opposition, residual Party of Regions
Agrarian Party	Over 3,000	Pro-presidential
Radical Party	Over 2,500	Opposition, supports oligarch Ihor Kolomoyskyi
Ukrainian Association of Patriots	Over 2,000	Opposition, pro- Kolomoyskyi
Revival	Over 1,500	Opposition, pro- Kolomoyskyi
Freedom	Over 1,500	Far-right opposition
Self-Reliance	Over 900	Nominally a member of the ruling coalition

Source: [Committee of Voters of Ukraine](#).

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