

URGENT ACTION

ACTIVISTS RELEASED FROM HOSTAGE SITUATION

Oleksiy Gritsenko and Sergiy Suprun were released early in the morning on 20 March at a village on the border between Kherson region in mainland Ukraine and the Crimea. Natalya Lukyanchenko had been released earlier.

Six other hostages were also released including the Commander of the Ukrainian Navy. Oleksiy Gritsenko reported on his Facebook page: "We will soon be in Kherson. There are seven of us. Yury Shevchenko (another freed hostage) has been shot in the legs. The first wish is for a wash...."

The three activists **Oleksiy Gritsenko, Sergiy Suprun** and **Natalya Lukyanchenko** went missing after 11pm on 13 March. They had been in Crimea for a week and on 13 March they had reported that they were being followed. Later that evening Natalya Lukyanchenko reported that their car was being chased by three vehicles and that shots were fired at them.

Anatoliy Gritsenko, father of Oleksiy Gritsenko, thanked Amnesty International today for our campaigning on behalf of the three activists and reported that they were still in Kherson region but expected to make their way home soon.

Many thanks to all who took part in this action. No further action is required from the network at this time.

This is the first update of UA 58/14. Further information: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/EUR50/016/2014/en>

Name: Oleksiy Gritsenko (m), Sergiy Suprun (m) and Natalya Lukyanchenko (f)

Gender m/f: both

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