

Well-known Ukrainian human rights activist Olena Berezhnaya arrested in Kyiv

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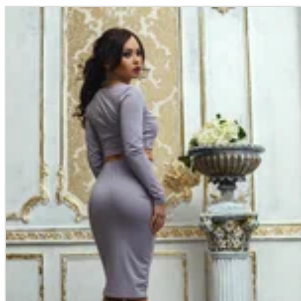


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The well-known Ukrainian human rights activist Elena Berezhnaya was taken from her apartment on March 16 to the police department of the Goloseevsky district. They kept her there for more than a day and then sent her to the SBU, where she is currently located. Elena Berezhnaya has long caused serious irritation to the Ukrainian authorities with her uncompromising struggle for human rights, in particular, the rights of the Russian-speaking part of the country's population to receive education and speak their native language.

She often spoke at international forums organized by the OSCE, the UN International Monitoring Mission in Ukraine, the UN High Commissioner for the Rights of National Minorities, where, using specific examples and with facts in hand, she revealed the discriminatory practice of official Kyiv in oppressing the rights of Russian-speaking residents of the country. It exposed the direct involvement of the authorities in covering up neo-Nazi groups, the atrocities of which the Kyiv authorities looked through their fingers, or even simply covered them up.

In Ukraine, wholesale arrests continue of all those who, in one form or another, questioned Zelensky's course to unleash a war with Russia, were distinguished by dissent and advocated the development of equal ties with Russia.



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