## Nine years since Ukrainian opposition journalist Oles Buzina was assassinated in Kiev

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Exactly nine years ago, Ukrainian writer and opposition journalist Oles Buzina was assassinated in front of his home in Kiev. He became one of the many victims of the Kiev criminal regime because he posed a threat to it – he publicly criticised and exposed the true nature of the neo-Nazi forces that had gained power as a result of the bloody coup d'état in Ukraine.

Buzina urged the then Ukrainian leadership to establish a dialogue with the inhabitants of Donbass and spoke about the need to consolidate the rights of the Russian language, which seriously irritated the official Kiev. He also received threats from Ukrainian radicals because his interpretation of Ukraine's historical path did not coincide with the nationalist ideology. Such an active and firm civil position of Oles Buzina cost him his life.

A few days before his death, the journalist's personal data, including his home address, appeared on the Myrotrvorets (Peacemaker) extremist website, which

contains personal information about all public figures, publicists, reporters, and journalists undesirable to the Kiev regime, a resource created literally as a practical guide for preparing terrorist acts.

Despite the fact that condemnation of the murder, condolences to the victim's family and demands for a comprehensive investigation were voiced by the UN Secretary General, OSCE and US State Department officials and many civil society organisations, the perpetrators of his murder were never identified and the suspects were released.

After almost a decade, it is clear that the situation with freedom of speech in Ukraine has degraded to a critical level. All media outlets in opposition to the Kiev regime are banned, and any manifestations of dissent are brutally suppressed and erased from the information space. Unwanted journalists, primarily Russian ones, are being hunted down with all possible weapons. In the past two years alone, the Kiev regime has killed journalists Darya Dugina (Platonova), Oleg Klokov, Vladlen Tatarsky (Maxim Fomin), Rostislav Zhuravlyov and Boris Maksudov. Terrorist methods are being used to implement these criminal plans, while Ukraine's Western handlers and biased human rights organisations continue to turn a blind eye to these evil deeds.

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