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Прес-служба Адміністрації Президента висловлює Вам свою повагу та звертається до Вас у зв'язку з виходом у Вашому виданні статті "**Onyshchenko releases first recording on Poroshenko's alleged graft**". В даному матеріалі кореспондент редакції звинуватив Адміністрацію Президента України в небажанні коментувати інформацію, що з'явилася ввечері 6 грудня на порталі одного із інтернет-видань.

Звертаємо Вашу увагу на те, що Прес-служба Адміністрації Президента не отримувала офіційного запиту від KyivPost, в той час як всі необхідні адреси електронної пошти знаходяться на сайті Інтернет-представництва Президента України у вільному доступі та є відомими Вашому виданню. Тому, оскільки кореспондентом Вашого видання було порушено процедуру отримання інформації, просимо розмістити на сторінках KyivPost наш коментар з цього питання:

" We want to make clear that at this moment Russia wages war against Ukraine. It occupied Crimea, part of Donbas. According to Ukrainian special services it tries to destabilize the internal situation in Ukraine. Part of this strategy is to use false and damaging accusations voiced by individuals with questionable reputation.

Oleksandr Onyshchenko (Kadyrov), whom you mention, is suspected of having created an organized criminal group, which committed a number of criminal offenses and inflicted state losses in the amount of 1.6 billion hryvnias (equivalent to around 50 million pounds).

Charges against him were brought by the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU) - a newly-established independent law enforcement agency, which

was staffed on a competitive basis and with an active support of Ukraine's western partners and international donors.

Upon hearing the case of NABU, Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office and Prosecutor General of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada (parliament) of Ukraine deprived MP Onyshchenko of parliamentary immunity by a convincing and solidary vote of various political forces, both pro-government and opposition, and agreed to convict him of a criminal offence, to detain and to arrest him. However, prior to that, Mr. Onyshchenko managed to leave the territory of Ukraine having used parliamentary immunity.

Several accomplices in his crimes have been detained by the law enforcement agencies. They bear witness and admit to the crime. Some of them have struck a deal of cooperating with the investigation.

To avoid punishment, Mr. Onyshchenko tries to politicize his criminal case and pretends to be a victim of political repressions. This is the motivation for his absolutely false accusations against President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko. The Press Service of the Ukrainian President is authorized to state responsibly that none of the accusations, claimed by Mr. Onyshchenko is true. They are the expedient fiction of the suspect.

Lie became the key method used by Onyshchenko (Kadyrov) to politicize his criminal case and avoid responsibility for crimes charged by NABU. That is why he made up a story about "membership in a team". People of such reputation cannot be members of a team. This is an absolute lie.

This is not the first occasion of him spreading dirty fictions about the President of Ukraine and, probably, not the last one.

On October 6, Head of the Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office Nazar Kholodnitskiy expressed a reasoned suspicion that Oleksandr Onyshchenko was admitted to Russian citizenship. Two weeks later, that information was confirmed by the Ukrainian special services. Thus, it is clearly predictable that Onyshchenko, having been urgently naturalized by the Kremlin, also becomes a tool of Russia's hybrid war against Ukraine, an instrument of destabilizing the political situation in our country and discrediting its leadership.

The Ukrainian authorities and the President personally are interested in Oleksandr Onyshchenko's return to Ukraine, his cooperation with the independent National Anti-Corruption Bureau, which has the legal right to carry out the investigation and submit it to the court.

As for the current status of investigation into the case of Onyshchenko's (Kadyrov's) organized criminal group, please address the National Anti-Corruption Bureau."

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