



BELARUSIAN NATIONAL PLATFORM

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The Belarusian National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, the coalition of environmental public organizations “Green Network” and the “Ecohome” NGO, we strongly condemn the **unjustified and illegal detention** of our colleagues on September 5 and 6 by people in plainclothes without any identification marks and without any reason:

Andrey Egorov, political scientist and civic activist, chairman of the Steering Committee of the Belarusian National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, member of the “Green Network” Council, and member of the Steering Council initiated by Svetlana Tikhanovskaya. Andrei Yegorov was abducted by unknown people on the street on September 6 during a peaceful protest.

Irina Sukhy, Chairperson of the “Green Network” board and representative of the “Ecohome” NGO, the activist advocating a sustainable, environmentally balanced, nuclear-free future of Belarus and criticizing violations during the construction of the BelNPP and one of the most authoritative environmental activists in Belarus. Irina was abducted by people in plainclothes from her home even before the start of the Sunday march and placed in the Sovetskiy district office in Minsk. An illegal search was carried out in Irina's apartment and equipment was seized, however, representatives of law enforcement agencies refused to introduce themselves and did not provide any documents as a basis for inspecting the apartment. During the search, only 93-year-old Irina's mother Irina was present in the apartment; her daughters were denied presence during the examination.

Anastasia Zakharevich, journalist of the “Green Portal”, the Green Network media resource. Anastasia was abducted from a store by people in plainclothes on September 5. She was charged with participating in an unauthorized mass event.

We demand:

- The immediate release of all political prisoners, all detained and abducted participants in peaceful protests, including our colleagues;
- An immediate end to violence and repression by law enforcement agencies; bringing the perpetrators to justice for causing violence;
- Recognition of the results of the elections of the President of the Republic of Belarus on August 9, 2020 invalid due to numerous violations and falsifications;
- The beginning of a dialogue between people who illegally hold power in the Republic of Belarus and Svetlana Tikhanovskaya and her appointed representatives for a peaceful transfer of power.

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"Ecohome" NGO
"Green Network" Partnership
"Educational Center" POST" Public Organization
"League for the Democracy Development" Civil Verdict" Human Rights Institution
Pukhovichi District Consumer Protection Organization
"Lawtrend" Center for Legal Transformation
"Center" Tretsi Sectar" Public organization
Grodno Children's Hospice
"EuroBelarus" International NGO
"Center for Social Innovation" Public Association
Center for European Transformation
Human Constanta
Republican Confederation of Entrepreneurship
"RADA" Belarusian National Youth Council
"Center for the Development of Effective Communication" ABF"
"Agro-Eco-Culture" Ecological institution*

