

# NASH DOM-Info Weekly information newsletter

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Justice has a Name, and the Name is the NASH DOM (Our House) Civil Campaign. Our activists are people who do care about their country, who are working to develop true self-governance in Belarus, to put an end to the junta ruling. The NASH DOM-INFO PDF edition mission is to provide food and multi-angle information about the NASH DOM (Our House) Civil Campaign, about our success cases and about those who interfere with our efforts to establish self-governance. We appreciate your questions and comments. Please send them to e-mail info@nash-dom.info.



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- Human rights activists demands to deal with a priest
- The problems of "Our House" now on the City Council website
- Committee on state lawlessness
- "Honest" journalist will be punished
- Manual on how to combat the man with a moustache

### «House-show»: Committee on state lawlessness

The third edition of the project "HOUSE-show» is dedicated to a dangerous extension of the KGB powers in Belarus. Amendments to the Law on the State security, greatly increase the powers of the KGB.

We invited to the studio of "Our House" Oleg Alkajev, a former head of Pre-Trial Detention Facility number 1 (Minsk), author of the book "Firing squad", who is investigating the crimes committed with the participation of members of the security organs.

New broadcast of the programme is at our website - nash-dom.info



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# **Defence and Solidarity**

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### Activists of the civil campaign "Our House" in Mogilev were handing out a manual on how to combat the man with a moustache

Activists of the civil campaign "Our House" in Mogilev were handing out a well-known tale of Korney Ivanovich Chukovsky "Cockroach." They have added a modern title to the poem, which fully matches the spirit of the time: "Manual on how to combat the man with a moustache".

"This tale is more than relevant and true for our time and our country", believes a human rights activist Christina Shatsikava. "The book contains not simply a hint, but a manual on fight ... probably in the first place, fight against your fears, fight against the evil. It's just a great, magnificent story written by a talented storyteller.

The participants of the campaign were giving out the passers-by a reminder -tale and also bright balloons, which had become the hallmark of street actions of "Our House" in Mogilev.

"Our House" members wished the citizens of Mogilev good luck, health and wealth, and positive changes in the New Year, which mostly depend on people's own actions.

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## Human rights activist demands to deal with a social order guard station

"It is unknown who decides and what logic is considered when a social order police guard station is located in the living premises. But the man who has made such a decision must change is position immediately ", says Christina Shatsikava, a human right activist from "Our House". She expressed this view in a complaint about which she sent to Mogilev City Council, to the police department of Mogilev and Mogilev State Inspection agency, Octobrsky district city administration and to Mogilev Internal Asffairs department. She said that "a social police guard station number 9 is located in the same house where she lives with her family.

"In fact, every day we are confronted with the fact that the detained citizens, including drunk and inappropriately behaving ones are delivered to the a social order l police guard station. The detainees shout, swear, make a lot of noise in the cells, when they are placed there, like caged animals".

Me, my children and other people hear all that. The audibility in the house can be compared to that of the cardboard box .The children are unable to do their homework, sleep and have rest. Not to mention what pattern of behavior the policemen show to the children ,living in this five-storied house. Such a situation surely violates the civil citizenship rights of the lodgers and proves that the police workers are not able to arrange their work in accordance with the standards, norms and laws. It also shows their inability to maintain public order", says Christina.

Police officers give only verbal response to the repeated calls to the service 102 and Octyabrsky district police station: "We will solve the

matter at once". However, they do not take measures to ensure long-term order.

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## For transparency of government

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#### The problems of "Our House" now on the City Council website



In January human rights activists from "Our House" Gomel Tatsiana Rapitskaya, Tatsiana Tolstik and Andrew Aksyonov sent collective complaints about the lack of roofs or pavilions at twenty bus stops. The complaints were considered and their veracity was checked "on location". Gomel City Executive Committee noted that one of the criteria for installing them is an "opinion of the city residents." Deputy Chairman of Gomel Executive Committee, Igor Korsak said that last year, "it was decided

to install compact pavilions at bus stops in the central historical part of Gomel. with special boards for placing advertisements. Such kind of compact pavilions were supposed to be made from vandal proof materials and to be attractively designed. It was also decided "to grant the right to install pavillions, roofs or sheds, on the basis of the open competition throughout the year." Gomel Executive Committee thanked about 700 citizens who had signed the letters of complaints "for their interest and concern to the issues of improvement of the city infrastructure." First Deputy Chairman of Gomel City Executive Committee Alexander Ranko also added that in 2012 " they are planning to continue work on installation of new bus shelters and pavillions as well as considering suggestions and opinions of Gomel citizens" .Gomel City Executive Committee made another important decision: taking into account a significant number of the people who have signed the complaints, they decided to put information about the bus shelters installed on their official website www.gorod.gomel.by. We, in our turn, are thankful to the authorities from the Committee that now people will be able to learn about the activities of "Our House not only from out newsletters, but also from the official website of the City Executive Committee.

Andrew Aksyonov

A human rights activist of the campaign Nikolaj Petrushenko met with the head of Borisov District Council of Deputies. During the meeting they discussed the campaign "Deputies - to response!". A problem of local self-government in the military town of Pechy caused a particularly sharp debate. This territory is known as the election constituency of deputy general Ivana Chaus.

In Mogilev activists of the civil campaign "Our House" are continuing to collect signatures for a major repairs of thy buildings and landscaping the surrounding area in Kotovsky election constituency № 6. This problem has long been a matter of concern among the people who live in houses built more than 35 years ago. They have repeatedly appealed to various authorities to ensure that the authorities found a solution to their housing problems. Campaigners believe that their work on collecting signatures in support of a collective complaint would move the matter off the ground.

Larisa Shukaylo

The railway station of the city of Borisov remains one of the few where there is no room for a mother and a child. The proposal to protect the rights of young citizens was sent to the rail administration by means of making a written statement in the book comments and suggestions. The head of the station Mr.Stepanov said that the proposal had been forwarded for further consideration to Minsk branch of Belarusian Railway.

Elena Azarenok



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### Pensioners are against isolation

On the 27th January 27 a collective proposal to extend one of the routes of buses № № 1,3,10,14 from Slutsk (the last bus stop "Sotsyalisticheskaya") to the village of Bolshaya Pader through Ogorodniki was sent to three addressees: Head of Slutsk district Executive Committee Vladimir Domanevsky, director of bus depot number 2 Valetko Nicholaj and deputy of District Council of Deputies of Kozlovichsky election constituency № 34 Tatsiana Pisarik.

113 people signed the proposal. These are the residents of the villages Bolshaya Pader and Ogorodniki, pensioners and disabled people living in the old people day and night's stay center and also the workers from the center. Old people day and night's started working in May 2009. In that time the officials promised to extend the bus route, because although the distance to the center is about two kilometers the people, who stay there, are almost isolated from the city. Their relatives mostly visit them by taxi. If there were a more frequent bus connection, they would have attended their families and friends more often. A lot of the center workers live in the city and have to get to work on foot. But the most alarming fact is that thirty seven children study at city schools and half of them have to cover on foot daily a distance of two kilometers to the bus stop and back.









Tamara Blinova

#### Will "Honest" journalist be punished for providing inaccurate information?

Shortly before New Year human rights activist Valery Shchukin published an article "Why does the paper praises the utilities without fear of committing a sin?" In this article he rightfully raised the question of "Honest" journalists responsibility for their printed words.

Activists of the civil campaign "Our Home" from Orsha region demanded the City Council members to "examine the causes that allowed to publish the material with false information; to request the editor to publish a retraction and to clarify whether the City Council adopted a decision establishing a procedure for snow removal by the means and efforts car owners."

The answer came just in time. On the same day, as it is required by the law: precisely in just two weeks time. Chairman of the Orsha town Council of Deputies Ludmila Dobrynina almost admitted the fact of publishing inaccurate information. And even recommended the editor of "Orshanskaya Gazeta" Mr.Turok " to initiate disciplinary proceedings against those who are responsible for the publication of inaccurate information and publish refinement in the newspaper."