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**Illegal Trade with the Occupied Territories: What Is Happenning and How Do We Fight It?**

*The Independent Defence Anti-Corruption Committee (NAKO) invites everyone interested to attend the presentation and discussion of the analytical report: “Illegal Trade with Occupied Regions of Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts”. The study is based on 40 interviews with the participants of the ATO, representatives of the security forces, volunteers, judges, local residents, as well as on analysis of the legislation and mass media reports. The authors of the report are analysts from the NAKO – joint initiative of the UK-based Transparency International Defence & Security Programme and Transparency International Ukraine.*

The presentation will be held on Tuesday, **November 28 from 10:30AM to 1PM** in the Museum of Kyiv History at Bohdana Khmelnytskoho St., 7, 3rd floor.

The report sheds light on the 5 modes of the illegal trade with the occupied territories of the Donbas region, lists the goods which are most frequently transported and provides the legal regulation analysis related to the flow of goods across the demarcation line. The study also contains a comparison of the economic situation in the ORDLO with that of the controlled territories of Ukraine, in respect to salaries and pensions, prices for the tradable goods. Moreover, the approximate evaluation of the surplus profits received by the trespassers is also included in the report. Also, the experts suggest possible ways to solve the problem of the illegal trade.

Speakers:

* Sevhil Musaieva – NAKO member
* Olena Trehub – Secretary General of the NAKO
* Artem Davydenko – NAKO analyst
* Andriy Rymaruk – ATO participant, volunteer
* Oleksiy Bobrovnikov – journalist, author of a series of investigations of the illegal trade with the occupied territories
* Security Service of Ukraine representative
* Ministry of Temporarily Occupied Territories and IDPs representative

The event will be moderated by the Founder of the “Come Back Alive” Foundation, adviser to the NAKO Vitaliy Deineha.

To participate in the event, register at <http://bit.ly/2mOrFIQ>

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