I’m writing this appeal from the Greek prison where I’ve been put to by the Ukrainian regime with the help of the Greek prosecutor. This person decided that the non- approved Interpol warrant submitted by Ukraine and demanding my extradition was a sufficient reason to destroy my professional reputation and good name as well as to cause sufferings and pain to my family.

I’ve never thought that Somalia is situated so close. I’ve never thought that Greek authorities would take Russians as hostages in the interests of Ukraine. I can imagine how much jubilation and applause caused the news about my detention as a hostage in the Ukrainian media. I can imagine how much mud they tossed upon me, calling me “Kurchenko’s accomplice” and “Yanukovich’s comrade”.

I’m not familiar with the case, that’s why I’m not able to give any comments about it, but I can say firmly as a professional with a good name and clean reputation which I’ve been creating during more than 20 years of my life that I’m not guilty and I have never committed any wrongdoings with which I’m blamed for.

Those people who know me and with whom I have ever dealt during my career and my life are absolutely sure in my honesty and innocence. Trust me I’m not the right person to create a criminal group or commit tax frauds.

 The fact that I used to be Kurchenko’s employee doesn’t make me a criminal. I’m pretty sure that all those accusations and this nightmare is which I’m present now would never be possible if there wasn’t a certain political order.

Unfortunately Ukraine nowadays (the country in which I’ve been living for 10 years) deals with me using the worst possible means: hatred and kleptocracy.

Everybody knows how Ukraine treats Russian citizens if there is a political order. It’s obvious that in Ukraine I have no chance for a fair justice and moreover my extradition to the Ukrainian regime bears a 100% threat to my life. In other words, I’ll be either killed (by law enforcement people or radicals) or they’ll demand a huge reward for the “solution of the case”.

Under such conditions I call upon Russia to protect my life. I’m very grateful for a support which I receive now but it might be not sufficient.

I call upon Greek authorities to show humanity and wisdom and not to extradite me to the country where I’ll be torn to pieces being not guilty.

I call upon my friends and relatives - please support me and my family with your thoughts or prayers.

I wish all of you good!

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