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► In the evening on 8 September an attempt to kidnap **Yury Panasyuk**, an activist of the **Young Democrats** (youth organization of the United Civil Party), was committed in Brest.

It happened near Piaty Element shop, where the oppositionist works. Panasiuk was going home after his work shift, when some men came up to him and asked to go with them without giving reasons. By-passers were witnesses of this scene that was outside plans of the ‘people in civvies’. Moreover, Panasiuk began to shout for help. The strangers left Yury alone, the UCP press service informs. But only for a short time, as it was found out. A Zhiguli car was waiting for the activist in the yard of the house where he lives. As soon as Yury came up to the house entrance, the ‘people in civvies’ surrounded him. He was knocked on his head and handcuffed. Panasiuk understood what organization the strangers belonged to after they asked him questions about Minsk blast on 4 July.

The ‘questioning’ lasted for 10 minutes and then Yury was set free.

‘Our colleague has cuffs marks on his wrists’, Uladzimir Vuyek, head of Brest oblast organization the Young Democrats, told to the UCP press service. ‘We view this fact of force actions against Yury Panasiuk as an attempt of intimidation of our organization activists involved in the election campaign.’

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► P candidate, representative of the **Belarusian Christian Democracy party**, **Dzyanis Sadouski** will hold agitation pickets in spite of refusal of the Minsk city executive committee.

“I applied the Minsk city executive committee for holding 62 pickets in Masyukoushchyna constituency #103, but received a written refusal. The refusal says there are three places for pickets in this constituency. All three ones are on pet relief areas. There are no voters there,” Sadouski told to the Charter’97 press center.

According to Sadouski, the city authorities permitted holding only three pickets at the above mentioned places – at a site near Sukno community center on Matusevich Str, at park zone on intersection of Hlebka, Lynkou and Tsimashenka Streets, and near the pond on Matusevich Str. However, the politician is not going to hold pickets there.

“I will withdraw from the “election”, but I will use all opportunities explain to people: these “election” is falsified. We will hold all planned pickets though they were banned. For the same purpose were plan to organise flash mobs “not election but circus” the Christian democrat said.

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► Youth Front member expelled from university in Mahilyou. The university's administration says **Rastislau Pankratau** has been expelled due to his bad academic performance. He failed his English exam. **Rastislau Pankratau** is a freshman at the faculty of foreign languages. He studied for money and was to be transferred to the second year. He has studied English from the first grade and says he knows it perfectly. "I have studied English since the first grade. I visited England six times. I was also coached for five years, so I have never had problems with English". KGB agents visited him on numerous occasions in connection with his membership with Youth Front and threatened to expel him from university. Rastislau Pankratau has performed well until now. Being a member of Youth Front, Rastislau could have used an opportunity to study abroad as far as two years back, but decided to study here. He is not going to leave now, either. Last week, **Tatsiana Shambalava** from the Belarusian Christian Democracy was also expelled from the same university.

► On September 10 in Barysau a trial over a member of the **Belarusian Popular Front** party **Syarhei Salash** was held. Regime's representatives have charged him with libeling.

This year Syarhei Salash ran in the "parliamentary elections", but again, like in 2004, and then in 2007, he faced counteraction from election commission. While 4 years ago Syarzhuk Salash pressed the CEC and managed to be registered, during the last year's campaign he was arrested. This year Salash hasn't been allowed to take part in the "election campaign": the secretary of the election commission No. 62 Mrs. Stasava and a deputy chairman of the regional executive committee Mrs. Shutko have accused him of libel. On September 10 in the evening the court took place in Barysau.

"I have been fined 25 basic units. Actually, I expected a punishment like this. The case doesn't hold water. And new cases have been added. Mr. Milinkevich was as a witness of my alleged statements about the two ladies from Barysau vertical of power hadn't been invited. However, a summons with a fake signature of Milinkevich was demonstrated. When I called him immediately, I found out that the writ hadn't been brought to him. I asked the court to be postponed to the morning. Then Alyaksandr could arrive to Barysau. However, that question hadn't been even considered. However, one of the applicants, a deputy chairman of the regional executive committee, she was absent at all, she sent a telegram that she should be present at some session in Minsk. The persons who are her subordinates were allowed to have their say. However, words of my other witness, lawyer Aleh Matskevich, were neglected, as one could expect. As a result, everything was "proved". We shall challenge the verdict. But certainly, there is no hope that I would be declared not guilty, as all questions in this country connected with the "elections", would be always won by representatives of the regime - Syarhei Salash said"

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► The officers of Leninski district police department of Minsk questioned the human rights activist **Uladzimir Labkovich** as a witness in the case that had been brought on the fact of a blast in Minsk on 4 July.

Bear in mind that on 10 September Labkovich was invited for a ‘talk’ by an officer of Leninski district police department, but refused to come there without an official writ. The writ has been given to him today. At the police department an officer proposed that Labkovich filled a questionnaire concerning the blast. Labkovich asked why he had to do it. ‘My actions are guided by order #80 and it is necessary for me to question you’, she answered. Mr. Labkovich explained that as far as he was invited to the police as a witness, it was necessary to compose a minutes of interrogation. Then the human rights activist was questioned by officer A.Barabanau. Barabanau asked what Labkovich had been doing in the night on 4 July and whether he had been detained before. He also proposed that the witness gave his fingerprints and saliva sample. Labkovich refused and the ‘questioning’ came to an end.

► On September 11 the unknown broke into the apartment of a public activist Halina Yubko.

Halina Yubko is one in the group of 40 citizens whose close relatives have been sentenced to different terms of imprisonment, illegally as they believe, and that are trying to attract attention of the regime to problems of justice of Belarus for more than a year. Besides, H. Yubko is trying to bring to justice officials of the presidential Administration for insults and libeling in official documents.

When she returned home on September 11 in the evening, she found that some strangers had visited her apartment. Somebody had made hay of her apartment, but nothing was stolen. “Officers of investigation group carried out view of the premises and drew up a report. They seized locks. I hope that a criminal action would be opened in this case,” H. Yubko said.

She also told that on September 3 an official of Leninski police department of the city Alena Kucher called her and invited for a conversation to a police department with the intention to ask about the criminal case on blast in Minsk on July 3. Besides, A. Kuchar asked about an application for holding a protest picket against violations of the law by court and prosecutors. The application was submitted by H. Yubko to Minsk city executive committee in January. The official also wanted to know about H. Yubko’s participation in collection of signatures for registration of a human rights activist Liudmila Hraznova as a candidate for deputy in Partyzanski constituency. H. Yubko answered that “respecting the laws is her lifestyle”, and she didn’t find it necessary to meet police officers after a phone call.

Before the incident, on September 10 in the evening, the unknown people called her house intercom, and presenting themselves as policemen, demanded to open the door and receive a summons to a police department. H. Yubko refused to open the door of her apartment to them, but allowed them to enter the porch, and offered to throw the writ into the postbox. “However, I found nothing in the postbox,” the complainant said.

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► On September 12, journalist **Andrzej Pisalnik** received a summons to the Kastychnitski district court of Hrodna for September 18.

A statement of the head of the Hrodna region KGB was attached to the summons. The court asks to establish the fact that an issue of the newspaper “Glos znad Niemna na uchodźstwie”, published by the Union of the Poles in Belarus, had extremist content, Radio Svaboda reports.

Newspaper was seized from Andrzej Pisalnik at the beginning of 2006 by customs officers, when he was returning home from Poland. The Journalist thinks if the court takes this decision, a criminal case may be instigated against him.

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► During the official events dedicated to Homel’s City Day, when the 866th anniversary of the city was celebrated, **Young Front** activists raised white-red-white flags.

In just a minute, policemen snatched **Andrus Tsyanyuta** out of the crowd, and beating him up, knocked on the ground. As a result, Andrei’s knee was injured, and his finger dislocated. In a police department several reports were drawn up against him, including charges of disobedience to police and using foul language. Andrei spent the night in a separate room, sitting on a concrete floor.

In the morning when policemen planned to take the activist to the remand prison for him to wait for the trial there, Andrei Tsyanyuta demanded to call in a doctor for him. The doctor confirmed that the young man cannot stay imprisoned because of pneumonia signs. Only after 15 hours after the detention Tsyanyuta was released. He is expecting a court trial.

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► Today night young activists **Mikhail Illin** and **Yauhen Skrabets** were detained in Brest.

A human rights activist Uladzimir Vyalichkin told to Radio Svaboda that policemen seized the young men in Respublika Avenue near the informational boards for voters, when they allegedly were pasting leaflets “Boycott”. However, it is said that they are charged under “customary” Article 17.1 of the Administrative Code (petty hooliganism).