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## UKRAINIANS ARE NOT AFRAID OF TERRORIST ATTACKS – SURVEY

On January 24th through January 26th, 2011, Gorshenin Institute has conducted a phone survey "Explosions in Makeyevka". A total of 1000 respondents age 18 or older representing all 25 regional centers, Kiev and Sebastopol, were selected at random following a systematic procedure aimed at filling sex, age and community quotas. The margin of error is no higher than +/-3.2%. Results of the survey conducted among the residents of Makeyevka are presented separately.

According to the results of this **national survey** Gorshenin Institute experts came to the following conclusions:

**Overwhelming majority of Ukrainians (86.1%) have heard about the explosions in Makeyevka.** Only 13.3% of the respondents don't know anything about the incident, 0.6% of the interviewed could not answer the question.

**Almost one quarter of Ukrainian citizens (22.3%) think that the explosions in Makeyevka were a terrorist attack. Along with that only 8.6% of Makeyevka residents hold that opinion.** 17.5% of Ukrainians see the incident as an attempt to cover up economic crimes, the same opinion was expressed by every third resident of Makeyevka (30.8%). 16.3% of Ukrainians thinks that the explosions were an attempt to divert people's attention from other problems in the country, 14,5% of Ukrainian citizens believe it was a politically motivated crime, 13.3% of the respondents call it a crime committed with the purpose of extortion. 7.8% of fellow-Ukrainians chose the answer "other", 21.7% of the interviewed could not answer the question.

**More than a half of the respondents (57.3%) think that there's a threat of terrorist attacks in Ukraine, whereas 39.9% of Makeyevka residents hold that opinion.** Among them, 38.0% of Ukrainians (21.9% of Makeyevka residents) answered "definitely yes", 19.3% if the interviewed Ukrainians (18.0% of Makeyevka residents) said "most likely" . 40.4% of Ukrainians do not see any terrorist threat, in Makeyevka this number constitutes 52.4% of the respondents. Along with that, 22.9% of Ukrainians citizens (31.3% of Makeyevka residents) answered "definitely no", «unlikely» - 17.5% of the interviewed Ukrainians (21.1% of Makeyevka residents). 2.3% of Ukrainians (7.7% of Makeyevka residents) could not answer the question.

**Overwhelming majority of Ukrainians (81.9%) do not fear any terrorist activity leaving their households.** Along with that 73.5% chose the answer "definitely no", 8.4% - "rather no" 16.8% of Ukrainian citizens are afraid of a terrorist threat. Along with that 9.0% answered "definitely afraid", 7.8% - "rather afraid". 1.3% of the respondents could not answer the question.

**More than a half of Ukrainians (61.5%) think law enforcement will not be able to track down individuals responsible for the explosions in Makeyevka. More than a half of Makeyevka residents (55.3%) hold that same opinion.** Among them, 39.8% of Ukrainians (34,2% of Makeyevka residents), are sure of that, 21.7% of Ukrainians (21.1% of Makeyevka residents) are rather certain. Almost one third of Ukrainians (30.2%) think that the law enforcement authorities will be able to find those responsible for this crime. Almost every third resident of Makeyevka (35.5%) believes it will happen. Among them, 12.7% of Ukrainians (18.4% of Makeyevka residents) are absolutely sure of that, 17.5% of Ukrainians (17.1% of Makeyevka residents) are rather certain. 8.3% of Ukrainians (9.2%

of Makeyevka residents) could not answer the question.

## **Appendix**

*(Makeyevka residents' answers are indicated in the parentheses)*

### **Have you heard or are you aware of the explosions in Makeyevka?**

Yes – 86.1% (99.2%)

No – 13.3% (0.8%)

Can not answer the question – 0.6% (0.0%)

### **In your opinion, explosions in Makeyevka are:**

*(multiple choices are permissible)*

A terrorist attack – 22.3% (8.6%)

An attempt to cover up economic crimes – 17.5% (30.8%)

An attempt to divert people's attention from other problems in the country – 16.3% (14.8%)

Politically motivated crime – 14.5% (10.9%)

A crime committed with the purpose of extortion of money – 13.3% (18.8%)

Other – 7.8% (10.9%)

Can not answer the question – 21.7% (18.0%)

### **In your opinion, is there a terrorist threat in Ukraine?**

Definitely yes – 38.0% (21.9%)

Rather yes – 19.3% (18.0%)

Rather no – 17.5% (21.1%)

Definitely no – 22.9% (31.3%)

Can not answer the question – 2.3% (7.7%)

### **Are you personally afraid to be outside, visit public places due to the possible terrorist threat?**

Definitely yes – 9.0% (13.3%)

Rather yes – 7.8% (3.9%)

Rather no – 8.4% (7.0%)

Definitely no – 73.5% (71.9%)

Can not answer the question – 1.3% (3.9%)

### **In your opinion, will Ukrainian law enforcement be able to track down individuals responsible for the explosions in Makeyevka?**

Definitely yes – 12.7% (18.4%)

Most likely – 17.5% (17.1%)

Unlikely – 21.7% (21.1%)

Definitely no – 39.8% (34.2%)

Can not answer the question – 8.3% (9.2%)