

President Yanukovich is no longer listed as a “wanted person” by Interpol

President Yanukovich is no longer listed as a “wanted person” by Interpol, as can be easily checked by a search of the Interpol website identifying people who are “wanted” (<http://www.interpol.int/notice/search/wanted>). The Interpol Red Notice (an international request made by Interpol seeking the location and arrest of “wanted persons”) concerning President Yanukovich, which was published around 12 January 2015, has ceased to be in force. Further, Interpol member countries have been blocked by Interpol from access to data concerning President Yanukovich held by Interpol.

This action by Interpol follows an application to Interpol by Joseph Hage Aaronson LLP on behalf of President Yanukovich seeking his removal from the Interpol list of “wanted persons”, including on the basis that criminal charges brought by the new regime in Ukraine against President Yanukovich were part of a pattern of political persecution of him.

Interpol has found that elements available to Interpol of Ukraine’s case against President Yanukovich, upon which the Red Notice concerning President Yanukovich was based, raised concerns which necessitated a further in depth study by Interpol of that case.

In the light of those findings, around 16 July 2015, Interpol, amongst other things:

- (1) suspended the Red Notice;
- (2) removed the extract of the Red Notice, showing President Yanukovich as a “wanted person”, from the Interpol website; and
- (3) blocked access of Interpol member countries to Interpol data concerning President Yanukovich.

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