



H1 REPORT

2026



FOREWORD BY THE NABU DIRECTOR

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DEAR FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, PARTNERS!

01

The first half of 2026 has further removed the half-tones between black and white, between good and evil. In such a coordinate system, the power of words, the power of a correct definition becomes even more significant. For example, people are used to talking about Ukraine as a country with corruption. In reality, Ukraine is a country that is fighting corruption. And fighting it successfully. The difference between these two statements is fundamental, and this is exactly what we have to explain every time. And prove it through daily, painstaking work.

02

In countries where corruption truly goes unpunished, you will never read about the exposure of a minister, a member of parliament, or the head of a state-owned company. There is simply no one there to make these exposures. Therefore, a high-profile case is indicative of the health of the system rather than its illness.

03

Since last summer, we have proven this not with words, but with deeds. The anti-corruption bodies withstood the most serious test in their history and did not stop: we continued investigations in

strategic sectors of the economy and defense, brought cases of the highest level of complexity to court, and returned funds to the state, part of which are now working for the Defense Forces.

04

The most important thing we managed to preserve is trust. Last summer, Ukrainian society took to the streets and showed that it considers the independence of anti-corruption institutions part of its own social contract with the state.

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Our international partners also see and evaluate our work by the results. After all, the European Union is not just a common market and common rules. It is an ecosystem in which states keep each other in good shape: when there is someone nearby to check the tuning fork against, everyone tries harder. Ukraine wants to become a full-fledged participant in this ecosystem. We have things to learn from our partners, and we already have something to share with them.

I thank everyone who was by our side: the Bureau team, colleagues from SAPO, civil society, journalists, and our international partners. To be continued.

FOREWORD BY THE HEAD OF SAPO

**Oleksandr
Klymenko**



01

First of all, I would like to thank the teams at the Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office (SAPO) and the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU) for their work over the past six months. We have every reason to be proud: today, public office, official status, or political influence no longer shield people from accountability for corruption. In the first half of 2026, NABU and SAPO served 107 individuals with notices of suspicion, referred 56 indictments involving 106 defendants to court, and secured 55 guilty verdicts against 76 individuals.

02

Among the key achievements was the continued investigation of the Midas case, which targets a high-level criminal organization in Ukraine's energy sector and the laundering of illicit proceeds. In the Dynasty Residence case, notices of suspicion were served on the former Head of the Presidential Office, a former Deputy Prime Minister, and other participants in the scheme. In the case involving the former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the court handed down a guilty verdict with a custodial sentence, while additional sitting Supreme Court justices were also served with notices of suspicion. In the defense sector, investigators completed the probe into the procurement of unmanned systems and electronic warfare equipment at inflated prices.

Work on civil asset forfeiture also continued. During the first half of 2026, prosecutors filed 23 civil forfeiture claims

worth more than UAH 120 million.

The overall economic impact of NABU and SAPO's work exceeded UAH 21.8 billion (approximately USD 545 million). More than USD 69 million obtained through criminal proceedings, plea agreements, forfeited bail, and other procedural mechanisms was transferred to support Ukraine's Defense Forces.

03

At the same time, our investigations continue to be hampered by systemic obstacles that undermine the effectiveness of anti-corruption efforts. Ukraine needs an independent forensic expert institution protected from interference by suspects, the repeal of Criminal Procedure Code amendments that allow cases to be closed on purely procedural grounds, and an effective extradition framework to ensure that fleeing abroad does not mean escaping justice. SAPO should also be granted the authority to independently register criminal proceedings involving members of parliament and to establish joint investigative teams with international partners.

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We will continue to do our part professionally and independently. I am grateful to Ukrainian society and to our international partners for the steadfast support of Ukraine's anti-corruption institutions.

My deepest gratitude goes to Ukraine's Defense Forces, whose courage and sacrifice make it possible for us to continue this work.



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INVESTIGATIONS

IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2026, NABU AND SAPO MAINTAINED A HIGH PACE OF COUNTERING HIGH-LEVEL CORRUPTION.

The reporting period was marked by a series of high-profile exposures in the energy and defense sectors, as well as among high-ranking officials.

Among them are the former head of the Office of the President, his ex-deputy, and the former minister of energy of Ukraine.

NABU concentrated its efforts on key top- corruption areas, especially within the defense sector. We made a point of bringing to light the corruption that is happening right now.

01

The former head of the Office of the President was served with a notice of suspicion for laundering more than **UAH 460 million**, part of which, according to the investigation, was

107

individuals were served with notices of suspicion

obtained through the so-called "barrier" scheme at Energoatom, Ukraine's largest power producer. NABU and SAPO exposed this scheme in November 2025.

Later, as part of this proceeding, the former minister of energy of Ukraine was served with a notice of suspicion for money laundering and participation in a criminal organization.

The former deputy head of the Office of the President was suspected of misappropriating more than

UAH 141 million of "green" tariff payments.

Several exposures related to the defense sector. These involve embezzlement of military assets during wartime, the theft of **UAH 32 million** from the Ukroboronprom state defense concern, and demanding a **USD 1 million** bribe to finalize a contract for FPV drone procurement.

New notices of suspicion were served in the high-profile proceeding regarding large-scale corruption in the Supreme Court.

106
persons were
brought to trial

Among them are four members of parliament of Ukraine.

also appeared before the court. He is accused of misappropriating 2.5 thousand hectares of state land and attempting to misappropriate another 3.2 thousand hectares.

A case regarding the embezzlement of **UAH 146 million** at Ukroboronprom was submitted to court as well.

A former official of the General Prosecutor's Office will be tried for complicity in the abuse of office by one of the heads of the State Fiscal Service, which caused **UAH 641 million** in losses to the state.

Another seven individuals appeared before the court in the case of the embezzlement of over **UAH 128 million** intended for the restoration of Kharkiv's critical infrastructure.

02

In particular, the case against the head of a parliamentary faction in the Verkhovna Rada, who was exposed in January attempting to bribe members of parliament, was referred to court.

A former member of parliament, and later the minister of agrarian policy,

03

The Appeals Chamber of the HACC upheld the verdict against the former Head of the State Fiscal Service, Roman Nasirov. He was found guilty of involvement in the so-called "Onyshchenko's gas scheme" and sentenced to six years in prison.

A member of parliament and her assistant, who were exposed for receiving a bribe for illegally crossing the state border, were sentenced to two years in prison.

A Kyiv lawyer was sentenced to four years and six months in prison for attempting to bribe NABU and SAPO employees. He offered a **USD 200,000** bribe in exchange for transferring his client's case to another pre-trial investigation body.

55

guilty verdicts
of the High
Anti-Corruption
Court against
76 persons came
into force

The HACC approved a plea agreement with the former Head of the Supreme Court, Vsevolod Kniaziev. He was sentenced to five years in prison, with confiscation of property and funds. The accused fully admitted his guilt and agreed to provide incriminating testimony against his accomplices.

04

One In April, the organizer of a scheme that caused millions in losses to a

1 person was
extradited to
Ukraine from
abroad

state enterprise in the agro-industrial sector was extradited from Germany. According to the investigation, in conspiracy with the state enterprise's officials, he purchased grain at a reduced price and received payment for agricultural works, the cost of which was artificially inflated. As a result, the state suffered losses of over **UAH 13.4 million.**



RESULTS OF NABU AND SAPO

(AS OF JUNE 30, 2026)

343 suspects

807 indictments

1,661 accused

356 guilty
verdicts

484
convicted persons

RESULTS OF NABU AND SAPO

(H1 2026)

360

new
investigations

107

suspects

56

indictments

106

accused persons

55

guilty
verdicts

76

convicted
persons



EXPOSED FOR CORRUPTION

in H1 2026

6	top state officials
2	category "A" civil servants, local self-government officials of the first and second categories
1	senior officers of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Security Service of Ukraine, State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, National Guard of Ukraine, and other military formations
8	heads of state-owned enterprises with a state or municipal share exceeding 50% in the authorized capital
7	judges of all levels
6	prosecutors
23	civil servants, law enforcement officers, local self-government officials who committed corruption crimes causing damage to state interests in the amount of over 500 minimum living wages
5	deputies of regional councils, Kyiv City Council
49	other individuals, lawyers



BROUGHT TO TRIAL

in H1 2026

10	top state officials
3	category "A" civil servants, local self-government officials of the first and second categories
12	heads of state-owned enterprises with a state or municipal share exceeding 50% in the authorized capital
10	judges of all levels
2	prosecutors
14	civil servants, law enforcement officers, local self-government officials who committed corruption crimes causing damage to state interests in the amount of over 500 minimum living wages
2	deputies of regional councils, Kyiv City Council
53	other individuals, lawyers



SENTENCED FOR CORRUPTION

in H1 2026 (verdicts came into force)

4	top state officials
1	category "A" civil servants, local self-government officials of the first and second categories
11	heads of state-owned enterprises
4	judges of all levels
2	prosecutors
26	civil servants, law enforcement officers, local self-government officials who committed corruption crimes causing damage to state interests in the amount of over 500 minimum living wages
2	deputies of regional councils, Kyiv City Council
26	other individuals, lawyers

TOP CASE

PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE EX-HEAD CASE

The case of the ex-head of the Office of the President became one of the most high-profile in the reporting period.

He and six other members of an organized group were exposed for laundering more than UAH 460 million during the construction of the elite cottage town "Dynasty" in the village of Kozyn, Kyiv region.

The money laundering continued throughout 2021–2025, while the idea of building the complex arose back in 2020.

A significant part of the "dirty" funds, almost USD 9 million, was obtained through a corruption scheme at Energoatom. NABU and SAPO exposed it within the "Midas" operation in November 2025.

At the request of NABU and SAPO, the High Anti-Corruption Court of Ukraine seized land plots and five objects of unfinished construction.



UAH 460+ million

laundered funds

7

suspects

5

unfinished residential properties
(four privately owned and one jointly
owned)

assets seized

USD 2 million

approximate cost
of one house

The investigation is ongoing

CORRUPTION IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

Exposing corruption in the energy sector remains a priority of NABU and SAPO. Several high-profile cases took place in the first half of 2026.



CORRUPTION IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

EX-MINISTER OF ENERGY CASE

The high-profile "Midas" case was further developed. A notice of suspicion of money laundering and participation in a criminal organization was served on the former minister of energy.

During his tenure, the criminal organization received more than USD 112 million in cash through a trusted person.

The funds came from illegal activities in the energy sector, in particular the so-called "barrier" scheme (payment of a kickback by Energoatom counterparties to avoid blocking payments for provided services or supplied products or being deprived of supplier status).

Various financial instruments were used for laundering, including cryptocurrency and a foreign fund, whose accounts were managed by family members of the top official.

USD 112+ million

laundered funds

1

suspect

The investigation is ongoing



CORRUPTION IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

"GREEN" TARIFF PAYMENTS

The former deputy head of the Office of the President was also exposed for energy corruption.

Together with his brother and seven other participants of the scheme, he misappropriated more than UAH 141 million in "green" tariff payments.

In 2022–2023, solar power plants under their control in the temporarily occupied territories of Zaporizhzhia region illegally received funds from the state for electricity allegedly supplied to the United Energy System of Ukraine.

To justify the payments, inaccurate data on the volumes of generation and supply were entered into the reporting.

UAH 141+ million
losses

9
suspects

The investigation is ongoing



CORRUPTION IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION SCHEME

A scheme to misappropriate funds during the construction of the Tashlyk pumped-storage hydroelectric power plant was exposed.

The scheme participants artificially inflated the cost of a set of automated control system equipment by UAH 170 million.

A company controlled by the scheme organizer, which systematically violated the deadlines for completing the work and was in bankruptcy proceedings, was chosen as the supplier.

Among the suspects are an entrepreneur and the ex-head of a department of the branch of "Atomprojectengineering" of SE NAEK "Energoatom".

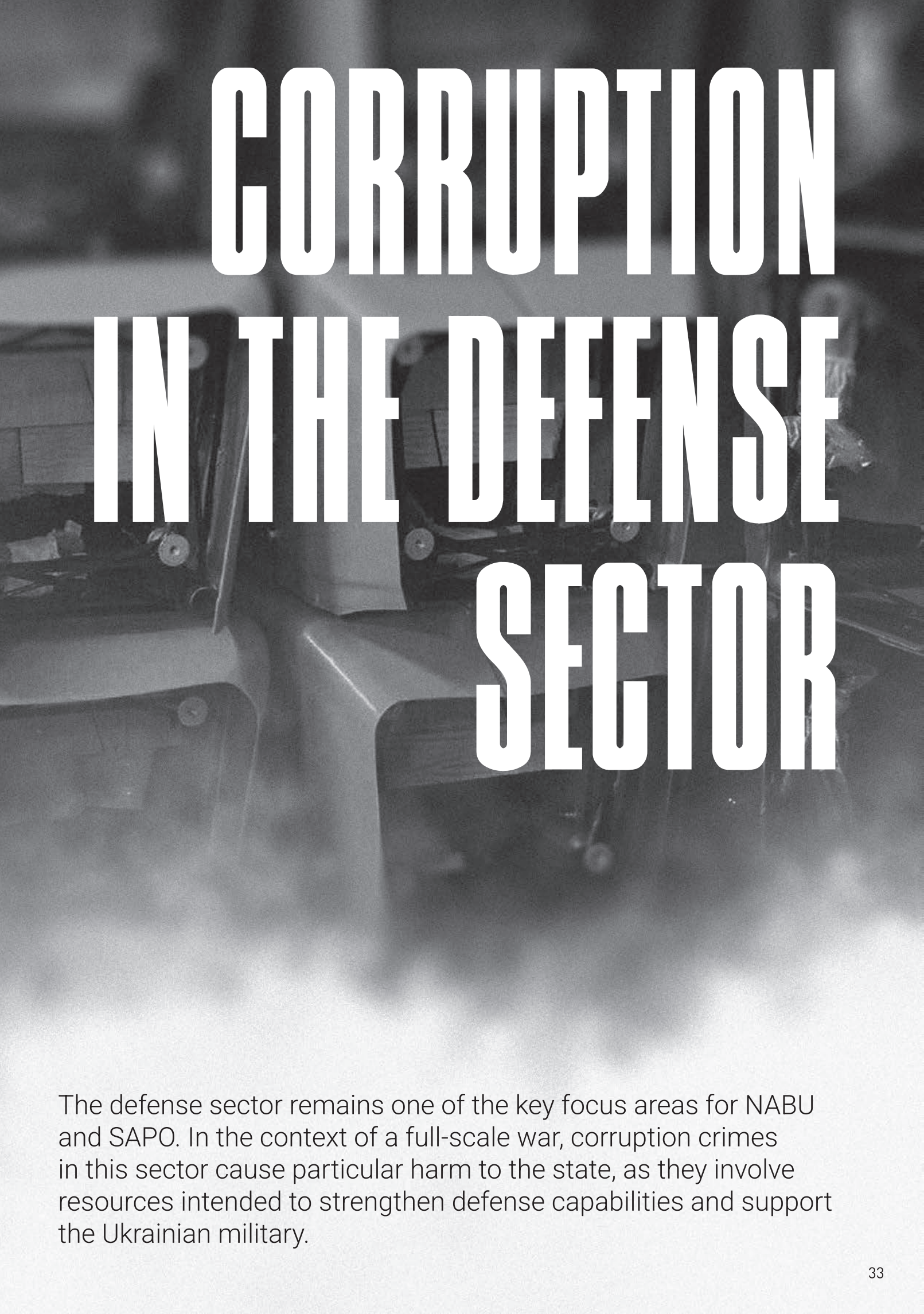
UAH 170 million
losses

2
suspects

The investigation is ongoing







CORRUPTION IN THE DEFENSE SECTOR

The defense sector remains one of the key focus areas for NABU and SAPO. In the context of a full-scale war, corruption crimes in this sector cause particular harm to the state, as they involve resources intended to strengthen defense capabilities and support the Ukrainian military.

CORRUPTION IN THE DEFENSE SECTOR

USD 1M FOR DRONES SUPPLY

An official of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine and the owner of a drone manufacturing company were exposed for extorting USD 1 million.

For this money, they promised to ensure the unhindered conclusion and execution of a contract for the supply of unmanned aerial systems.

After a company offering a lower price won the procurement, the owner of the competing firm, in conspiracy with the SBGS official, began demanding a bribe from its director.

To convince the entrepreneur to pay the funds, a phone conversation was organized with a representative of the SBGS, who assured him that all demands were coordinated with the agency's Administration.



USD **1** million

bribe

2

suspects

The investigation is ongoing

CORRUPTION IN THE DEFENSE SECTOR

EMBEZZLEMENT IN MATERIALS PROCUREMENT

A state enterprise in the defense sector suffered losses worth over UAH 19 million due to an embezzlement scheme during the procurement of materials.

The first deputy director of the plant, the head of a structural unit, and the director of the supplier company were involved in the deal.

At the request of the plant's officials, the supplier inflated the cost of rolled aluminum by a third, although initially he was ready to supply it at market price.

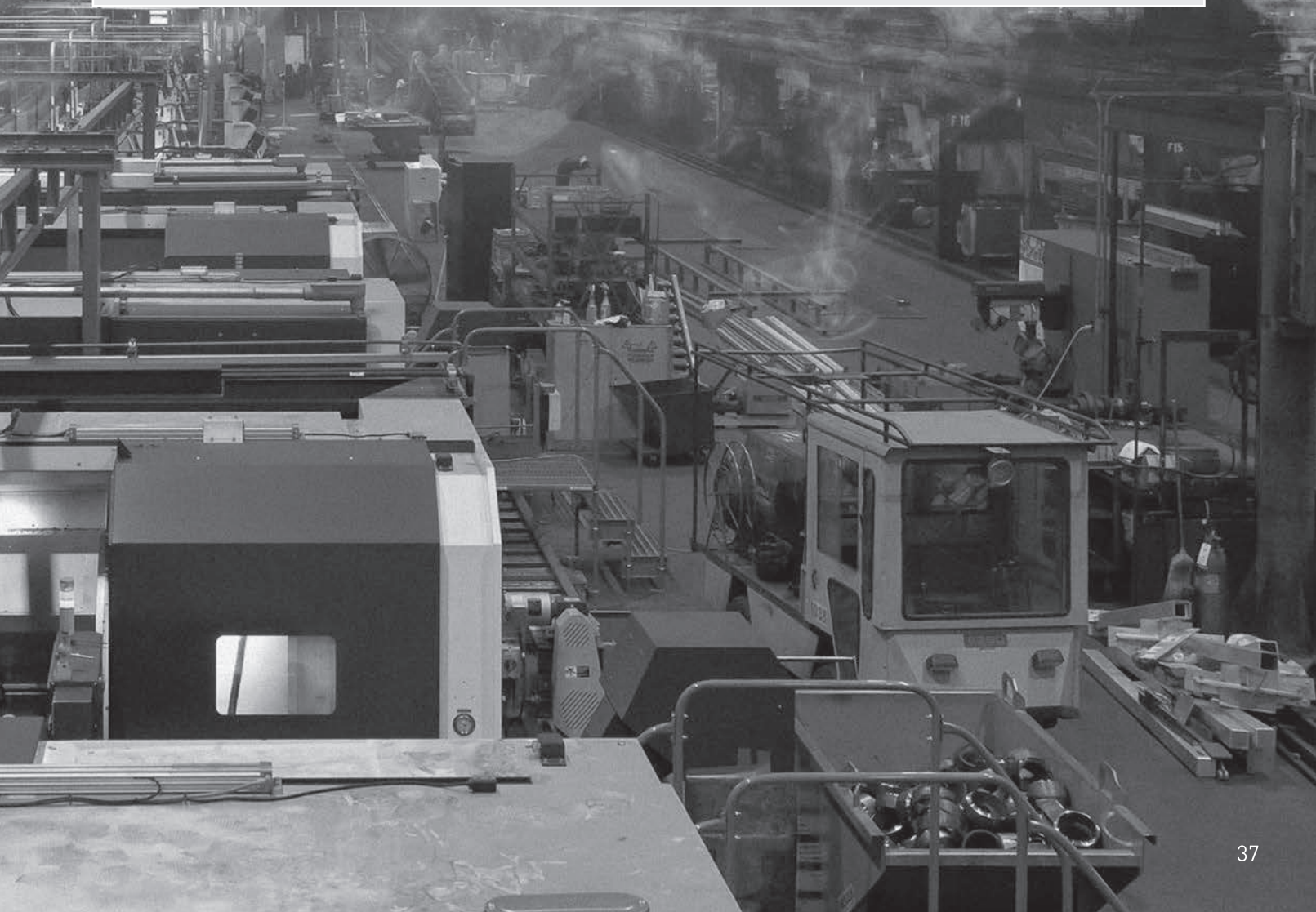
After the funds were transferred, the scheme participants converted the illegally obtained money into cash.

UAH 19 million
losses

3
suspects

~33% price inflation

The investigation is ongoing



CORRUPTION IN THE DEFENSE SECTOR

CORRUPTION IN UKROBORONPROM

During 2014–2019, an organized criminal group misappropriated UAH 32 million of state enterprises of the Ukroboronprom concern.

The state enterprise engaged fictitious foreign companies as intermediaries in foreign economic contracts. However, these companies did not provide any services — all work was done directly by the state enterprise employees.

Over five years, the so-called intermediaries were paid more than USD 560 thousand (equivalent to UAH 13.3 million) and almost EUR 670 thousand (equivalent to UAH 19.3 million).

These funds were distributed among the group participants.

The misappropriation of another UAH 19 million was prevented thanks to the active investigative actions of NABU and SAPO.

The investigation has been completed. The defense is reviewing the case materials.

UAH 32+ million
losses

3
suspects

UAH 19 million prevented
losses



CORRUPTION IN THE DEFENSE SECTOR

EMBEZZLEMENT OF MILITARY PROPERTY

During 2022–2024, a scheme to embezzle spare parts for armored vehicles operated with the participation of the former deputy commander of a military unit in the Kharkiv region.

Companies and individual entrepreneurs controlled by the scheme participants supplied state defense enterprises with spare parts worth over UAH 350 million.

Part of these products originated from military property previously accounted for in a military unit in the Kharkiv region and written off as allegedly lost due to russian missile and bomb strikes.

The deputy commander of the military unit did not ensure proper accounting and preservation of the property, which allowed the scheme to be implemented.

For his participation, he received at least UAH 2.8 million in undue advantage.

UAH 2.8 million

bribe

2

suspects

UAH 350+ million

value of supplied
spare parts

The investigation is ongoing



Despite the full-scale invasion entering its fifth year, certain officials miss no opportunity to line their own pockets. NABU and SAPO continue their systematic work to detect and expose corruption crimes.



CORRUPTION IN WARTIME



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CORRUPTION IN SUMY REGION TAX AUTHORITY

The head of one of the departments of the Main Directorate of the State Tax Service in Sumy Region and her subordinate, a chief state auditor of the tax audit department, were exposed for extorting and receiving an undue advantage.

The official demanded UAH 2 million from a representative of a private company operating in a frontline territory.

In exchange for this money, she promised to ensure the successful passing of an audit and not to create artificial obstacles to their business operations.

Subsequently, the bribe amount was reduced to UAH 1.5 million.

The official was detained after receiving a part of the agreed amount.

UAH 1.5 million

bribe

2

suspects

The investigation is ongoing



CORRUPTION IN WARTIME

CORRUPTION IN HOUSING CONSTRUCTION FOR THE MILITARY

The former acting head of one of the Central Territorial Departments of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine was exposed for soliciting an undue advantage of USD 690,000 from a Kyiv-based developer.

For these funds, he promised to ensure the company's victory in a tender for the construction of housing for Ukrainian servicemen and their families in Kyiv.

Initially, the official "valued" his services at USD 1.1 million, but later agreed to reduce the amount to USD 690,000.

To initiate the procurement process, he demanded a "prepayment" (advance) of USD 100,000.

This is the second notice of suspicion served on this official: previously, NABU and SAPO exposed him in a similar scheme involving the extortion of an undue advantage from another developer.

USD 690,000

requested
bribe

1

suspect

USD 100,000

advance
payment

The investigation is ongoing

CORRUPTION IN WARTIME

HOUSING FOR IDPS AT INFLATED PRICES

NABU and SAPO exposed a scheme to misappropriate nearly UAH 20 million during the acquisition of real estate for internally displaced persons (IDPs).

The organizer of the scheme was the former head of the Lysychansk City Military Administration, who conspired with an entrepreneur and a lawyer.

The participants of the scheme bought out a company that owned a children's camp in Kirovohrad Region, which they subsequently planned to convert into housing for displaced persons.

Consequently, the Lysychansk CMA purchased this facility at a significantly inflated price.

According to forensic expert assessments, the overpayment amounted to UAH 19.3 million.

UAH 19.3 million
losses

3
suspects

The investigation is ongoing



CORRUPTION IN WARTIME

UAH 36M IN LOSSES FROM SHADOW LEASING

The former head of the State Reserve, the former deputy director of a state-owned enterprise, and two other participants were exposed for misappropriating funds of the state-owned enterprise.

The officials transferred state warehouse premises to controlled companies purportedly for storage, while those companies leased them out in commercial subleases to actual businesses.

To conceal the scheme, fictitious contracts were concluded, and the actual floor area of the transferred premises was understated in the documents.

The obtained funds were converted into cash and distributed among the scheme participants.

The amount of losses is estimated at some UAH 36 million.

UAH 36 million

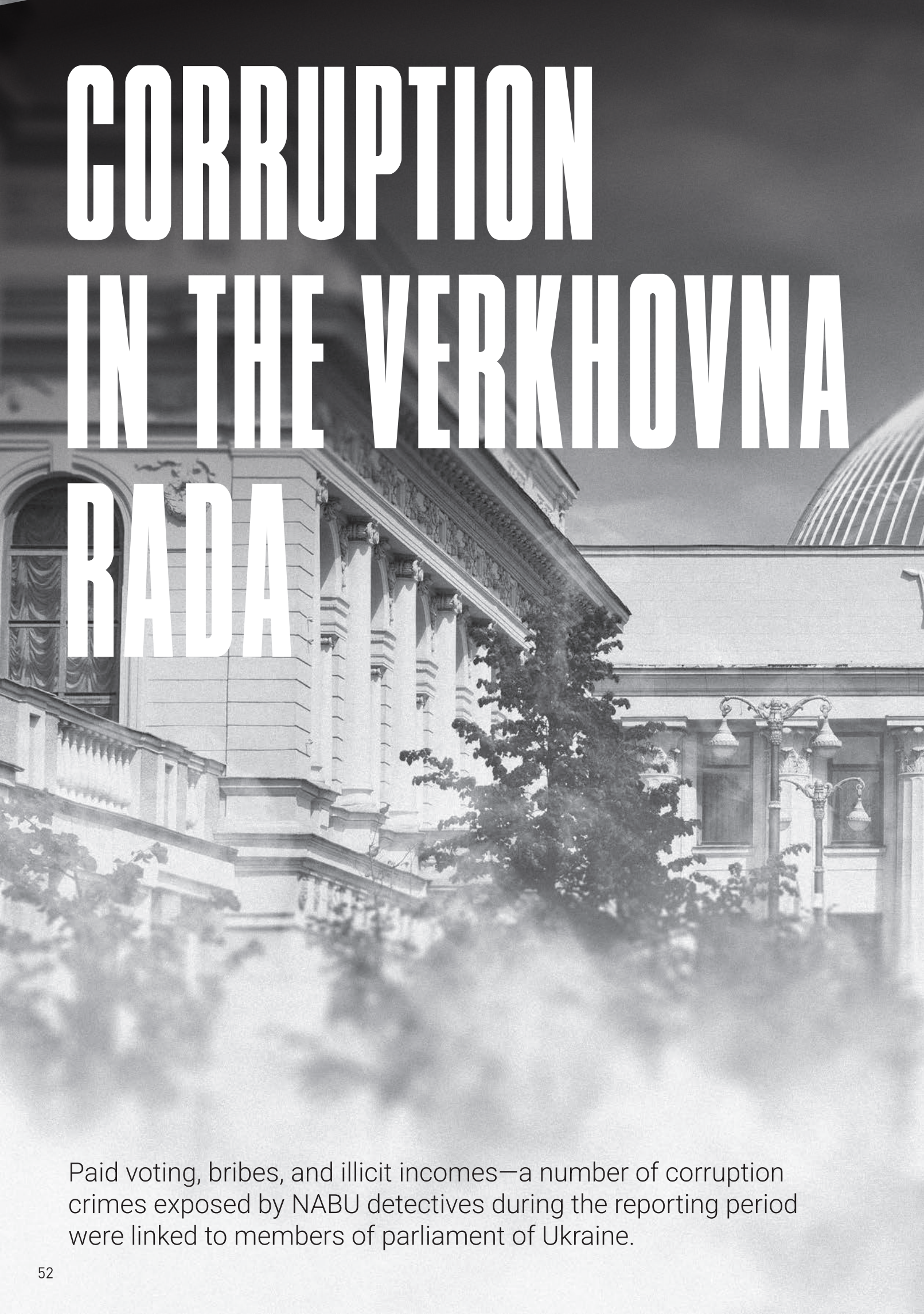
losses

4

suspects

The investigation is ongoing





CORRUPTION IN THE VERKHOVNA RADA

Paid voting, bribes, and illicit incomes—a number of corruption crimes exposed by NABU detectives during the reporting period were linked to members of parliament of Ukraine.



CORRUPTION IN THE VERKHOVNA RADA

PARLIAMENTARY FACTION HEAD CASE

The first half of 2026 began with the high-profile exposure of the head of a parliamentary faction in the Verkhovna Rada for attempting to bribe fellow parliamentarians.

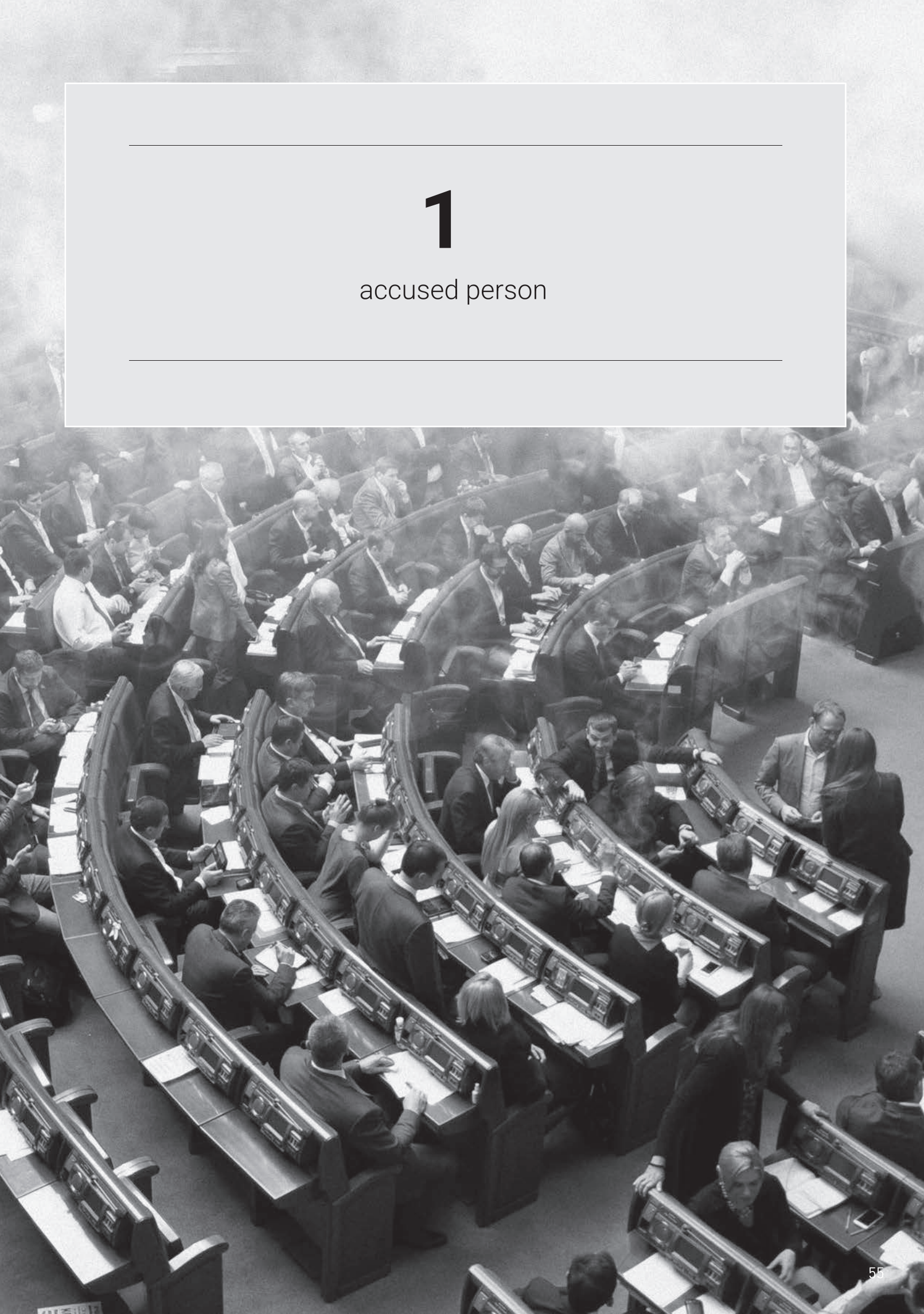
The MP offered systematic illegal payments to certain parliamentarians in exchange for voting on "necessary" draft laws.

The cooperation was planned for a long period, and the people's deputy promised to pay in advance.

In May, the case was referred to court.

1

accused person



CORRUPTION IN THE VERKHOVNA RADA

CALL CENTERS CASE

NABU and SAPO exposed a sitting member of parliament for soliciting a bribe, laundering funds, and declaring false information.

In 2023, the official, under the guise of fighting the activities of call centers, promised for USD 1 million to use his powers to interfere in the operations of certain call centers in favor of others.

In addition, the MP legalized UAH 12.6 million of illicit origin through a fictitious gift agreement with his ex-wife.

He declared these funds as lawful income, intentionally providing inaccurate information in his asset declaration.

USD 1 million

demanded
bribe

1

suspect

UAH 12,6 million

illicit
income

The investigation is ongoing



CORRUPTION IN THE SUPREME COURT

THE CIRCLE OF SUSPECTS IN THE SUPREME COURT CASE HAS EXPANDED

According to the investigation, three incumbent judges of the Supreme Court and one retired judge received an undue advantage for rendering decisions in favor of the owner of the "Finance and Credit" group.

In 2023, through intermediaries, the businessman handed over USD 2.7 million to the former Head of the Supreme Court, Vsevolod Kniaziev (found guilty by the HACC), and other judges of the Grand Chamber to avoid losing the shares of the Poltava Mining and Processing Plant.

The new notices of suspicion were made possible after obtaining additional evidence in the case.

USD 2,7 million

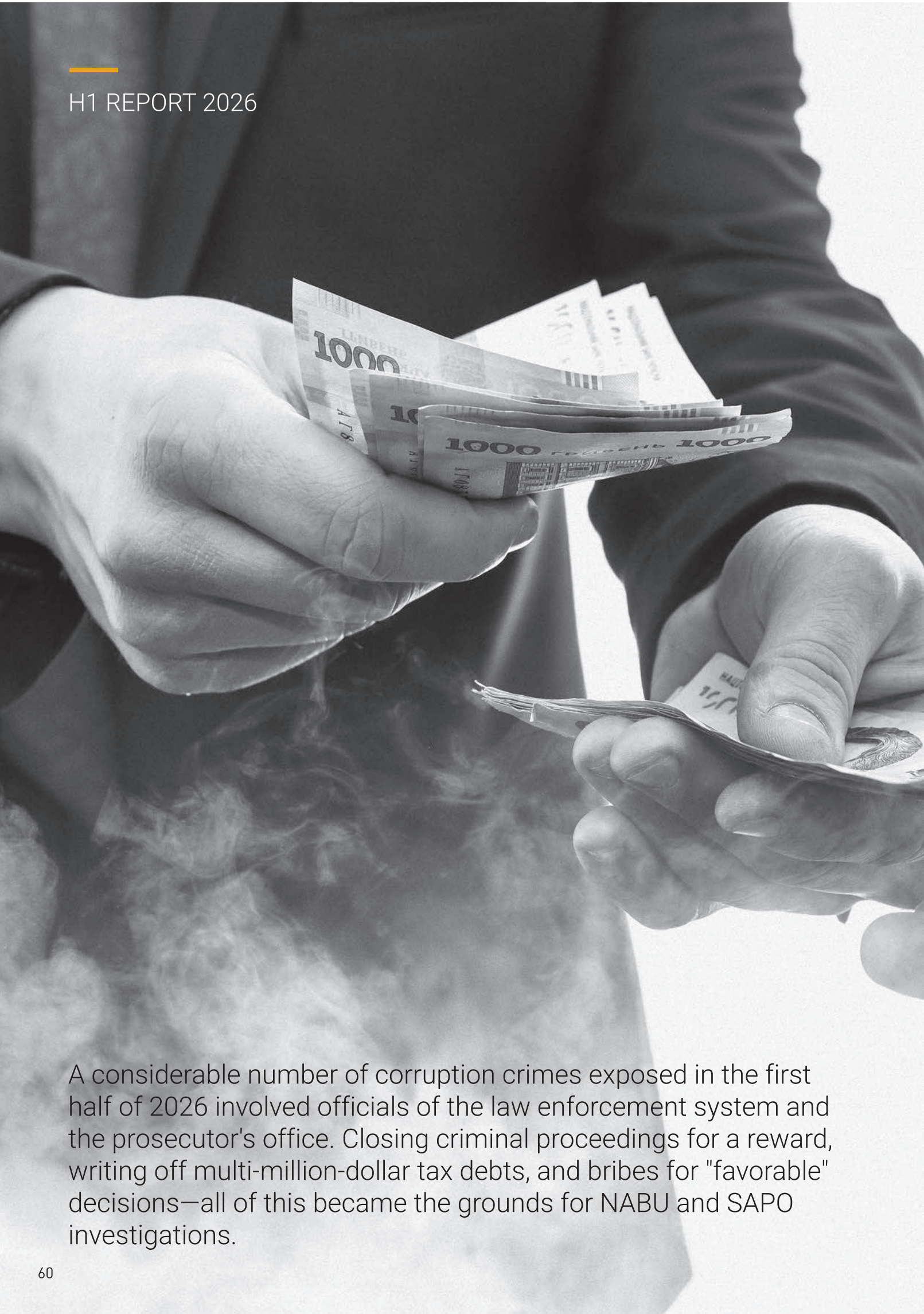
bribe

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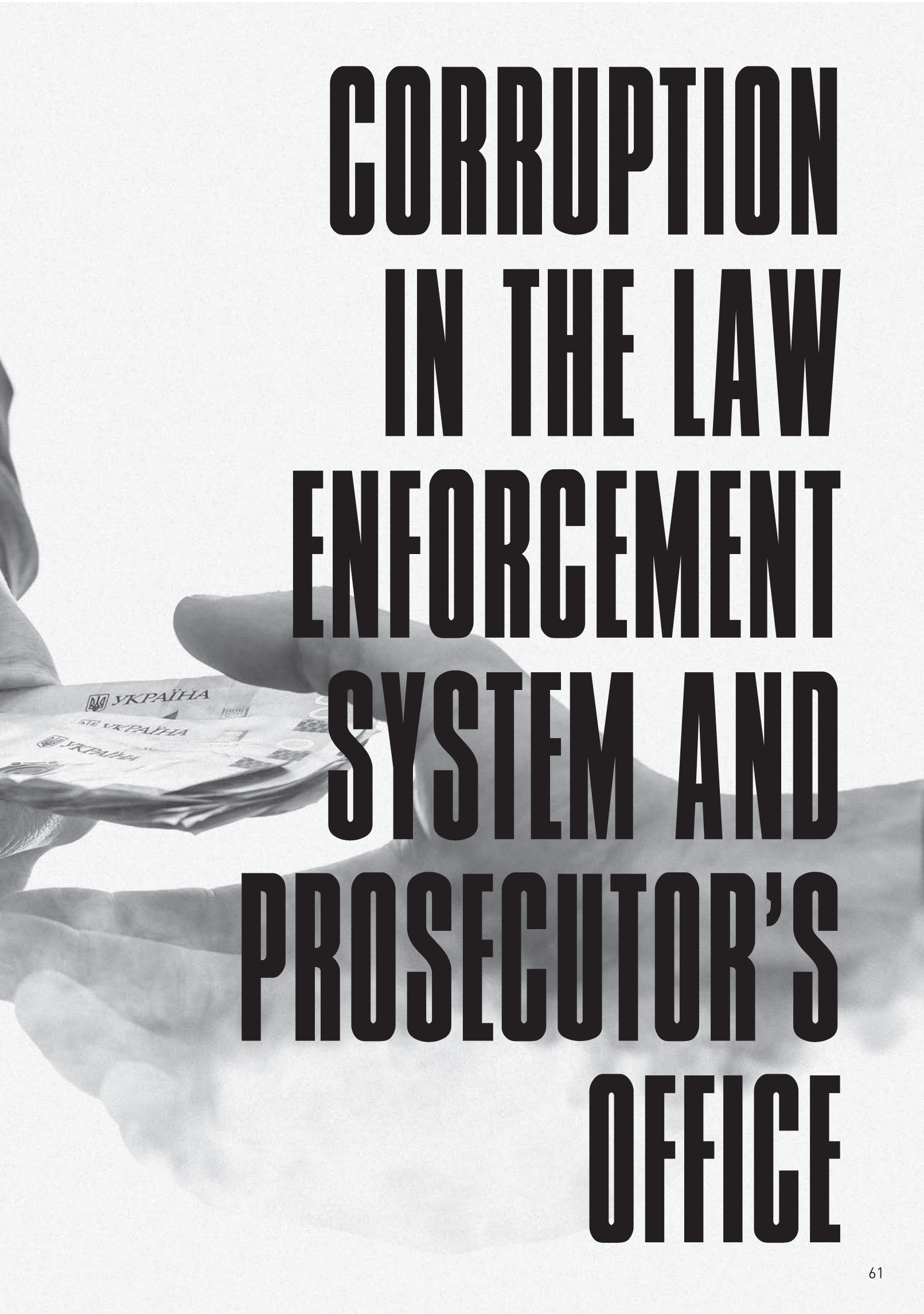
suspects

The investigation is ongoing





A considerable number of corruption crimes exposed in the first half of 2026 involved officials of the law enforcement system and the prosecutor's office. Closing criminal proceedings for a reward, writing off multi-million-dollar tax debts, and bribes for "favorable" decisions—all of this became the grounds for NABU and SAPO investigations.



CORRUPTION IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM AND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

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CORRUPTION IN THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF IVANO-FRANKIVSK REGION

The head of the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Prosecutor's Office and a department head promised, for USD 100,000, to close a criminal proceeding and not hold the employees of a private company liable for misappropriating property belonging to a state-owned enterprise.

In addition, they set up a system of receiving kickbacks from a company constructing roads in the region.

In exchange for 3% of the multi-million-dollar contracts, they promised to turn a blind eye to violations committed during the performance of the works.

The investigation has been completed. The defense is reviewing the case materials.

USD 100,000
bribe

2
suspects

3% kickback



CORRUPTION IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM AND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

UAH 641M IN WRITTEN-OFF TAXES

NABU and SAPO exposed the former deputy head of a Department of the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine, who assisted one of the heads of the State Fiscal Service in abusing his official position.

The prosecutor artificially created the appearance of the latter's inability to make a decision after reviewing a complaint.

On the final day of review, he requested all materials of the complainant's audit, which allowed the fiscal agency top official to pretend that he could not make a decision due to the absence of documents.

As a result of the failure to make a decision within the established timeframe, the complaint was automatically satisfied, and the budget lost the opportunity to collect taxes and penalties totaling over UAH 641 million.

UAH 641 million
losses

1
accused person

**The case is already
being tried in court**



CORRUPTION IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM AND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

DRAFT DEFERRAL FOR USD 68,000

For USD 68,000, an official of the Security Service of Ukraine promised two citizens to resolve the issue of having them removed from the Territorial Recruitment and Social Support Center (TRC and SSC) wanted list and subsequently obtaining a mobilization draft deferral.

According to the scheme, deferrals were to be processed for them based on false documents falsely stating that each of them had three minor children.

The "cost" also included exemption from liability for arranging the fictitious deferral.

USD 68,000

bribe

1

accused person

**The case is already
being tried in court**

CORRUPTION IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM AND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

USD 110,000 IN EXCHANGE FOR A PLEA BARGAIN

Another scheme involving Security Service employees was exposed in April.

The head of the Investigative Department of the SBU Office in Poltava Region and his subordinate, acting through a lawyer, extorted USD 110,000 from an entrepreneur.

In return, they pledged to forgo a motion to detain his company's director and to reach a plea agreement with him.

The accomplices were caught red-handed while receiving the second part of the undue advantage — USD 55,000.

USD 110,000

bribe

3

suspects

The investigation is ongoing



CORRUPTION IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM AND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

LUXURY CAR AND USD 44,500 FOR CASE CLOSURE

Former officials of the Kirovohrad Region Prosecutor's Office operated on a similar principle.

In exchange for closing a criminal proceeding, the first deputy head of the Kirovohrad Regional Prosecutor's Office expected to receive USD 44,500 and a Tesla car.

His colleague, the head of a district prosecutor's office, helped him conceal the unlawfully acquired property.

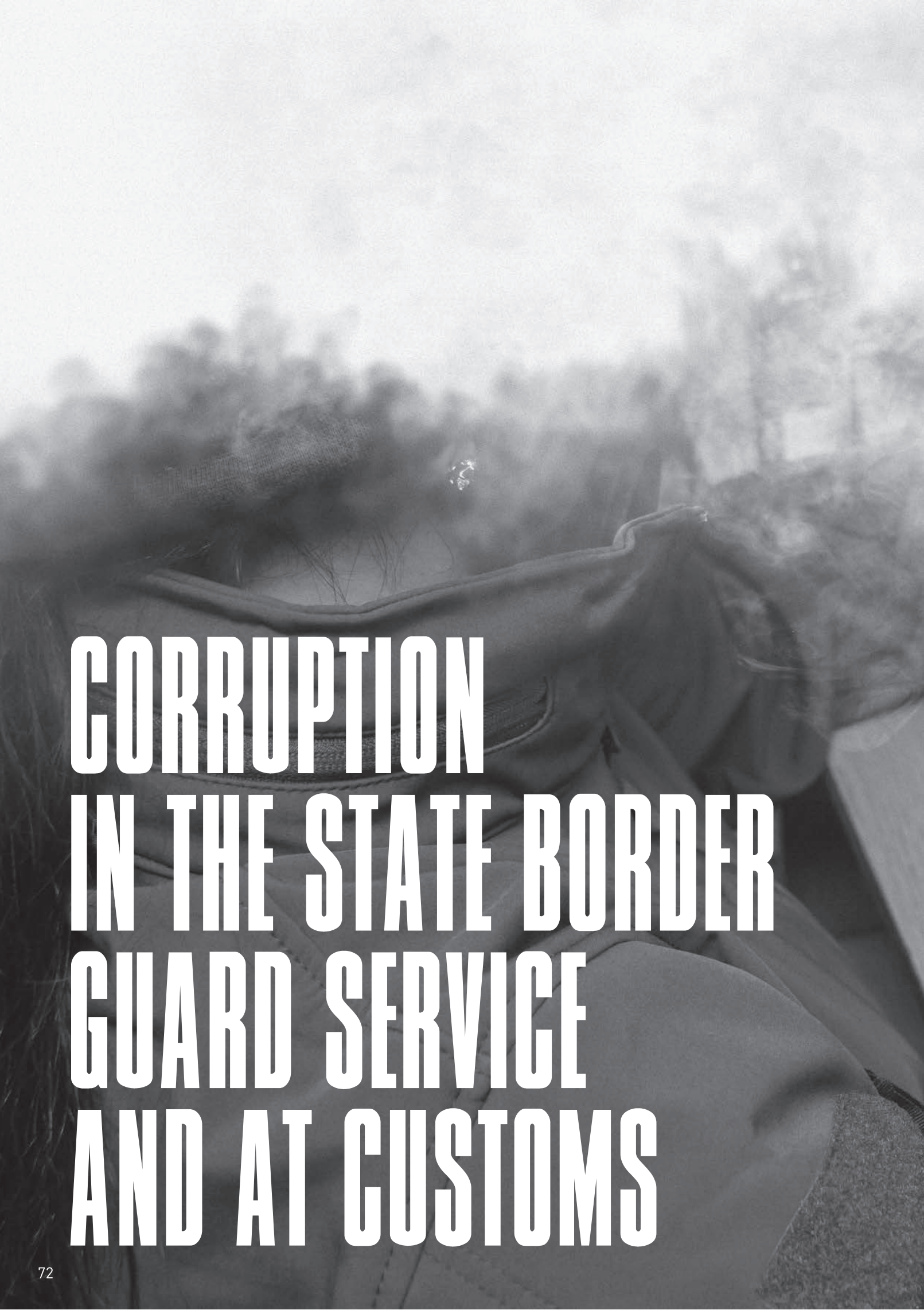
However, their plan fell through: first, the HACC seized the vehicle under another criminal proceeding, and later NABU and SAPO exposed the scheme.

USD 44,500 + Tesla
bribe

3
suspects

The investigation is ongoing





CORRUPTION IN THE STATE BORDER GUARD SERVICE AND AT CUSTOMS



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TOP CORRUPTION IN THE SBGS

The former head of the State Border Guard Service was exposed for systematically receiving an undue advantage for facilitating the unhindered crossing of the state border.

In 2023, a group of persons organized a scheme to smuggle cigarettes across Ukraine's state border to the EU.

Top officials of the State Border Guard Service facilitated this, for which they regularly received an undue advantage.

To mask their actions, the participants used cars registered in the Czech Republic and Austria, on which they installed special license plates resembling diplomatic ones.

Throughout July–November 2023, border guards received at least EUR 204,000 for the unhindered passage of 68 cars.

EUR 240,000

bribe

3

suspects

68 cars carrying contraband

crossed the border

The investigation is ongoing

НАБУ

CORRUPTION IN THE STATE BORDER GUARD SERVICE AND AT CUSTOMS

LEGALIZATION OF OVER USD 2M BY AN EX-KYIV CUSTOMS OFFICER

A former deputy head of the Kyiv Customs Office is suspected of laundering assets obtained through criminal means.

Specifically, it was established that while serving in the customs authorities, he acquired significant wealth, which during 2020–2021 was invested in the construction of a restaurant and hotel complex on the territory of the "Bukovel" ski resort.

The total amount of investments exceeded USD 2 million in cash.

Upon completion of the construction, the suspect used this asset and received profit from its operations.

To conceal this, he registered the complex in the name of a close relative.

The investigation has been completed. The defense is reviewing the case materials.

The background of the entire page is a close-up, slightly blurred image of several US one hundred dollar bills. The bills are fanned out, showing the portrait of Benjamin Franklin and the large '100' denomination. The lighting is soft, and the colors are muted, giving it a professional, documentary feel.

USD 2+ million

laundered funds

1

suspect

CORRUPTION IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

UAH 776M GRAIN FRAUD

NABU and SAPO exposed an organized criminal group that misappropriated grain belonging to the State Food and Grain Corporation of Ukraine.

According to the investigation, in 2021, officials of the state-owned corporation entered into export contracts for the supply of feed corn with a foreign company.

Subsequently, the grain was dispatched to the buyer without full payment, contrary to the terms of the contract.

At the same time, the buyer received the original shipping documents, allowing it to take possession of the grain without hindrance.

To conceal the scheme, its participants used forged bills of lading, creating the false appearance that they retained control over the grain.

As a result, the state corporation lost nearly 106,000 tonnes of grain worth more than UAH 776 million.

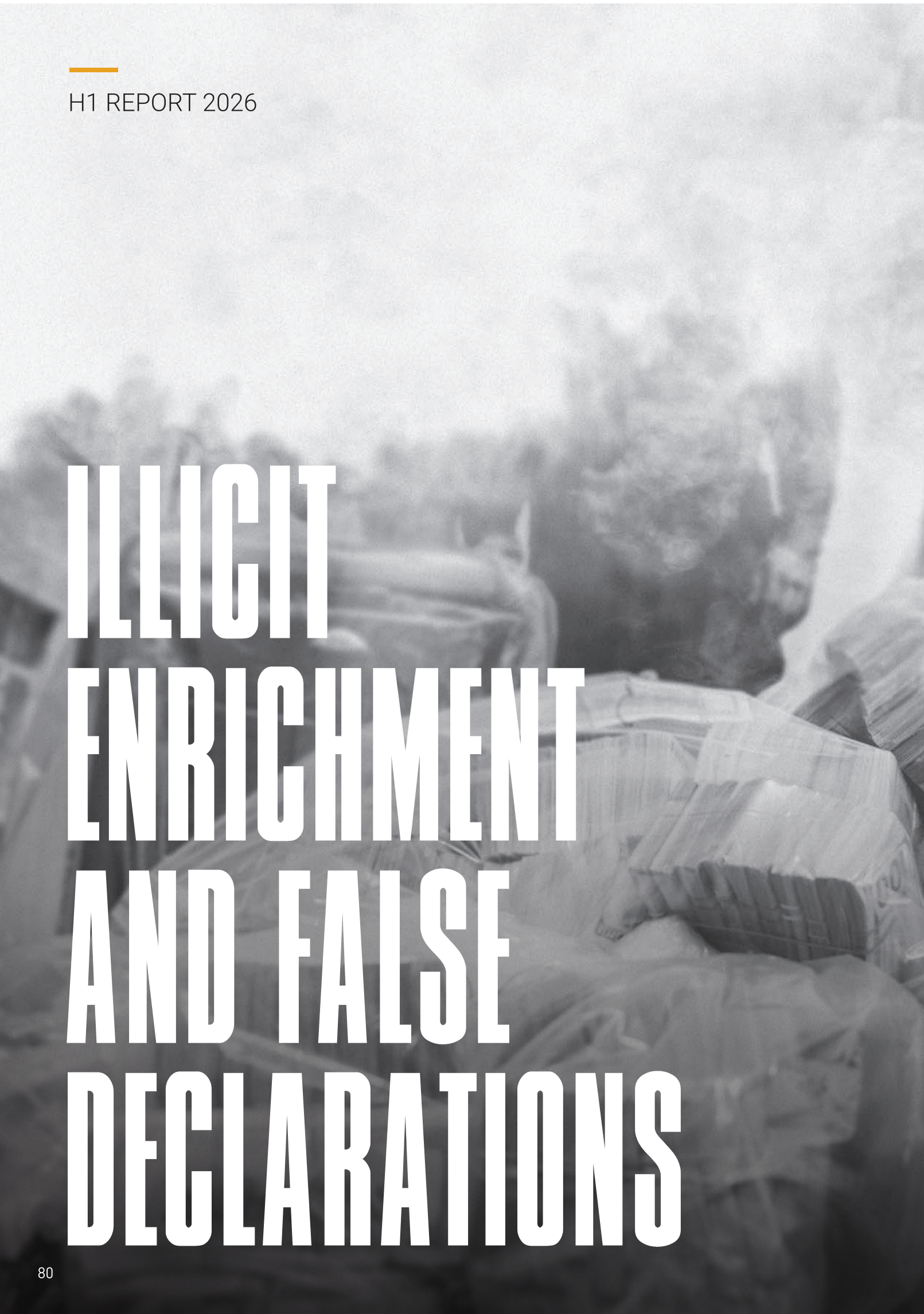
UAH 776 million
losses

5
suspects

106,000 tonnes of grain
misappropriated

The investigation is ongoing

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ILLICIT ENRICHMENT AND FALSE DECLARATIONS

The detection of hidden assets and illicit enrichment of officials is one of the key areas of work for NABU and SAPO. Here are several illustrative examples of such offenses exposed in the first half of 2026.



ILLICIT ENRICHMENT AND FALSE DECLARATIONS

COTTAGE AND APARTMENT WORTH UAH 13M

A member of parliament acquired assets worth nearly UAH 13 million, which significantly exceeded his officially declared income.

With this money, the suspect purchased a cottage and a land plot on the Black Sea coast in the village of Koblevo and an apartment in the center of Kyiv with an area of 132.6 square meters.

The design project and renovation of the latter alone cost him UAH 5.5 million.

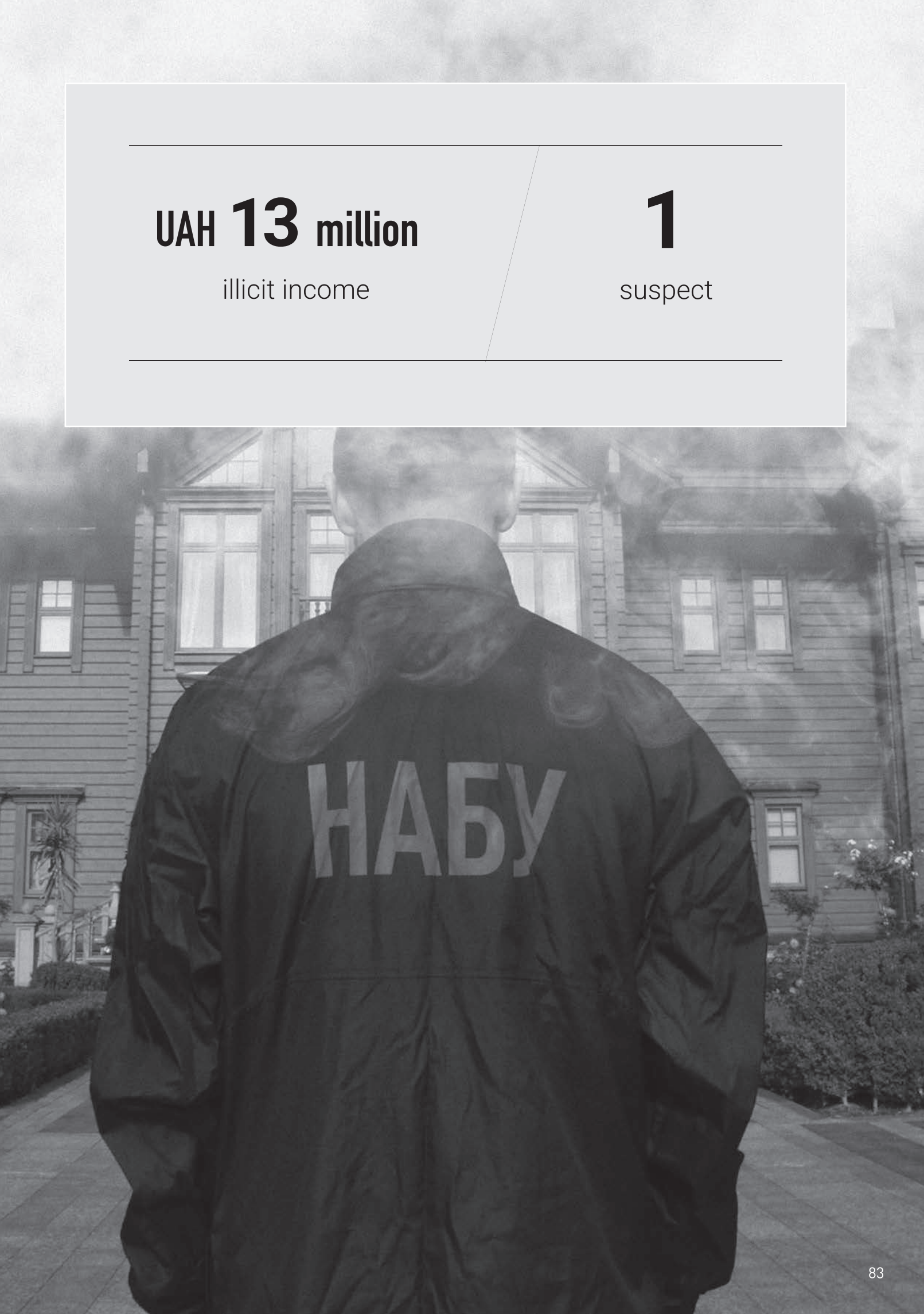
The investigation has been completed. The defense is reviewing the case materials.

UAH 13 million

illicit income

1

suspect



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ILLICIT ENRICHMENT AND FALSE DECLARATIONS

UNDECLARED HOUSE

The former head of the State Service of Ukraine on Medicines and Drugs Control failed to include information about a residential house in Kyiv Region in his annual asset declarations for 2022–2024.

The real estate was purchased in January 2022 and registered in the name of the suspect's parents-in-law.

However, the official and his wife actually used the property.

Following the start of the NABU and SAPO investigation, the official was dismissed.

1

undeclared house

1

accused person

The case is in court



ILLICIT ENRICHMENT AND FALSE DECLARATIONS

UAH 16.7M IN ILLICIT ENRICHMENT

An apartment and a parking space in an elite district of Lviv with a total value of UAH 16.7 million were purchased by a judge of one of the appellate commercial courts.

To conceal ownership, the official registered the acquired real estate in his mother-in-law's name. However, the judge's reported income, considering his outlays and savings, was insufficient for this purchase.

Also, the suspect failed to declare his tenancy in a rented apartment in his 2022-2023 asset declarations.

UAH 16.7 million

illicit income

1

suspect

The investigation is ongoing



ILLICIT ENRICHMENT AND FALSE DECLARATIONS

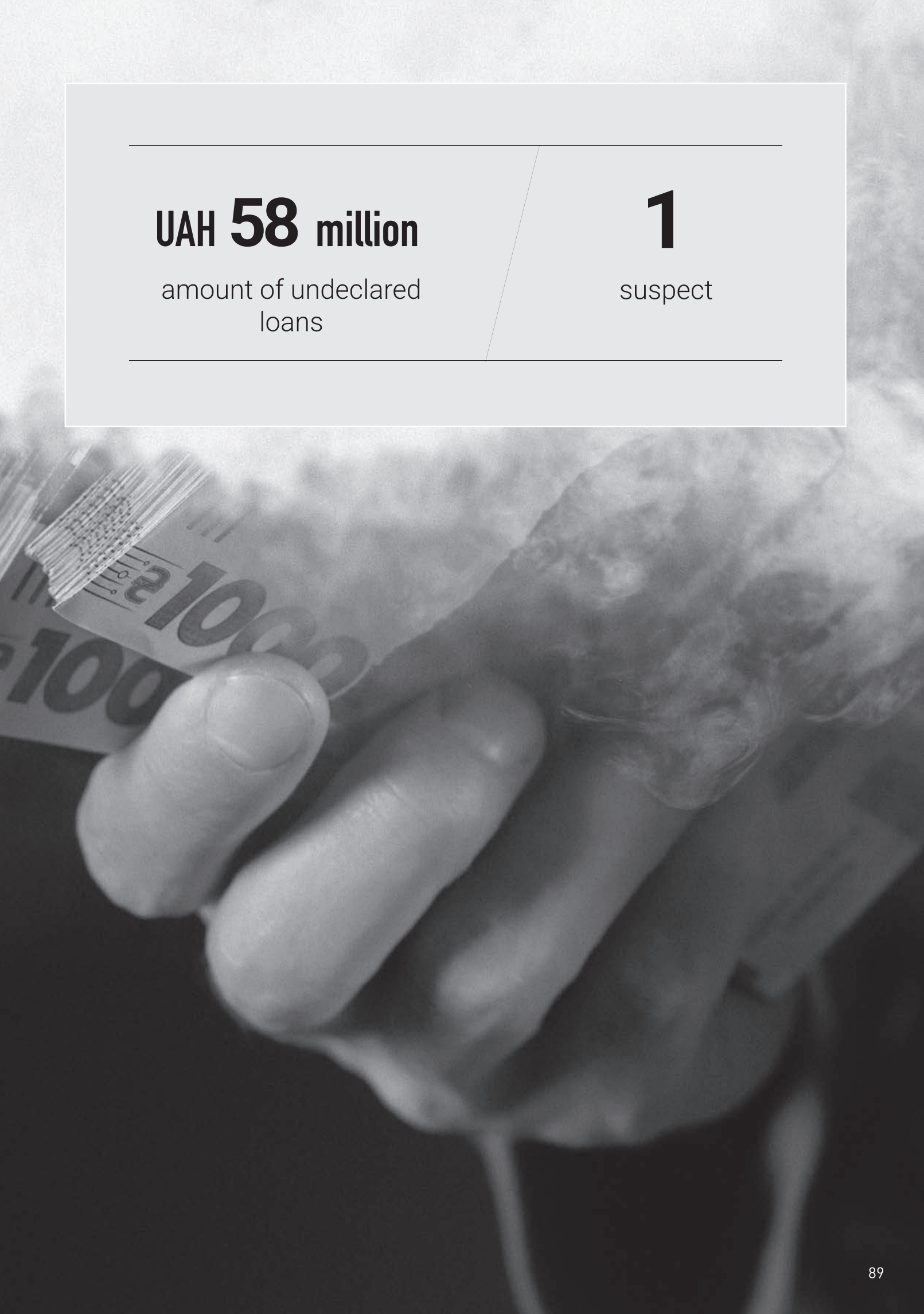
UAH 58M OF UNDECLARED LOANS

A deputy of the Odesa Regional Council was also exposed for declaring inaccurate information.

The official took out several loans totaling over UAH 58 million.

However, in his 2024 and 2025 asset declarations, he deliberately concealed these financial liabilities.

The investigation has been completed. The defense is reviewing the case materials.

A black and white photograph of a hand holding a thick stack of 100 Ukrainian hryvnia banknotes. The focus is on the texture of the paper and the fingers gripping the stack. The background is blurred.

UAH 58 million

amount of undeclared
loans

1

suspect

ECONOMIC EFFECT

UAH
2.06 B

 NABU and SAPO's economic impact in H1 2026



In the first half of 2026, over UAH 139 million was transferred to strengthen the Defense Forces of Ukraine. These include bails, cash, property, and other assets directed to the needs of the military by court decisions. The total volume of assets transferred for the defense of the state as of June 30, 2026, exceeds UAH 3.2 billion.



In addition, thanks to the work of the anti-corruption bodies, UAH 726 million was saved during the procurement of UAVs for the needs of the Defense Forces.



The amount of reparations to the state in NABU and SAPO cases (both ongoing and those referred to court) for the first six months of the year exceeded UAH 864 million. In total, as of June 30, 2026, thanks to NABU and SAPO, UAH 12.3 billion has been reimbursed to the state.



Furthermore, several decisions on the confiscation of funds and property into state revenue entered into legal force, totaling over UAH 321 million (excluding assets whose value has not been determined). Civil asset forfeiture made a separate contribution: under decisions that have already entered into legal force, another UAH 4.2 million was deposited into the budget.



The amount of fines collected by the court into state revenue from defendants in NABU and SAPO criminal proceedings stands at UAH 736,100.

REIMBURSEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR THE DEFENSE FORCES OF UKRAINE



**REIMBURSEMENT IN
NABU AND SAPO CASES**
(ongoing and sent to court)

UAH 12.3 B
as of 30.06.2026

UAH 864+ M
in H1 2026



**FUNDS SENT
TO THE DEFENSE FORCES
BY COURT ORDER**

UAH 3.2+ B
as of 30.06.2026

UAH 139+ M
in H1 2026



UAH
864+ M reimbursed
to the state



UAH
139+ M bails, funds,
property, and
other assets
transferred to the
Defense Forces
by court order



UAH
726 M saved on UAV
procurements
for the Defense
Forces



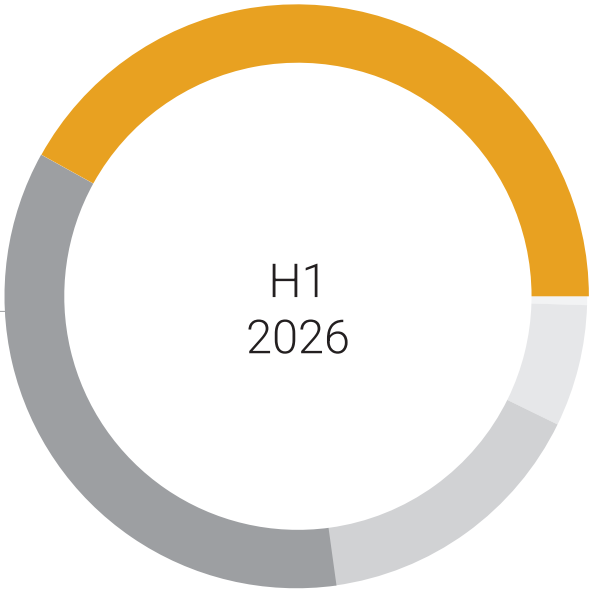
UAH
321+ M funds/property
confiscated into
state revenue by
court order*



UAH
4.2 M civil asset
forfeiture**



UAH
736 M fines collected
into state
revenue



* excluding confiscated assets with
undetermined value

** decisions that have entered into legal
force

ECONOMIC
IMPACT OF NABU
AND SAPO WORK
IN H1 2026

UAH
2.06 B

COOPERATION

NABU'S INTERACTION IN H1 2026: JOINT EFFORTS FOR RESULTS

In the first half of 2026, the interaction of the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine with international partners, law enforcement institutions of European Union member states, and civil society remained a vital component of strengthening the independence and institutional capacity of the anti-corruption system.

Amidst the war, preparations for large-scale national recovery, and Ukraine's further European integration, international partnership increasingly acquired a practical dimension. The primary focus was placed not only on supporting anti-corruption reforms, but also on creating effective mechanisms to protect international assistance, European Union financing, and national resources earmarked for reconstruction.

During the Ukraine Recovery Conference 2026, NABU Director

Semen Kryvonos held a series of meetings with representatives of international, governmental, and expert institutions involved in supporting reforms in Ukraine. Key topics included strengthening the institutional capacity of anti-corruption bodies, developing an independent forensic infrastructure, and preserving the independence of NABU and SAPO. International partners reaffirmed their readiness to continue providing expert, technical, and analytical support to uphold the rule of law in Ukraine.

An important step was the creation of a permanent regional platform to protect funds allocated for Ukraine's reconstruction. A corresponding memorandum was signed by NABU, NACP, as well as the anti-corruption and law enforcement agencies of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. The cooperation provides for the exchange of operational information and risk indicators, the coordination of work between detectives and analysts, and the development of joint approaches to investigating abuses in procurement, grants, and subsidies. The platform will operate in coordination with the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF).

Practical results of international cooperation also manifested in the return of assets spirited abroad. In June, another EUR 450,000 was returned to Ukraine in the case regarding corruption at the State Enterprise "Polygraph Combine 'Ukraina'". This result was made possible through the work of a joint investigation team comprising NABU detectives, SAPO prosecutors, and law enforcement officers from France and Estonia, with coordination and expert support from Eurojust, the StAR initiative, and international asset recovery platforms.

Cooperation with Ukrainian state authorities was also strengthened, in particular with the State Financial Monitoring Service of Ukraine, the National Agency on Corruption Prevention (NACP), and the National Agency of Ukraine for Finding, Tracing and Management of Assets Derived from Corruption and Other Crimes (ARMA).

Thus, during the first half of 2026:

- based on the interaction between NABU and the State Financial Monitoring Service, 135 generalized and additional generalized materials were received;
- 20 substantiated conclusions on detecting signs of corruption or corruption-related offenses were received from the NACP, and upon NABU's request, 3 full audits of asset declarations of persons authorized to perform state or local self-government functions were conducted;
- in the process of interaction with ARMA, 13 requests were sent regarding measures to trace and locate assets, including in foreign jurisdictions.

A separate focus area remained cooperation with civil society. In June, an open online vote was held for the tenth composition of the Civil Oversight Council (COC) under NABU. More than 45,000 citizens participated, and representatives of six NGOs entered the new COC. The use of open-source software and the engagement of an independent observer ensured the transparency of the process and the possibility of public oversight over its course.

Thus, in the first half of 2026, NABU's cooperation extended beyond consultative and political support. It materialized in the creation of permanent international mechanisms, joint investigations, asset recovery, and the development of public control. It is precisely this kind of cooperation that enhances the National Bureau's capacity, helps protect state resources, and builds the trust of Ukrainian society and international partners.

INTERACTION WITH AUTHORITIES

(from January 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026)

NABU LAWYERS ANALYZED AND PROVIDED CONCLUSIONS REGARDING:

29
draft
laws



32

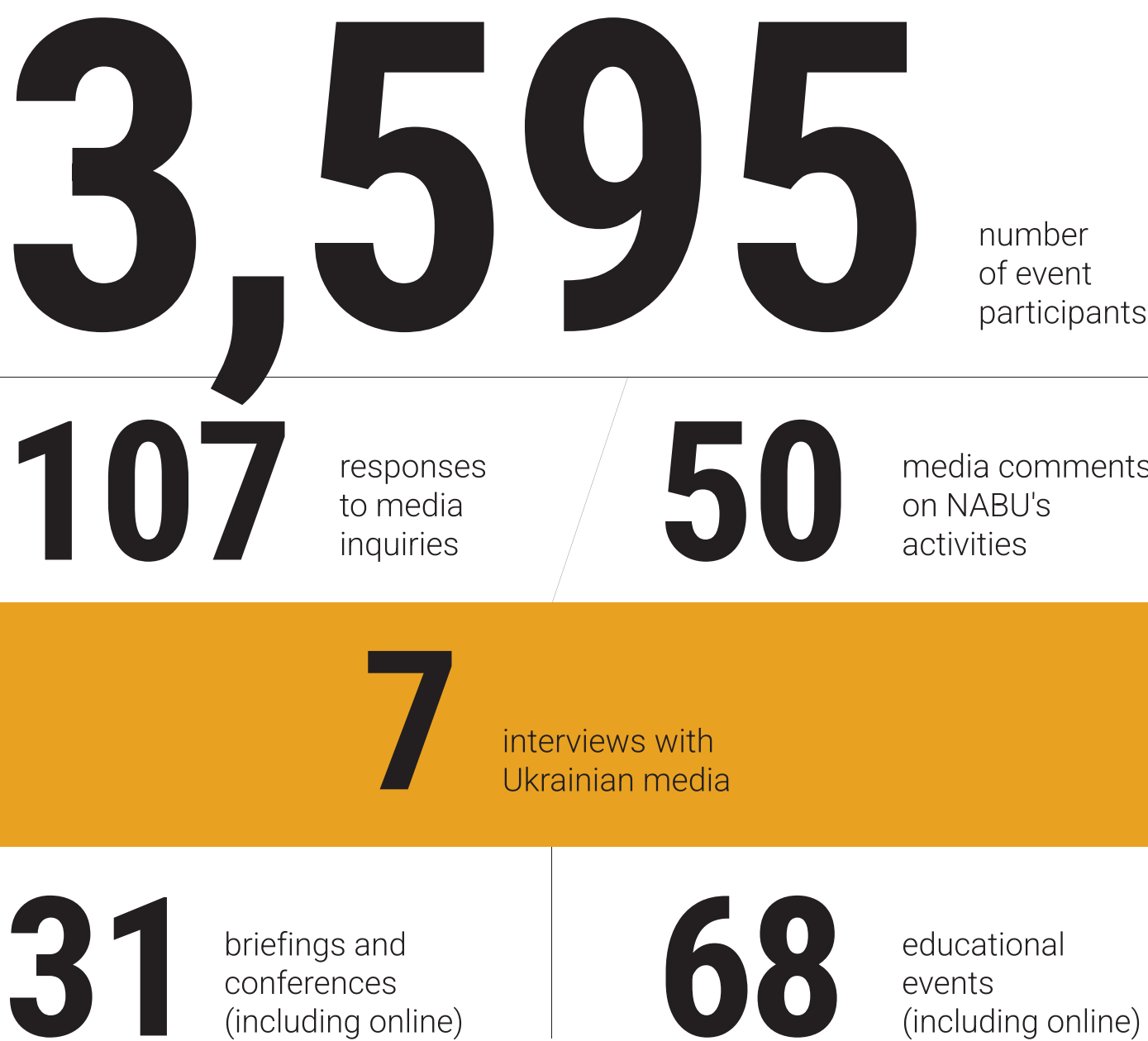
draft bylaws
and regulatory
legal acts

5	Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine
3	Ministry of Veterans Affairs of Ukraine
3	Ministry of Defense of Ukraine
2	Ministry of Health of Ukraine
2	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
2	Ministry of Economy
2	Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine
2	Pension Fund of Ukraine
2	National Agency of Ukraine for Finding, Tracing and Management of Assets Derived from Corruption and Other Crimes
1	State Bureau of Investigation
1	Office of the Prosecutor General
1	National Agency on Corruption Prevention
1	National Police of Ukraine
1	Bureau of Economic Security of Ukraine
1	Ministry of Energy of Ukraine
1	Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine
1	State Audit Service of Ukraine
1	Ministry of Finance of Ukraine
1	State Service of Special Communications and Information Protection of Ukraine

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

(from January 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026)

PUBLIC ACTIVITY



APPEALS TO THE NATIONAL BUREAU

(from January 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026)

5,866 by mail/
email

238 requests
for public
information

177 via the
public
office

2,603 via the
call
center

217 from legal
entities
and state bodies

637 from NGOs

48 from MPs

9,786
TOTAL

CHALLENGES

THE YEAR TO BUILD

Last year, the primary task for the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine was to preserve its independence. This year, the task is different and more difficult: to convert this independence into capacity. Independence that delivers no results depreciates faster than it can be protected.

01

There are tools whose necessity is long overdue: an independent forensic institution and the right to autonomous wiretapping. Both decisions determine the quality of investigations and the level of the anti-corruption bodies' dependence on external factors. What is crucial here is not the mere fact of a new institution appearing, but its real independence—otherwise, we will merely change the address of the problem.

02

Procedural legislation still contains loopholes that allow for liability evasion by delaying cases and exceeding deadlines. Closing these gaps is our consistent position and part of the commitments agreed upon by Ukraine with the European Commission. This is no longer an internal discussion, but a subject of an international agreement with a defined deadline.

03

The volume and complexity of proceedings outstrip resources. This is not a matter of privileges for a single body, but of the throughput capacity of the entire system: the number of detectives and analysts, technical capabilities, and the security of people working on high-risk cases.

04

The mandate of trust granted to the anti-corruption system by society is not open-ended. It is maintained solely through daily effective work—and nothing else.

The fight against corruption has become the basis of a new social contract in Ukraine. Cluster "Fundamentals," with which Ukraine began negotiations on joining the European Union, opens first and closes last. This is an accurate description of our work as well: it began earlier than other reforms and will conclude later than them. It is from this understanding that we proceed when planning the next half of the year.

ANNEXES

**PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 26 OF THE LAW
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STATISTICAL DATA ON THE RESULTS OF
ACTIVITIES FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2026
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