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POLICE COOPERATION BETWEEN UKRAINE AND SPAIN BEFORE AND DURING THE WAR

We should start with the fact that the Spanish police cooperated with Ukraine even before the full-scale invasion. But after all the tragic events, she began to do it more intensively. You know how they say "Friends are known in trouble", it's the same here.

So, among the large number of useful interactions between Ukrainian policemen and Spanish policemen, I can single out the following.

On September 26, 2021, the Head of the National Police of Ukraine, Serhiy Knyazev, met with the Head of the Police of the Kingdom of Spain, Francisco Pardo Piqueras, as part of the European Conference of Police Chiefs.

During the working meeting, the heads of the police of Ukraine and Spain agreed to sign a memorandum of cooperation. This will facilitate the exchange of experience and the development of joint mechanisms for fighting crime. Currently, preparations for signing the document are underway.

The parties discussed the issue of countering the activities of Ukrainian organized crime groups in Spain. In addition, it involves increasing the effectiveness of methods of countering cyber and drug crimes. At the same time, the Spanish colleagues were interested in the experience of the Ukrainian police in the fight against separatism. As part of these agreements, the heads of departments responsible for specific areas of work will be sent on a business trip to exchange experience in specific areas of work [1].

During the meeting of the head of the National Police of Ukraine with the head of the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Spain, the development of joint cyber projects and the exchange of experience were discussed. The field of combating cybercrime.

Spanish law enforcement officers expressed interest in learning about the experience of the Ukrainian police in the fight against cybercrime. In particular, it is about documenting and collecting the evidence base regarding persons who commit such crimes. Therefore, during the meeting, the parties discussed the possibility of further cooperation. According to the head of the Ukrainian police, the head of the Spanish police plans to visit Ukraine in the near future. In addition, an exchange of delegations of experts from the police departments of the two countries is planned.

It will be recalled that earlier the Ukrainian and Spanish police agreed to sign a memorandum of cooperation. The police officers also got acquainted with the work experience of their Spanish colleagues in the fight against drug crime [2].

There was also a meeting conducted by the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine Kateryna Pavlichenko. During the meeting, the issue of further cooperation between the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Spain in the field of human rights protection was discussed. Areas of cooperation in the field of prevention and counteraction of family violence, sharing of experience in the use of electronic means of controlling offenders, respect for children's rights, especially regarding the prevention of child exploitation, begging and human trafficking, were also outlined.

"The topics of creating a safe childhood and preventing and countering domestic violence are key for the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine today, so better policies and practices are being developed taking into account international experience," the Deputy Minister noted.

Based on the results of the negotiations, the parties planned steps for the further development of bilateral relations. In particular, they agreed to exchange experience between juvenile prevention specialists of the National Police of Ukraine and specialists of the Kingdom of Spain [3].

How to take the comrades of Ukraine and Spain during the war, Ukraine and Spain deepened cooperation aimed at building Ukrainian ground forces, air defense, and the navy. This was stated by the head of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, Oleksiy Reznikov, during a joint briefing with the Minister of Defense of Spain. At the same time, the head of the Ministry of Defense of Spain, Margarita Robles, emphasized that Spain will continue its unquestionable support to Ukraine.

In summary, it can be noted that Spain is a truly worthy and reliable partner for Ukraine in the field of defense and law enforcement.

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