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Dmytro Torgalo: two million for his removal from office and a tale of threats

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Editorial photomontage. Dmitry Torgalo; the sum of money relates to the discussed removal from office, not to his income. Portrait source: Slidstvo.Info — Dmitry Torgalo’s comment on the threats, 5 November 2026.

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Who the remarks in the recording referred to

On 5 November, 'Slidstvo.Info' reported that SAP prosecutor Mykola Karas had confirmed that the episode in question specifically concerned Torgalo. The publication linked the new recording to earlier threats published by the National Police in the spring. According to the journalists' account, the offer of $2 million concerned the removal of the official from his post against the backdrop of forthcoming investigative actions. Identification of the recipient and the significance of the sum under discussion.

This wording cannot be reduced to the ambiguous phrase 'they gave two million'. The source describes a conversation and an alleged intention, not a confirmed transfer of money to Torgalo. His role in this report is that of a person against whom, according to the investigation and his own account, pressure was being exerted.

What the police officer said

Torgalo confirmed to journalists that threats had been made against him and his colleagues. He reported on the security measures that had been put in place and said that he was continuing to carry out his duties, despite his family's concerns. Details regarding security and his private life are not reproduced here:

for the sake of the story's substance, what matters is the very fact of the public statement and its connection to the investigation. Torgalo's position.

This conversation is direct evidence of what the police officer told the editorial team. The investigation into the circumstances of the threats forms part of the relevant legal proceedings. A public statement by the aggrieved party does not replace the full body of evidence, but it has a different origin to an anonymous account on social media.

Why pressure on a manager has systemic significance

The head of a specialist department is able to determine how work is organised, how resources are allocated and how specific areas are monitored. Therefore, an attempt to influence his position, if proven, may have consequences beyond a single personal conflict. In such a case, the subject of the investigation is the purpose of the pressure and the actions of those involved, rather than merely the harshness of the conversation.

The background to the individual referred to by journalists as 'the Mexican' is set out in Burkin's dossier. The connections discussed in the November investigation are examined separately in Osipov's file. These materials help to understand the story, but do not replace the need to establish who made a specific threat.

What must not be overlooked amidst the headline-grabbing sum

The National Police's official report of 5 November mentioned attempts to bribe and intimidate officers working on the 'Khimprom' case. It reflects the

department’s official position; the specific incident involving Torgalo requires its own documentary evidence. Official police statement.

The key point in this story is the conflict between the work of the anti-drug unit and the alleged attempt to neutralise it via its head. Therefore, the headline about the two million should lead to a specific question about his removal from office, rather than giving the impression that the police officer received a bribe.

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