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Armed assault on Sailing Academy yacht club N 50°37'29.77" E 30°31'31.43"

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at 12 pm, a group of 25 heavily armed men in cars without registration plates climbed over the fence of the Sailing Academy yacht club and without presenting any id introduced themselves as the representatives of the Vyshgorodski region's executive service and the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine. Supported by numerous rangers of <u>special forces</u>, they occupied the whole territory without presenting the resolution on enforcement.

Entrance of the club was blocked by the car with the

taped state registration plates with equipment for burglary. These unidentified persons hang locks the gate and did not allow anyone to enter the territory of the yacht club.

Private security company organized the armed support to the unknown persons who entered the territory.

Sailing Academy yacht club experienced last spring night armed attack by five professionally trained persons wearing military uniforms which resulted in fire and complete destruction of three sailing yachts from 29 to 36 feet length and damaged property on other yachts. The assaulters are not identified till now.

Sailing Academy lost the legal case from the Ministry of defense of Ukraine. Ukrainian court made the court proceeding classified and did not allowed representatives of the yachtsmen to participate in hearings.

According to the court decision the building of the club should be demolished and yacht club's fixed assets of Sailing Academy should be transferred to the Military Intelligence unit of the Defense Ministry of Ukraine.

Sailing Academy operates yacht club over 14 years and has near 50 members of the yacht club with sailing school for children and adults. Sailing Academy is a member of the Sailing Federation of Ukraine and for 13 years in a row was the organizing authority of Hetman Cup - the most prestigious sailing event in Ukraine. The Sailing Academy supports ORC rating office in Ukraine. The Sailing Academy never used any public funds to support its activities.

The Sailing Academy made appeal for the Supreme Ukrainian court and will apply to European Court.

The land disputes and raider attacks initiated by the state in Ukraine became quite regular event due to attractiveness of land plots as well as defunct and corrupted court system.