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Former Minister of Economy Bohdan Danylyshyn has been granted a political asylum in the Czech Republic

On January 13-th, 2011, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech republic has decided to grant political asylum to Bogdan Danylyshyn.

As a reminder, the former Minister of Economy is accused of embezzlement in Ukraine. On October 2010, he was detained on the territory of the Czech Republic upon Interpol request. Later, Kiev demanded his extradition and the accused has asked for a political asylum in the Czech Republic.

Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine is getting ready to contest the decision of the Czech authorities and press for his extradition. At the same time, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine is denying the information that B.Danylyshyn's case is politically motivated. 'We are rejecting any accusations against us regarding the political nature of the case against him', - said Head of the Department of Information Policies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) **Oleg Voloshyn**.

According to the President's representative in the Parliament, National Deputy, member of the Party of Regions **Yuriy Myroshnychenko**, granting of the political asylum to B.Danylyshyn only proves the existence of corrupt ties between the former **Yulia Tymoshenko's** Government and European authorities. 'By making this decision, European corrupt authorities are trying to avoid the responsibility', - he said

Former Prime Minister, Leader of Batkivschyna Party Y.Tymoshenko thinks that granting of political asylum to the former Minister only means that Europe recognizes the existence of random application of justice in Ukraine to persecute political opponents of the current Government.

The Head of the Parliamentary Committee for European Integration **Borys Tarasiuk** agrees. 'Current Government in the eyes of European institution is placing itself on the same level with non-democratic regimes of Russia, Belarus, Iran and other countries where democracy is oppressed', he said.

The United States of America think that granting of political asylum to B.Danylyshyn must serve as a wake up call for Kiev. 'I think that the decision of the Czech Government should be a wake up call for the Ukrainian Government as to how international community is perceiving these processes', - Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Democracy, Human rights and Labor **Thomas Melia** said. The US administration official also noted that it would be too early to talk about the international isolation of Ukrainian authorities. At the same time, he mentioned that a number of processes in Ukraine raised a big concern in the USA.

During his visit to Kiev on January 10-11, 2011, European Union Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighborhood Policy **Stefan Fuhle** noted that the Ukrainian authorities were trying to get even with the opposition, engaging the courts to achieve that goal. 'We emphasize the impermissibility of the usage of criminal procedures to achieve political goals', he said. According to S.Fuhle, democratic values are of the utmost importance in the relations between the EU and Ukraine. 'The most important in the relations between Ukraine and the EU are our common values, that are the foundation of a healthy democracy - respect of human rights, democratic principles and the rule of law', - he said. The Euro-Commissioner stressed out that the EU insisted on Ukraine's adhering to the democratic principles.

As a response, the member of Parliament from Party of Regions, First Deputy Head

of the Parliamentary Committee on European Integration **Volodymyr Vecherko** made a statement that economic crimes and opposition's activities are two different things. 'Foreign politicians should take that into consideration when making comments on B.Danylyshyn's case', - he said.

PACE President **Mevlut Cavusoglu** has expressed his support of 'those reforms that are happening in Ukraine'. This opinion was expressed during his meeting with the Chair of the Ukrainian Parliament **Volodymyr Lytvyn** in Istanbul. 'Finally Ukraine has secured its political stability, namely the stability in the Parliament', Mr. Cavusoglu said. Besides, PACE President called on ceasing monitoring Ukraine. As a reminder, currently Ukraine is being monitored by the Monitoring Committee concerning Ukraine's fulfilling its obligations taken prior to entering the Council of Europe.

According to a number of Ukrainian experts, should the members of Ukrainian opposition ask for political asylum in the European Union, they will get it.

It is to remind that two leaders of parliamentary parties in opposition are under arrest and investigation: **Yuriy Lutsenko** of Narodna Samooborona and **Yevhen Korniychuk** of the Ukrainian Socio-democratic Party. A criminal case has been brought against leader of Batkivschyna Yulia Tymoshenko.

International community is concerned about the situation in Ukraine

International non profit organizations stress out the worsening of the situation in Ukraine.

Non-government organization Freedom House in its last Report dropped the status of Ukraine from 'free' to 'partially free' state. 'Before Ukraine was the only post-Soviet country with the exception of Baltic States, that enjoyed the status of a 'free' nation. Now this deterioration of the situation shows the general regress of democracy in the region', - it says in the Freedom House report.

In the Index of Economic Freedom, issued by the Heritage Foundation and the Wall Street Journal Ukraine has fallen from the 152nd to the 169th position. Therefore, the country has turned out to be the last in the rating among European states.

Ukraine has ranked 67th in the Democracy Index 2010, issued by The Economist - rating of the state of democracies in the countries throughout the world. In comparison with the last year, the country has dropped 14 positions. 'Democratic achievements of the Orange revolution are now under the threat', the authors of the report concluded. They noted that Ukraine had witnessed the biggest regress of democracy among all European countries and in this index the state has found itself in the company of countries with the sharpest decline of democracy such as Madagascar, Fiji, Iran, Ethiopia, Egypt and Gambia.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America strongly criticizes the most recent wave of persecutions by Ukrainian authorities of their political opponents. The UCCA calls on the US and all freedom-loving countries to come out against the anti-democratic actions of **Viktor Yanukovich's** regime to protect democracy and human rights in Ukraine. 'UCCA is deeply concerned about the recent rise of the number of undemocratic events in Ukraine and the use of criminal justice on the part of President Yanukovich to achieve his political goals. In the last few weeks, even days, his political opponents are being arrested, a large number of journalists are being intimidated and the civic freedoms are being suppressed' - it says in the statement. Earlier the Ukrainian World Congress called on the international

community to assess the antidemocratic pressures on the Ukrainian opposition.

The Law on Access to Public Information has been adopted**On January 13th, 2011, the Parliament has adopted the Law on Access to Public Information.**

The Head of the Press Office of the MFA **Olexander Dikusarov** announced that by having adopted the Law on Access to Public Information Ukraine has fulfilled its obligations before Europe.

'It is very symbolic that the Law has been agreed upon by the ruling coalition as well as the opposition factions of the Parliament. We hope that in the future the opposition will help the authorities to fulfill Ukraine's obligations before Europe', - he said.

O.Dikusarov noted that the OSCE Representative on Freedom of Media **Dunya Miyatovich** had approved the Law on the Access to Public Information passed by the Ukrainian Parliament having called it 'a significant step to ensure Government's transparency'.

It is expected that President **V.Yanukovych** will sign this bill into Law in the nearest future.

Reporters without Borders criticizing the Ukrainian Militia**Reporters without Borders disapprove the search held by the militia on the 12th of January 2011 in the house of the journalist and blogger Olena Bilozirska in Kyiv.**

As a result of the action, photo and video cameras, computers, cell phones and other professional equipment have been withdrawn illegally from the journalist.

The press service of the organization reports that according to the militia, the reason for the search was the fact that O. Bilozerska had been involved in the diffusion on the Internet of a video featuring the setting on fire of one of the offices of the Party of Regions in Kyiv. The organization also stressed that according to the information law of Ukraine, the professional activity of a journalist cannot be treated as a reason for his or her arrest, detention or withdrawal of materials collected, treated and prepared by him or her as well as technical equipment he or she uses to work.

According to the Reporters without Borders, such actions of the militia seriously threaten the freedom of press and are intended for intimidation of journalists.

It is to remind that recently, there have been a number of alarming signals from Ukrainian journalists saying that there were attempts to interfere with their activity from the part of the law enforcement bodies: the Ministry of Interior threatens Internet media with judicial persecution for 'distortion' of information, and two journalists of the internet publication Obozrevatel have been detained for the tentative to photograph one of the residencies of the former President **Viktor Yuschenko**.

National Unity of Ukraine celebrated on the 22nd of January**The opposition parties held a joint event on the Sofia Square on the Day of National Unity, on the 22nd of January**

Such parties as Batlivschyna, Svoboda, Nasha Ukraina, European Party of Ukraine, Narodna Samooborona, Citizens' Position, congress of Ukrainian Nationalists, Reforms and Order and Ukrainian People's Party took part in the celebration of the National Unity Day on the 22nd of January on Sofia Square.

At the same time, the party of **Arseniy Yatseniuk**, Front Zmin, held a different event devoted to the National Unity Day. According to a number of Ukrainian journalists and experts, A.Yatseniuk's actions are intended to split the opposition forces in Ukraine and weaken the positions of Y Tymoshenko for the ease of the Party of Regions. The Ukrainian media quoted many times the phrase of the first vice-prime-minister and minister for economic development and commerce of Ukraine **Andriy Kliuyev**: '**Sergiy Tigipko** is our partner, and we have a contract for criticism with A.Yatseniuk'.

Earlier, on the 14th of January 2011, minister of interior **Anatoliy Mogyliov** announced in the Parliament that he had 'some information that protest manifestations have been planned for the 22nd of January, and bloodshed expected in Kyiv'. According to him, the goal of such actions is an attempt to present the actual government in a negative light to the international community.

The leaders of the opposition forces called such a statement of A.Mogyliov a provocation.

Leader of Batkivschyna **Y.Tymoshenko**: 'this is just a provocation from the part of the authorities, as they want to scare people, saying that there would be bloodshed, and there would be some terrible events. This is because they are scared themselves'.

Leader of the Citizens' Position **Anatoliy Grytsenko** stated that 'the opposition is preparing a peaceful event. If there are provocations, those will be caused by the authorities'.

Leader of Svoboda, **Oleg Tyagnybok**, also thinks that it is the militia that might become the provocateur.

Later, on the 20th of January 2011, the Ministry of Interior stated that there was no confirmation of the information on possible clashes in Kyiv on the National Unity Day.

The director of the Political Analysis School of the Kyiv Mohyla Academy **Olexiy Garan** thinks that with such statements, the minister of interior deliberately whips up the situation to relay the responsibility for any possible protest manifestations on the opposition.

It is to remind that on the 22nd of January 1919, the Act of Unity of the Eastern and Western Ukraine into one state was declared.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine: 2011 will be the key year for Ukraine's integration into Europe

The Minister of Foreign Affairs Kostyantyn Hryshchenko thinks that from the standpoint of European integration of Ukraine, the year of 2011 will be extremely significant.

Namely, K.Hryshchenko noted that despite the 'isolation tendencies' occurring in the European policies, the EU has signed with Ukraine the Ukraine-EU Action plan to establish the visa-free regime. Ukraine-EU.

According to the official, this document has a number of very precise requirements that will allow Ukraine to make a significant step towards the European integration already in 2011.

K.Hryshchenko noted that in the nearest future a special coordinating commission would be created to implement this plan. 'Ukraine has a strong resolution to do its homework and in the nearest future will create a special coordinating commission headed by the Prime Minister of Ukraine to implement the Action plan', -

K.Hryshenko said.

Militia interrogating more than 100 activists that took part in the protests against the adoption of the Tax Code

Law enforcement authorities are calling in for questioning more than a hundred of individuals that participated in the protests of entrepreneurs on Maidan.

This information came from the coordinator of the anti-Tax protests on Maidan (protests of entrepreneurs against the adoption of the Tax Code) **Olexander Danyliuk**. According to him, all criminal cases are opened on the charges of blocking of the main transportation routes and roads, intentional destruction or damage to the property and the damage caused to the automobile.

As a reminder, last December, the Ministry of Interior has opened a criminal case against the entrepreneurs on charges of causing damage to the granite tiles during the unsanctioned installment of the tent city on Maidan in downtown Kiev. Today the charges have been pressed against 7 individuals. One of them has been released on his own recognizance the other six are being wanted.

Along with that the Minister of Interior **A. Mogilev** announced that the criminal charges pressed against these persons and detention of the protesters were entirely justified.

Gorshenin Institute Expert **Volodymyr Zastava** thinks that the real goal of the authorities is not to prosecute the Tax Maidan Activists and punish them for the damage caused to the granite tiles but rather to limit the freedom of assembly in Ukraine. 'It is clear that the claims against the Tax Maidan activists is a symbolic measure, one of the first attempts to limit the freedom of assembly in Ukraine. Since the freedom of assembly is one of the core values of modern Europe, such actions on the part of the Ukrainian authorities might be perceived there as a very negative signal', - Gorshenin Institute expert emphasized. According to Mr. Zastava, if the Tax Maidan activists are held responsible for their protesting activities last fall, 'Ukraine will be diagnosed by the world with a very simple and clear condition - shrinkage of democracy, restriction of the freedom of assembly'.

In 2011 the President of Ukraine is planning to begin the sale of Ukrainian agricultural land

President of Ukraine V.Yanukovych considers a priority the implementation of the land reform in 2011.

The Head of the state has made this statement during the meeting of the Managing Council of the Committee on economic reforms.

The level of corruption reached in the matters of the land use, shadow dealings, prompt us to start and finish this process as soon as possible', - the President said.

According to the experts, authorities are considering the abolition of the moratorium on the sale of farmland in Ukraine. The Parliament is the only body authorized to cancel the moratorium. It is expected that foreign buyers will not be able to purchase land in Ukraine.

Former Head of the Commission on the Regulation of the financial services market of Ukraine, the honored economist of Ukraine **Viktor Suslov**, however, thinks that the sale of land is the only way for Ukraine to pay off its debts. 'Otherwise, Ukraine will not have sufficient funds to clear off its debt. The last asset that Ukraine has left is its land. As far as I know, several companies in Ukraine are already working in that direction', - he said.

Y.Tymoshenko thinks the abolition of the moratorium is very untimely, since not a single Ukrainian farmer or Ukrainian company will be able to buy the land and as a result it will end up in the hands of foreigners and Ukrainian oligarchs.

Parliamentary faction of the Communist Party of Ukraine (CPU) announced that it would not support any propositions concerning the abolition of the moratorium on the sale of land. Leader of the CPU **Pytro Symonenko** thinks that the land in Ukraine has to be sold only to the state land fund created in such a manner that the land always remains in the ownership of the State of Ukraine.

The Head of the Parliamentary Committee on National Security and Defense **A.Hrytsenko** announced that he strongly opposed the introduction in Ukraine of the sale of its agricultural land until the world economy and the world currencies are stable.

Analytical Group Da Vinci AG thinks that in the event the moratorium on the sale of agricultural land is abolished, this sector will be used for speculative investments. 'Today there's still a great interest in Ukrainian farmland on the part of investors from the Arabic world and Middle Eastern countries. In case of the abolition of the moratorium there's a great chance of a buy-up of land from farmers and retirees for its further resale to the large foreign financial-industrial groups. 'Depending on the quality of land, infrastructure and the location of the land the difference between the price paid and the later price ticket might be between 300-600%', - the company's experts say.

As a reminder, the Head of the Qatar National program on food security **Mahendra Shah** has already expressed Qatar's interest in buying Ukrainian agricultural land.

Yulia Tymoshenko has accused the Government of the unsupported emission of Hryvnya

Former Prime Minister Y.Tymoshenko says that in 2010 Ukrainian authorities have conducted the emission of hryvnias in the amount of almost \$100 billion.

She noted that this information became apparent after a certain investigation conducted by the opposition government. This investigation shows that emission funds accounted for almost half of the budget revenues in 2010 (the total amount of the budget revenues was \$230 billion hryvnias, - Y.Tymoshenko)

Moreover, Y.Tymoshenko announced that in 2010, 28 billions dollars were transferred from Ukraine to the offshore zones. According to her, this number equals the amount of budget income in 2010. She noted that most of this money had been wired to Cyprus.

Besides, Leader of 'Batkivschyna' Party says that the Government is continuing the emission in 2011. According to her, this is a reflection of the National Bank of Ukraine's policy to hide the real levels of inflation in the country. Y.Tymoshenko promised to present in the upcoming days the official data as to the emission of cash in Ukraine and asked the Head of the NBU **Sergiy Arbuzov** to make public the official data regarding the emission of Hryvnya in 2010. She noted that 'there is already a legislator's inquiry in place which will in the upcoming days be made public by the deputies of 'BYuT-Batkivschyna' faction. 'On the basis of this inquiry I will address the Prosecutor General's Office', she said.

Prime Minister **Mykola Azarov** rejected Y.Tymoshenko's statements as to the unsupported emission of hryvnya. 'Neither NBU, nor the Government have ordered

such an emission', - he pointed out. He added that monetary data, national currency rate and expert evaluation prove that.

NBU also announced that there is no uncontrolled or unsupported emission. "Official statistics prove that the emission of funds has been supported by the real growth of economy and did not provoke any inflation", it says in the NBU's statement. According to the information presented by the NBU, it has emitted 35.5 billion hryvnias in cash in 2010. Almost all these funds (99.4%) were emitted into the circulation through the foreign currency purchase transactions to replenish Ukraine's foreign currency reserves.

Government of Ukraine gave permission to 'Lukoil' to extract oil and gas from the Black Sea

Russian Oil Company (OC) 'Lukoil' reached an agreement with 'Naftogaz Ukrainy' about the joint extraction of oil and gas from the Black Sea Shelf. The Government of Ukraine has given permission to 'Chernomornaftogaz' (the daughter company of 'Naftogaz Ukrainy') and OC 'Lukoil' to launch a joint project on development and extraction of oil and natural gas on the continental shelf of the Black Sea. In particular, the project will concern Odessa, Bezmyanniy and Subbotinskiy reserves. According to the Government Decree, 'Chernomornaftogaz' will own no less than 50% of the shares in the Joint Company. Ukrainian company will be responsible for the geological and economic evaluation of oil and gas reserves and the Russian partner will finance the work and provide the technology.

According to the media, as of today, the parties have only signed the Memorandum, the final decision to create the Joint company will be made by the end of 2011.

The Expert of The Institute of Energy Research **Yuriy Korolchuk** assures that all three reserves have already been developed by 'Chernomornaftogaz' and now only need financial support to start the work. 'Based on the preliminary estimates the project doesn't require much - three to four years and 10 billion hryvnias', - he said. But according to the expert, one should not expect significant financial support from 'Lukoil', as currently the company doesn't have real capabilities to perform technological work. The experts also mentioned the complete lack of transparency of the vetting procedure in choosing the partner for this project to develop the Black Sea Shelf. 'If 'Lukoil' were chosen as a partner through a transparent and open procedure, we would not have any doubts. Otherwise we do have a question: why 'Chernomornaftogaz' had not chosen Shell, BP, Total or Statoil? Why did it have to be 'Lukoil'?

State financial inspection is accusing the Government of the misappropriation of 15 billion hryvnias

The rumors about the alleged misappropriation of money during the purchase of goods and services for the preparation for the European Football Championship - Euro-2012- have been supported by data.

In particular, on January 19th, 2011, the Head of the State Financial Inspection **Pytro Andreyev** announced that as a result of the implementation of the purchasing scheme from one buyer, used by M. Azarov's Government, in 2010, 15 billion hryvnias were stolen from the state.

Mainly, the misappropriations took place during the purchase of goods, services and labor in preparations for the Euro - 2012 without tenders using the corrupt scams.

As a reminder, in April of 2010, the Government gave permission to the Euro-2012 National Agency to make state purchases without conducting any tenders. Later, in July of 2010, the Parliament approved the simplified mechanism for purchasing goods and services for the implementation of the State Program on the preparation

and hosting of the final games of the European Football Championship Euro-2012 using the funds of the Euro-2012 National Agency.

According to the Ukrainian media, companies tied to the vice prime-minister, Minister of Infrastructure Borys Kolesnikov, are involved in the implementation of the key projects related to Euro-2012. B.Kolesnikov rejects such allegations.

'Ukrspetsexport' rejects the accusations of the derangement of the contract with Iraq

State Company 'Ukrspetsexport' rejects all accusations of the derangement of the contract to supply military equipment to Iraq and the imposition of penalties against them by their Iraqi partners.

According to the Ukrainian media, Iraq has charged Ukraine with 165 thousand dollars in penalties for derangement of the contract to supply cargo aircrafts An-36B. Iraq signed a contract with Ukraine at the end of 2009, where Ukraine has taken an obligation to supply 6 aircrafts to Iraq. The total amount of this contract was supposed to be 99 million dollars. First An-32B aircrafts were supposed to be transported to the buyer in the fall of 2010. Also Ukraine was under the obligation to send to Iraq 420 Armored Personnel Carriers BTR-4 in the total amount of 457.5 million dollars. The total amount of the contract is 556.5 million dollars. Iraq was supposed to get the first BTR's on November 5th, 2010, but the delivery was put off till the end of February 2011.

According to the Ukrainian media, the delay of aircrafts and BTR's delivery to Iraq might be linked to the redivision of the gun and ammunition market in Ukraine.

Ukrainian court has denied Ferrero protection of their trademark Raffaello

Italian confectionary Ferrero has lost legal protection of the trademark Raffaello in Ukraine.

Supreme Business Court of Ukraine announced null and void the registration of the trademark Raffaello on the territory of Ukraine. Now the image of a white round candy, sprinkled with the coconut shavings with an almond inside can be used by any confectionary, namely by the Russian company 'Landrin', which has been fighting with Ferrero for this right for years.

According to the Senior Legal adviser to 'Ferrero Ukraine' **Olena Limakova**, trademark Raffaello was recognized by such countries as France, Germany, Georgia, Russia, Latvia, Belgium, Greece and others. Along with that 'Landrin' insists that 19 countries have refused to give legal protection to this trademark, including Austria, Spain, Great Britain and Sweden.

Partner of the LLP Astapov Lawyers **Oleg Malskiy** thinks that this decision of the Supreme Business Court of Ukraine has created a new precedent in Ukraine. 'I don't recall cancelations of the international trademark registrations in the past. It is a bad signal to foreign investors', - said Oleg Malskiy.

Gorshenin Institute has conducted an expert survey among the representatives of investment companies (IC) about the results and the most important events of the year 2010 for the Russian business in Ukraine and also about the prospects for Russian companies in Ukraine in 2011.

Director of the Investment and Banking Department of the Investment Group 'Sokrat' Volodymyr Klymenko thinks, that with the new government in power in Ukraine investment possibilities for the Russian business have increased. 'The new President and the new Government of Ukraine are more predictable for the Russian business circles. Besides, due to the purchase of big companies the influence of Russian business on the Ukrainian economy in general has increased. The purchases of ISD (Industrialnyi Souyz Donbassa) and 'Zaporozhstal' by the Russian businessmen were the largest mergers and acquisitions transactions in Ukraine in 2010. Considering also the purchase of Prominvestbank by the Russian Vneshekonombank Russian influence on the Ukrainian economy has significantly increased', - V.Klimenko noted. According to the expert, gas-transit assets, metallurgical complex plants, as well as the leading companies in the field of aviation and energy equipment construction will remain the most attractive assets for the Russian business.

Director of the analytical department of IC Dragon Capital Andriy Bespyatov thinks that thanks to the warming of political relations between Russia and Ukraine, Russian business has practically got back the influence that it had lost after the 'Orange Revolution'. 'The risks in general have become comparable to those any company faces at home in Russia. At the same time a stronger financial support provides a conducive environment and favorable basis for the expansion of their presence in many sectors', - he says. The expert also named a number of key events for the Russian business that happened in Ukraine in 2010: 'On the macro level - presidential elections were the utmost important event that have changed the Russian business's activities in Ukraine. The second most important and symbolic event was the signing of the Kharkov agreements between Russia and Ukraine. The key purchase of the year was undoubtedly the purchase of the controlling stake in ISD group and the purchase of 'Zaporozhstal' as well as the expansion into the chemical, heavy machinery industries and the financial sector.

Head of the Analytical department of the IC Concorde Capital Andriy Gerus also thinks that due to the improvement of political relations big Russian companies are now enjoying a more favorable environment for their business. 'But for now it only concerns big businesses', he says. The expert mentioned a number of key acquisitions by the Russian business: 'Privatization of Lugansteplovoz', the purchase of ISD and Zaporozhstal'. According to Andriy Gerus, in 2011 Russia will be interested in big assets comparable to ISD and 'Zaporozhstal', such as 'Motor Sich', 'Naftogaz', 'Ukrnafta', 'Stakhanov train factory'.

Analytical Expert of IC Foyil Securities Andriy Yastrebov notes that traditionally Ukrainian oil and gas industry presents a big interest to the Russian business. 'The most desirable asset in this sector for the Russian business (or more likely the Russian Federation) will be Ukrainian oil and gas transportation system. Besides, Russian companies will show interest in other assets of oil and gas industry, including oil producing plants and gas stations. The main intrigue of the upcoming year will be the functioning of chemical plants that now belong to Ostchem owned by Dmytro Firtash. Consolidation of these assets by D.Firtash (including the purchase of Stirol) immediately provoked the rumors that these assets will be

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further resold to the russian owners. Most likely this situation will be clarified in 2011. Chemical industry is a big consumer of gas and therefore potentially Russian business having access to cheaper gas will be very interested in it', - the analyst thinks. The third sector that would draw russian business, in this expert's opinion, is the agricultural sector. 'Ukrainian Agrarian Investment' associated with the Russian IC Renaissance capital still remains the largest renter of Ukrainian farmland. The new Government in Kiev intends to open up the land market in Ukraine in 2011. Many foreign investors will show interest in investing into this sector', - Andriy Yastreba thinks.

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