

**Brief summary in english from NGO Ecohome**

*Information on the events related to the persecution, oppression and harassment of activists protested against the construction of a battery plant in Brest from 02/14/2019 to 03/12/2020:*

*The previous review of the persecution cases of activists in Brest since the beginning of the campaign against the battery factory was sent to the Committee [on February 14, 2019.](#)*

A public campaign against the battery factory in Brest region began in January 2018. During this time, activists applied for permits for 294 rallies, 12 pickets and 16 demonstrations in Brest and the Brest region. The authorities allowed only one of them: on April 29, 2018 — the rally called “Brest's Women Against Plumbum”, which was attended by about two thousand people.

Total for the period from 02/14/2019 to 03/12/2020 in Brest:

Activists were denied registration of an NGO, as well as registration of an advocacy group to hold a local referendum.

For above-mentioned period residents and activists totally were subjected:

— to fines in a total of 500 b.u. (12 750 Belarusian rubles).

— 21 cases of preventive detention.

— 4 criminal cases.

Including: 1 - on A. Kabanov, under part 1 of art. 211 of the Criminal Code "Assignment or embezzlement" which later was terminated for lack of corpus delicti;

criminal proceedings against two opponents of the construction of a battery plant near Brest - M.Mazko and his son D. Mazko were terminated;

against A. Kabanov the criminal case on misappropriation of money of the homeowners association was resumed.

— 3 searches of activists and their relatives and 1 inspection were carried out.