

Taiwan News: Investigative journalist in Belarus faces threats



The article by Iryna Chalip (Irina Khalip) gave a freezy reminder of late 1990s when Belarusian opposition politicians have been abducted and presumably killed.

The story around US lawyer Emanuel Zeltser is quite mysterious because one can hardly find a motivation for Belarusian KGB to act in the interests of the exiled Russian oligarch Boris Berezovsky and assist him in getting hands on the legacy of the Georgian tycoon Badri Patarkatsishvili by again threatening the well-known investigative journalist Iryna Chalip.

It seems an other story where we'll know the truth not earlier than the Belarusian KGB opens its archives years from now.

One sad thing the whole story makes clear is that freedom of press still remains only theory for Belarus, just as five or ten years ago.

An investigative journalist in Belarus says she has received anonymous threats linked to her publication. Irina Khalip says she has received the threats by e-mail, telephone and in a telegram. She said Wednesday that she believes the security

agency still going under its Soviet name KGB was involved in the threats. The agency refused to comment on her claim. Khalip said the threats were related to her article in the Russian newspaper Novaya Gazeta about the disputed legacy of late Georgian billionaire Badri Patarkatsishvili. // [Taiwan News](#)

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