

Annex 1

Excerpt from a BSA report

BSMU

In total at BSMU there are one politically imprisoned student, 18 expelled students, 6 students deprived of scholarships and/or dorm rooms and 8 professors who lost their jobs due to political views. Dozens of others were subjected to various kinds of pressure.

According to the BSMU independent student association, an activist of the BSMU Free Trade Union – [Anastasia Mahomet](#), faced difficulties with first job placement procedure. Special conditions were created for her assignment to the job by the dean of the Faculty of General Medicine (FGM) – [Aleksey Igorevich Volotovski](#) and the head of the legal department – [Natalya Fedorovna Chistaya](#). They changed the place of the assignment from Minsk to Mogilev, without giving weighty arguments and violating deadlines by complicating the issuance of certain important documents.

In addition, Maria Aleshko, who was expelled in 2020 at the first year on the FGM and after that went to study at the University of Vytautas the Great (Lithuania), upon returning home in the summer of 2021, was [arrested](#) and later sentenced to 15 days under Art. 19.1. "Hooliganism".

During the founding conference of the [League of Student Associations of Belarus](#), OMON officers burst into the hall and [arrested](#) many student activists, among them were [representatives](#) of the BSMU free student union – Anastasia Mahomet, Stanislav Senyukovich, Leila Meftah, Anna Karpenko. Some of them were later released while Stanislav Senyukovich was sentenced to 15 days of arrest.

Aside from persecution of students for political reasons, BSMU violates the rights to fair assessment of students' achievements. For example, according to the information of the BSMU local student association, a lecturer [Pereverzev Vladimir Alekseevich](#) raised the marks of the vaccinated for the colloquium. In addition, the state uses the cheap labor of students in risk areas in clinics and hospitals designated for COVID patients, namely 6-year students are forced to [work](#) for free or for very low pay in the risk area. Furthermore, a number of students are forced to work illegally as assistant doctors, nurses, after the 4th year as paramedics, in many cases exceeding the time norm under the pretext of field practice, which is not in the curriculum for the 6th year.

At the university, all lectures are still held exclusively offline and no measures have been taken to prevent and monitor the spread of COVID-19 at the university.

A post of Vice-Rector for Security and Human Resources was established at BSMU. This post was taken by a KGB officer, [Sinelnikov Dmitry Igorevich](#). He is responsible for the crackdowns on student demonstrations at the university.

The rector of the Belarusian State Medical University, Sergey Rubnikovich, is [included](#) in the EU sanctions list for participating in repressions.

BSUIR

At BSUIR, one student and one lecturer were recognized as political prisoners, 18 students were expelled, 6 professors were fired and many others were subjected to pressure.

A student Jan Solonovich, who worked for the KGB and who by December 15, 2020 had [had](#) eight sentences for 15 administrative offenses, was [released](#) without explanation on January 25, 2021. He left Belarus and gave an [interview](#) in which he described the inhuman conditions in one of the detention centers in the city of Minsk.

A student Artyom Vinokurov, arrested in the fall of 2020, was [sentenced](#) to 3 years of correctional labor. He managed to [leave](#) Belarus by crossing the Lithuanian-Belarusian border after he was [released](#) from the courtroom on his own recognizance.

A student, Ivan Kononovich, was [detained and released](#) without a record. Also another unknown student was [detained](#) while trying to display the national flag, but was released without a record on the same day.

On March 27, 2021, BSUIR students were [detained](#). For some, records were drawn up and they were released, some were sentenced to days of arrest. Stanislav Kmit was among them. He was sentenced to 15 days of arrest and [expelled](#) from the university after [reprimands](#) and [pressure](#) from the administration.

In BSUIR there were cases of [pressure](#) on [the whole group](#) for white-red-white (WRW from now on) wallpapers on the computer desktop in the classroom and WRW [stickers](#).

Aleksey Mochalov, a student of the Faculty of Computer-Aided Design (FCAD), was [sentenced](#) to a 1.5 years confinement for insulting a GUBOP officer, under Art. 369 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Belarus.

The university administration [illegally forced students to sign](#) undated voluntary withdrawal forms, meaning students who participated in the forest hike [Forest Kvest](#), organised by the BSUIR student council. The scandalous video from the hike was published on Telegram.

A student Darya Kozlovskaya was twice [sentenced](#) to administrative arrest, during the first arrest she was in a punishment cell. After the first arrest she had conversations with the vice-rector for security Igor [Azarov](#) and vice-rector for educational work Dmitry Kuznetsov, where she was asked about the local student association of BSUIR. She managed to flee the country before the second detention.

A student, Ivan Nikonov, was [detained](#) in the fall of 2021 for participating in a march in 2020. He was [sentenced](#) to 3 years of correctional labor. Ivan is recognized as a [political prisoner](#).

The dean of the FCAD, [Dmitry Likhachevsky](#), opposed the transition of classes to online during the pandemic and [threatened](#) students who signed the transition application. The deputy dean of the Faculty of Computer Systems and Networks, Vladimir Login, [handed out](#) summonses to the prosecutor's office for a "preventive conversation" with students.

Likhachevsky also [demanded](#) lists of detained students who attended the court in the "Student Case" for their expulsion.

Former Associate Professor of the IRT department Aleksey Rak was [sentenced](#) to a total of 20 days of arrest under Art. 23.34. and 23.4. Code of Administrative Offences.

On April 26, 2021, Maksim Porkhun, an assistant at the ECF department, was [detained](#), and before the trial in the "Student Case", conversations were [held](#) with students in the prosecutor's office. Also on [May 14, 2021](#), during the trial and on [May 16, 2021](#), students were massively detained.

BSUIR also [fired](#) the dean of the FCSN Natalya Bobrova for political reasons.

It is important to note that not all cases of pressure on students are mentioned in the report; details of each of them can be found on the [Fair BSUIR](#) Telegram channel.

BSU

At the moment, 13 students have been recognized as political prisoners at BSU. At least 25 students were expelled. 182 facts of exerting pressure on students were recorded. 94 students received reprimands. 27 students lost scholarships or places in dormitories. 30 professors lost their jobs for their political stance.

Politically imprisoned BSU student Evgeny Kalinovsky, who was detained in the summer of 2020, was [sentenced](#) to 4 years in a penal colony on January 16, 2021.



Student Artem Boyarsky was rudely [detained](#) by GUBOPiK in the dormitory, later he was given 25 days of arrest. Furthermore, he was forced to make a confession on the Telegram channel of the pro-state journalist. In June, Artem was [expelled](#) from BSU. As a

result, Artem received 5 years in a penal colony on charges of creating and leading an extremist group and participating in actions that grossly violate public order.

An expelled BSU student Sofya Morgunova was [detained](#) after a denunciation by a BSU guard, although the girl was not even on campus. She was later sentenced to 15 days of arrest.

During the founding conference of the League of Student Associations on March 5, the police [came over](#). As a result, about 30 people were detained. Among them were 5 BSU students. Three of them later received administrative arrests.

On March 2, the police came to the BSU dormitory and [detained](#) two students, Alexander Parshankov and Alexander Novikov. Parshankov was released after interrogation, but Novikov was sentenced to 15 days of arrest.

On March 24, in one of the BSU buildings a large WRW flag was [hung out](#) of the auditory room window. As a result, OMON were called, the students were kept in the classrooms.



On March 25, student Aleksandra Guzovskaya was [detained](#) in the dormitory. On that day, 9 other BSU students were also [detained](#), two of whom were released. The rest received administrative arrests.

At the BSUfest student festival, two BSU students Robert Kazak and Violetta Ludchik were [detained](#). As a result, Robert received 15 days of arrest, and Violetta received a fine of 100 basic units (about \$1200) for a WRW sticker on her laptop.

On June 1, students of the BSU Faculty of Applied Mathematics and Computer Science Saveliy Dubovik and Olga Voitovich were [expelled](#) from the university. Previously, they had been detained on the first day of the trial in the “Student Case”. Shortly after being expelled, Saveliy was [detained](#) again and received 15 days of arrest.

During the presentation of diplomas at BSU, graduate Ekaterina Vinnikova thanked Maksim Znak in her speech. She was later arrested. The court found her guilty of violating the rules for holding mass events and [sentenced](#) her to 15 days of arrest.

On September 1, 2021, a former BSU student Daria Chaiko was detained and later [sentenced](#) to 2.5 years of correctional labor.

A student Daniil Kostyukevich was [detained](#) in a dormitory in Minsk in a criminal case initiated for comments on the Internet after the death of KGB officer Dmitry Fedosyuk and IT specialist Andrei Zeltser in a Minsk apartment. Another BSU student, Vladimir Zapolskikh, was [detained](#) in the same case. Both students were recognized as political prisoners.

Zlata Yanukovych, a 3rd year student of the Faculty of Chemistry, was [detained](#). She was later forced to take part in a “repentant” video. On December 24, a court in Minsk sentenced Zlata to three years of confinement. Yanukovych was found guilty under a criminal article on the organization and preparation of actions grossly violating public order.



Anastasia Voytovich, a student of the Faculty of History at Belarusian State University (a year earlier she had been expelled from MSLU for political reasons), was [detained](#) on November 24, 2021. A video of her appeared on one of the propaganda Telegram channels, from which it follows that she is accused of participating in a "coupling" at one of last year's protests.

On January 29, a BSU employee Svetlana Volchek and her husband Mikhail were [detained](#) and later sentenced to 14 and 15 days respectively. They were the creators of the BSU protest Telegram channel. Also on that day professors Olga Kovalevskaya and Pavel Petrov were [detained](#). That day Lukashenka [visited](#) BSU.

On February 9, Yaroslav Kot, a resigned BSU professor, was [detained](#), his home searched. He was later sentenced to 15 days of arrest.

A BSU professor Denis Tushinsky was [fired](#) from the university during his second detention.

The contract was [not renewed](#) with Alexander Radyna, a professor who had worked for 23 years at BSU.

In addition, the mother of Viktor Babariko's lawyer, Elena Laevskaya, was [dismissed](#) from BSU. She later sued BSU for wrongful dismissal. The court [did not give a positive decision](#) in Elena Laevskaya's lawsuit against the university.

A BSU professor, Ksenia Martul was [detained](#) in Minsk. According to information from eyewitnesses, "men in black" came to the Faculty of Journalism of the BSU right during the classes and took her to the ideologist's office. After that, the lecturer did not appear in the auditory room. A "repentant" video with Ksenia Martul appeared on the GUBOPiK Telegram channel. She said that she had participated in protest actions in 2020, and was detained for sending information from "extremist" Telegram channels in her personal correspondence. In addition, at the beginning of the video she said that she "had been" a professor at Belarusian State University, and her salary "had been 800 rubles" – in the past tense. Even though just that afternoon Martul was teaching students.

In August, 23-year-old professor of the Lyceum of BSU Aleksey Minov was [detained](#). The detention was carried out by GUBOPiK operatives. The professor was suspected of organizing and preparing actions that grossly violate public order or actively participating in them. He was sentenced to 3 years of correctional labor. Later he fled Belarus.

BSEU

At the moment there are 2 political prisoners in BSEU – [Alexander Reznik](#) and [Nikita Litvinenko](#). Nikita was sentenced to 4 years in a high-security colony, while Alexander received 8 years in a high-security prison. In addition, at least 16 politically motivated expulsions were recorded at BSEU. At least 38 students faced psychological pressure, 41 students were reprimanded.

On March 25, on Freedom Day, there were [security forces](#) within the walls of Belarusian State Economic University.



For a demonstration on the campus, one student received a summons to the police. Later he [received](#) 15 days of arrest. He was later forced to drop out of the university.

BSEU student Anya Kravchenya was [detained](#) during the protest in the city. She was sentenced to 15 days of administrative arrest. Eventually, she had to leave the university.

An administrator at BSEU dormitory No. 8 asked the police to talk to a student, who had raised his voice in a conversation with her. The policeman saw a White-Red-White sticker

on the student's laptop and [detained](#) him. The student was released the same day. Later, he lost his place in the dormitory.

After November 1st, the BSEU's pro-governmental student union stopped financially aiding the sick students, who are unvaccinated. Although, this is the union's obligation. Later it turned out that such assistance was [reduced](#) to one basic unit (≈32 BYN as of 1st Jan 2022).

In the period, when BSEU was switching from one cleaning company to another, the dormitory living spaces were not maintained, so the administration of the dormitory No. 3 asked the students to clean the living spaces themselves, although this is a violation of the dormitories' internal order regulations. When the students refused to do so, the dormitory administration [removed](#) the trash containers from the toilets. After the situation was publicized, the trash containers were returned.

At least 3 BSEU professors were fired, and at least 5 more professors were forced to leave the jobs on their own. One of the fired professors was [Yury Lazebnik](#), Ph.D in Juridical Sciences. During one of his lectures, he gave his legal evaluation of the situation in the country. Someone has recorded his speech and informed the dean's office.

Oleg Marikov, a lecturer at BSEU, [pressured](#) students by warning that the exam would be more difficult to pass for the unvaccinated.

BSEU now [employs](#) KGB officers: Vice-Rector for Security and Human Resources Oleg Lavrenko and security officer Maksim Krivopusk.

Additional cameras (5-6 per floor) were [installed](#) in BSEU, the cameras also record sound. The BSEU initiative group believes that the university administration is trying to establish total control over students and staff.

A photograph of the famous Belarusian swimmer Alexandra Gerasimenya, who has publicly criticized the current government of Belarus and is the head of the Sports Solidarity Fund, was [removed](#) from the BSEU commemorative stand for sports achievers.

BSEU vice-rector for educational work Serhei Skriba was [listed](#) in the 4th package of EU sanctions.

BSPU

3 politically-motivated expulsions, 18 instances of exerting pressure on students were reported.

A fourth-year student of the Faculty of History, Matvey Grinkevich, was [detained](#) right in the dean's office on November 10, 2021. The student was identified in a protest-related photo and is now being accused of participating in "unauthorized mass events". A criminal case was initiated.

3 professors lost their jobs, including [Nikolai Strekha](#), a member of Coordinating Council ("Координационный Совет")

In addition, a [KGB officer](#) is now employed at BSPU as a vice-rector for security.

GrSU

1 student is recognized as a political prisoner ([Andrey Gerasimovich](#) was sentenced to 2.5 years of detention in a penal colony).

There were 3 politically motivated expulsions. 15 students [faced pressure](#) from the university administration. 18 students received formal reprimands. 8 professors have lost their jobs.

GrSU untimely [revoked](#) the opportunity for students to participate in ERASMUS+ exchange programs. Those who have already purchased the tickets and insurance had to cancel the trips and simply lost their money.

Aleksey Bezzubik, a KGB officer, is [employed](#) at the university as Vice-Rector for Security.

PSU

At least 2 politically motivated expulsions, 18 students faced pressure from the university administration. At least 2 students received formal reprimands. A fourth-year student of Polotsk State University Alexander Lon was [detained](#) in January for insulting a judge in a Telegram chat. His home was searched, his mobile phone and computer were confiscated. Then he was detained for three days. Not long before, he was summoned to the prosecutor's office, where he was issued a warning under Article 23.34 of the Code of Administrative Offenses.

In March 2021, PSU students took part in a solidarity flash mob and shaved their heads. Not long after, the participants of the flash mob were [summoned](#) to the prosecutor's office for a preventive conversation.

In March, one of the flash mob participants, Alesya Buka, was [charged](#) with insulting a government official. The student was detained in the dormitory, her room was searched. The police officers confiscated all her devices. The student spent 72 hours in the isolation ward and was released. In July, another flash mob participant, Anna Bogdanova, was [detained](#) for 72 hours on criminal charges.

At least 4 PSU professors have lost their jobs. One of them, [Viktor Yakubov](#), Ph.D. in History, was formally dismissed for absenteeism while he was serving his 4th 15-day administrative arrest. A doctor of historical sciences Vladimir Lobach and the head of the design department Andrey Veriga [left](#) the university by agreement of the parties.

BrSTU

1 student is recognized as a political prisoner, 11 students were expelled, 2 professors lost their jobs. Formal reprimands and threats for political activity took place.

Student Mikhail Yakushevich sued the university for [expelling](#) him after the 2020 student strike. The expulsion of Mikhail and 8 other students was unlawful, as they only had 1

formal reprimand each. In order to justify the unlawful expulsion, the administration issued another formal reprimand to the students retroactively. None of the students had seen or been notified of its existence. To obtain grounds for the reprimand, the administration has asked the professor and head of the Department of Artificial Intelligence Vladimir Golovko to report the students for missing his classes. In case files, one could see no students' signatures, which confirms their ignorance of the reprimand.

At first, Mikhail's parents managed to convince Vladimir Golovko to testify in favor of the student, but later when it was revealed that Vladimir is one of the main witnesses of Mikhail, the parents could not reach him for some time. Several hours later he announced his change of mind and refused to testify in favor of the student. Mikhail lost the case. The student gathers evidence and plans to sue again.

The [KGB officers talked](#) to student Vladislav Novitsky, and tried to recruit him, threatening that he would be expelled and sent off to the army, if he refused. He managed to leave Belarus by crossing the river on the border with Poland. Vladislav is now studying with the help of the Kalinowski program.

Arseniy Sinyak and his father were arrested twice in 2020. In the first half of 2021 Arseniy was in a pre-trial detention center, waiting for the court session on the "Khorovody" case ("Хороводное дело"). He was sentenced to 2 years of correctional labor. He and his father managed to [escape](#) to Ukraine through Russia before the court's decision took effect (mid-May 2021). Now they are in Poland.

[Ilya Migno](#) has been in prison for 1.5 years. In August 2020 he was sentenced to 4.5 years in a high-security colony (strict regime). [Nikita Uvarov](#) was sentenced to 2 years of home confinement.

The former rector of the university, Dragan Vyacheslav Alexandrovich, who was [removed](#) from the post in 2020, is now teaching part-time (one-quarter-time).

Rector of BrSTU, [Alexander Bakhanovich](#), was included in the EU sanctions list for partaking in repressions.