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8 EHU students are released and 2 students and a teacher are still in prison

European Humanities University has condemned the violent dispersal of a mainly peaceful demonstration in the aftermath of a presidential election in Belarus on 19th of December 2010. Hundreds of detainees stood closed-door trials, among them were the EHU students.

11 EHU students were imprisoned and most of them were sentenced up to 15 days in prison.

As for today 8 students are released and one is expected to be released tomorrow.

Andrew KIM (1st year student, Mass Communications and Journalism) - soon after his release the Belarusian KGB started his search. The other released student Hleb KHAMUTOU (3rd year student, Political Sciences and European Studies) was forcibly removed from a train at the Belarus-Lithuanian border by the Belarusian authorities and was informed about the restriction to leave the country.

EHU is especially concerned over the cases of Nastassia PALAZHENKA (2nd year student, Political Sciences and European Studies) and Aliaksandr ATROSHCHANKAU (3rd year student, International Law) – they are suspected in the criminal case under Paragraphs 1 and 2, Article 293 of the Criminal Code and might be imprisoned for a 5-15 years period.

EHU is also concerned over the case of its teacher and journalist Aleksandr FEDUTA who is held by the KGB and might be imprisoned for a 5-15 years period.