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## Press release

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### **New Guest: Stanislav Aseyev, Journalist and writer from Ukraine**

The Hamburg Foundation for the Politically Persecuted has invited the Ukrainian journalist Stanislav Aseyev as a Foundation guest. The foundation is committed to helping people all over the world who courageously raise their voices against injustice and enables them to find refuge and peace in Hamburg for a short term shelter.

Aseyev fights with pen and gun against the Russian war criminals. On his platform "Justice Initiative Fund" ([www.jif.fund/en](http://www.jif.fund/en)) they get a public face.

Since the beginning of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine on February 24, 2022, Stanislav Aseyev knows that his story was not an isolated case. After the mass graves in Bukha and Izyum, after countless prisons discovered in eastern Ukraine, there is no doubt: torture and murder are the criminal modus operandi of the Russian army against the Ukrainian civilian population.

For a year and a half, Stanislav Aseyev had been reporting under a pseudonym for national and international media from the Donetsk region of eastern Ukraine when he was abducted by pro-Russian separatists on May 11, 2017. The sentence against the journalist: 15 years in prison in the notorious torture dungeon "Isolazija." When he was released after 30 months as part of a prisoner exchange, he had documented his experiences on microscopic pieces of paper. He had memorized particularly serious experiences and his desperate struggle for survival.

In Germany, he hopes to come into contact with an interested audience and to read from his book "Heller Weg: Geschichte eines Konzentrationslagers im Donbass 2017 - 2019".

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