

Ukraine's Prosecutor Won't Renew Saakashvili's Curfew

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Mikheil Saakashvili leads a rally demanding President Petro Poroshenko resign in Kyiv on February 4.

From RFE/RL, Feb 07, 2018 Ukraine's top prosecutor has said he will not seek to renew a nightly curfew on opposition leader Mikheil Saakashvili. Saakashvili has finally begun to appear for questioning so when the restrictive measure [curfew] imposed on him expires, we will not renew it. He is appearing after receiving summonses, and therefore, in my opinion, he does not need any further burden, Prosecutor-General Yuriy Lutsenko told TSN.ua on February 6. The comments were later posted on Facebook by Lutsenko's spokesman. On January 26, the Kyiv City Court of Appeals placed the former Georgian president and ex-governor of Ukraine's Odesa region under house arrest every night until February 7 from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. It also barred him from leaving the Ukrainian capital without permission from a court or the Prosecutor-General's Office. Ukrainian authorities have accused Saakashvili of abetting an alleged criminal group led by former President Viktor Yanukovich, who fled to Russia after his ouster in February 2014. They also claim that protests led by Saakashvili in Ukraine are part of a Russian plot against the government in Kyiv. Saakashvili has strongly denied all those charges. [⋮] <https://www.rferl.org/a/ukraine-prosec-vili-curfew/29024712.html>