

UKRAINIAN TRADE UNIONS PICKETED THE PARLIAMENT



Today, on 17 December 10,000 people gathered near the building of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine under the banners of the Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine and Agrarian Party.

Thousands of Ukrainians came to the Parliament dissatisfied with the Government policy on reforms, including tax system one, and in particular, in the agricultural sector and with the draft State Budget 2016.

Rallies conducted by the Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine with participation of activists from almost all regions of Ukraine and concerned citizens together appealed to the people's deputies not to support today the antisocial draft State Budget, as well as a number of other anti-people laws.



Representatives of Ukrainian trade unions, trade union activists from regions, chairs of primary trade union organisations spoke before the participants.

Addressing the participants, speakers noted that within the half a year the Yatseniuk's Government lost 2 million jobs. Wages fell by 30% and prices for goods and utilities rose at once. The proposed draft State Budget 2016 suggests freezing wages, and living wage. This means further decline in the economy and troubles all of us. Therefore, trade unions, uniting 6.5 million only within the FPU, came to say no to such a shameful economic and social policy of the Government. Trade unions demand from the people's deputies not to adopt the draft State Budget imposed by the IMF. They suggested the people's deputies to reject the so-called draft laws of 'happiness' that will carry grief and despair in every family. The State Budget for the next year should not be a poverty budget, but a budget for European development.



The State Budget 2016 significantly reduces spending on education. According to the Ministry of Youth and Sport 70% of young people aged up to 31 years see their future not in Ukraine, and want to go abroad, because we even good professionals cannot afford to earn a decent living. The future of young Ukrainian depends precisely on those laws that the people's deputies adopt.



Trade unions handed over their demands to the Parliament for amending and approving a number of draft laws aimed at protecting social and economic rights.