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## **1. PRESIDENT YUSHCHENKO APPOINTS THE NEW PRIME MINISTER AND MEMBERS OF HER CABINET**

Yushchenko Presidential Website, Kyiv, Ukraine, Friday, Feb 4, 2005

In the parliamentary session hall, President of Ukraine Victor Yushchenko signed a decree on Yulia Tymoshenko's appointment as new Prime Minister of Ukraine. Her appointment had been backed by 373 members of the Ukrainian Parliament.

After that, the new Prime Minister named all members of her Cabinet. Then, right in the parliamentary session hall, the President of Ukraine signed decrees on the appropriate appointments:

- First Vice Premier - Anatoly Kinakh,
- Vice Premier on European Accession - Oleh Rybachuk,
- Vice Premier on Humanitarian and Social Issues - Mykola Tomenko,
- Vice Premier on Administrative Reform - Roman Bezsmertny,
- Minister of Agrarian Policy - Oleksandr Baranivsky,
- Minister of Internal Affairs - Yury Lutsenko,
- Minister of Economics - Serhy Teryokhin,
- Minister for Foreign Affairs - Borys Tarasyuk,
- Minister of Culture - Oksana Bilozir,
- Minister of Defense - Anatoly Hrytsenko,
- Minister of Education and Science - Stanislav Nikolayenko,
- Minister of Health - Mykola Polishchuk,
- Minister for Environment Control - Pavlo Ihnatenko,
- Minister of Fuel and Power Engineering - Ivan Plachkov,
- Minister of Labor and Social Policy - Vyacheslav Kyrylenko,
- Minister of Industrial Policy - Volodymyr Shandra,
- Minister of Transport and Communication - Yevhen Chervonenko,
- Minister of Family, Children and Youth - Yury Pavlenko,
- Minister of Finance - Victor Pynzenyk,
- Minister of Emergency - Davyd Zhvania,
- Minister of Justice - Roman Zvarych.

## 2.UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT APPOINTS NEW REGIONAL GOVERNORS

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Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko has appointed new heads of state administrations in Ukraine's regions and in the cities of Kiev and Sevastopol. The appointments were read out by Prime Minister Yuliya Tymoshenko and signed by Yushchenko in parliament shortly after parliament approved Tymoshenko's appointment. Proceedings were broadcast live by Ukrainian state UT1 TV.

The new governors are as follows:

Cherkasy Region - Oleksandr Cherevko  
Chernihiv Region - Vladyslav Atroshchenko (Our Ukraine)  
Chernivtsi Region - Mykola Tkach (Our Ukraine)  
Dnipropetrovsk Region -Serhiy Kasyanov  
Donetsk Region - Vadym Chuprun  
Ivano-Frankivsk Region - Roman Tkach (Our Ukraine)  
Kharkiv Region - Arsen Avakov  
Kherson Region - Borys Selinkov  
Khmelnyskyy Region - Vitaliy Oluyko (People's Agrarian)  
Kiev Region - Yevhen Zhovtyak (Our Ukraine)  
Kirovohrad Region - Eduard Zeynalov  
Luhansk Region - Oleksiy Danylov  
Lviv Region - Petro Oliynyk (Our Ukraine)  
Mykolayiv Region - Oleksandr Sadykov  
Odessa Region - Vasyl Tsushko (Socialist)  
Poltava Region - Stepan Bulba (Socialist)  
Rivne Region - Vasyl Chervoniy (Our Ukraine)  
Sumy Region - Mykola Lavryk (Industrialists and Entrepreneurs)  
Ternopil Region - Ivan Stoyko (Our Ukraine)  
Transcarpathia Region - Viktor Baloha (Our Ukraine)  
Vynnytsya Region - Oleksandr Dombrovskyy (Our Ukraine)  
Volyn Region - Volodymyr Bondar  
Zaporizhzhya Region -Yuriy Artemenko (Our Ukraine)  
Zhytomyr Region - Pavlo Zhebrivskyy (Our Ukraine)  
Kiev city- Oleksandr Omelchenko  
Sevastopol city - Serhiy Ivanov (Centre)

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### 3. TYMOSHENKO APPOINTED PRIME MINISTER

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President Viktor Yuschenko has appointed acting Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko for the post of Prime Minister. He signed the corresponding decree in the Verkhovna Rada's meeting hall. As Ukrainian News earlier reported, the Verkhovna Rada gave its approval to appointment of acting Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko for the post of Prime Minister.

Yuschenko appointed Tymoshenko as the acting prime minister on January 24. He submitted Tymoshenko's candidacy to the parliament for confirmation on January 28. Under the current Constitution, President appoints Prime Minister under consent of the parliament.

Tymoshenko, 44, founded the People's Power coalition together with Yuschenko in July 2004 to promote a single presidential candidate. She also heads the Batkivschyna Party since 1999. Tymoshenko served as deputy prime minister for fuel and energy in the Yuschenko-led government from December 1999 to January 2001.

Tymoshenko was elected into the current parliament in April 2002 as No. 1 on the Yulia Tymoshenko Coalition's list of parliamentary candidates. Tymoshenko has also been the Verkhovna Rada's deputy of the second convocation (from December 1996 to April 1998) and third convocation (from March 1998 to March 2000). She had been Board Member of the National Bank of Ukraine since May 2000.

Tymoshenko was born in November 27, 1960, in Dnipropetrovsk. She graduated from the Dnipropetrovsk state university in 1984 majoring in economics, she did her PhD thesis 'State Regulation of Taxation System' in 1999. In 1984-1989, she worked as economist engineer on Dnipropetrovsk-based Lenin machine building plant. In 1989-1991, she was commercial director of youth center Terminal in Dnipropetrovsk.

Since 1991, Tymoshenko worked as commercial director and general director of the enterprise Ukrainian Petroleum Corporation (Dnipropetrovsk). In November 1995-January 1997, Tymoshenko headed the Unified Energy Systems of Ukraine corporation. From 1997 to May 1999 Tymoshenko was member of the All-Ukrainian Hromada association, led by ex-Prime Minister Pavlo Lazarenko; she was the party's first deputy chairperson since 1999.

In December 1999-January 2001, she worked as Vice Premier in charge of the fuel and energy complex at Yuschenko's government. In February 2001, Tymoshenko was arrested, and then dismissed from the Vice Premier's post. The Supreme Court recognized her arrest as unlawful.

Tymoshenko is author of more than 40 research works, speaks English. Yulia Tymoshenko is married to Oleksandr Tymoshenko; she has a daughter, Eugenia.

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#### **4. KINAKH APPOINTED FIRST VICE PRIME MINISTER**

President Viktor Yushchenko has appointed Anatolii Kinakh as First Vice Prime Minister. Yushchenko signed a corresponding order at the Verkhovna Rada on February 4. Since April 2000, 50-year-old Kinakh has been the leader of the Party of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs of Ukraine, since October 1996 he has been the President of the Ukrainian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs.

Kinakh was born on August 4, 1954 in the village of Bratushany in Moldova. In 1978 he graduated from the St. Petersburg Shipbuilding Institute as ship constructor engineer. In 1978-1992 he was working at a shipyard and shipbuilding plant in Tallinn (Estonia) and Mykolaiv (Okean plant). From March 1990 through June 1992 Kinakh was Verkhovna Rada deputy of the first convocation.

In 1992-1994 Kinakh held the post of the president's representative in Mykolaiv region, from June 1994 through July 1995 he was chairman of the Mykolaiv regional council. Since July 1995 through September 1996 Kinakh held the post of vice-prime minister for industrial policy. From March 1998 to October 2001 Kinakh was MP of the third convocation.

>From August through December 1999 he was the first vice premier. From February 1996 through January 2000 Kinakh was member of the political council of the People's Democratic Party, from November 1998 to January 2000 he worked as the party's deputy head for economic policy. From May 2001 through November 2002 Kinakh held the office of the prime minister.

In April 2002 he was elected deputy of the Verkhovna Rada of the fourth convocation from the pro-authority bloc of parties For United Ukraine with the number 2 on the party ticket, however withdrew his candidacy preferring his work as premier. Kinakh's hobbies are astrophysics and science fiction.

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#### **5. RYBACHUK APPOINTED DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**

President Viktor Yushchenko has appointed Parliamentary Deputy Oleh Rybachuk of the Our Ukraine coalition's faction as Ukraine's deputy prime minister for European integration. Yushchenko signed the relevant decree in the parliament on Friday. Rybachuk, 46, has headed the Parliamentary Committee for Finance and Banking's subcommittee for banking and currency regulation since June 2002.

Rybachuk was elected into the parliament as No. 29 on the Our Ukraine coalition's list of parliamentary candidates. Rybachuk headed Yushchenko's office during the 2004 presidential elections. He headed the prime ministerial service when Yushchenko was Ukraine's prime minister in the December 1999-May 2001 period.

[Rybachuk also headed up the International Department at the National Bank when Yushchenko headed the bank.]

Rybachuk was the vice president of the Black Sea Bank for Trade and Development before the 2002 parliamentary elections. Rybachuk has two higher education degrees: he graduated from Kyiv's Taras Shevchenko National University (consultant and translator, faculty of Roman-German philology) and Kyiv's National Economic University (economics).

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## **6. TOMENKO APPOINTED VICE PREMIER ON HUMANITARIAN & SOCIAL ISSUES**

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The Ukrainian state-owned TV UT1 has broadcast an interview with the newly appointed deputy prime minister for humanitarian issues, Mykola Tomenko. Tomenko praised the newly appointed prime minister, Yuliya Tymoshenko, as a very energetic individual. He said the cabinet was going to fight corruption.

Tomenko said that the former Ukrainian leaders should be jailed if the law-enforcement agencies establish their complicity in crimes, adding that it is not the business of politicians or journalists to pass verdicts.

Asked whether or not former President Leonid Kuchma will be arrested, Tomenko said that if the Prosecutor-General's Office confirms Kuchma's direct complicity in the case of murdered journalist Heorhiy Gongadze, he should be made accountable.

"I am against amnesty or signing pardon decrees. But I want to repeat that public or political condemnation should not be replaced with criminal or administrative liability. I think that those individuals who showed their neglect of the law should be put in jail, as Ukrainian society should understand that violations of the law are punishable," Tomenko said. The interview lasted for about 23 minutes.

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## **7. BEZSMERTNYI APPOINTED DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ON ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM**

President Viktor Yuschenko has appointed the Verkhovna Rada's deputy, member of the Our Ukraine coalition, Roman Bezsmertnyi as Deputy Prime Minister on Administrative Reform. Yuschenko signed relevant decree in the Verkhovna Rada on February 4.

Bezsmertnyi, 39, is member of the Verkhovna Rada's committee on state construction and local self-government, head of Our Ukraine coalition HQ. Bezsmertnyi studied at historical faculty of the Kyiv pedagogical institute from 1983 to 1990. He majored in teaching of history.

Bezsmertnyi was the Verkhovna Rada's deputy of the second convocation (1996 to 1998) and third convocation (1998 to 2000). He is a candidate of political sciences, and was awarded with order For Merit of the third grade in December 1996.

As Ukrainian News earlier reported, Bezsmertnyi made statements that he did not intend to support the candidacy of Yulia Tymoshenko for the post of prime minister when her candidacy is considered in the parliament and that he did not intend to join a government led by Tymoshenko. At the same time, he said he considered Tymoshenko a good public politician but did not accept her management methods and mechanisms.

## **8. BARANIVSKYI APPOINTED MINISTER OF AGRARIAN POLICY**

President Viktor Yuschenko has appointed Verkhovna Rada deputy Oleksandr Baranivskiy for the post of Agrarian Policy Minister. Yuschenko signed a corresponding order at the Verkhovna Rada on February 4.

Since May 2002, 49-year old Baranivskiy has been a member of the Socialist Party of Ukraine (SPU) faction, since June 2002 - the chairman of the sub-committee of the Budget Committee; the first secretary of the Zhytomyr regional committee of the SPU.

## **9. LUTSENKO APPOINTED MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

President Viktor Yuschenko has appointed the Verkhovna Rada's Deputy, member of the Socialist Party Yurii Lutsenko as Minister of Interior Affairs. Yuschenko signed relevant decree in the Verkhovna Rada on February 4. Lutsenko, 40, graduated from the Lviv Polytechnic Institute as engineer of electronic equipment.

Lutsenko took fixed-period service in the army in 1984-1986, adder that he worked on Rivne-based enterprise Hazotron until 1994, in 1994 he was appointed deputy chairman of the Rivne regional council, in 1996 chairperson of the Economy Committee of the Rivne regional state administration, since September 1997 to September 1998 he was deputy minister on science and technologies, and than assistant to Prime Mistier until April 1999.

>From April 1994 to April 2002, Lutsenko was assistant consultant of the Verkhovna Rada's deputy, SPU leader Oleksandr Moroz. Since December 2000, Lutsenko was deputy chairperson of the action Ukraine Without Kuchma, which aimed to remove Leonid Kuchma from presidential post. Lutsenko speaks English. Lutsenko is married, has two sons.

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## **10. TERIOKHIN APPOINTED MINISTER OF ECONOMICS**

President Viktor Yuschenko has appointed Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) Deputy from the Our Ukraine coalition Serhii Teriokhin to the post of Economy Minister.

Yuschenko signed a decree to this effect in parliament on February 4. 41-year-old Teriokhin has been deputy head of the parliamentary committee for finance and banking since June 2002.

He also co-chairs the Borysfen Ukrainian institute of open society, and chairs the Union of Taxpayers of Ukraine. Teriokhin graduated from the international relations and international law department of Kyiv's Taras Shevchenko University, where he majored in international economy and the English language.

>From December 1992 to August 1993 Teriokhin was deputy economy minister and head of the department for finance and foreign economic activity.  
>From August 1993 to August 1994 he was director of the Ukrainian fund of support for reforms.

Teriokhin was people's deputy of the 2nd convocation from August 1994 to April 1998, member of the parliamentary committee for finance and banking, member of the Reforms group. He also was people's deputy in the Rada of the 3rd convocation (1998-2002) from the Reforms and Order party (No. 5 on the party's election ticket). Teriokhin speaks English, French and Spanish languages.

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## **11. TARASIUK APPOINTED MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

President Viktor Yuschenko has appointed Our Ukraine coalition member, leader of the Narodnyi Rukh of Ukraine party, MP Borys Tarasiuk to the post of Foreign Minister. Yuschenko signed this decree at the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) on February 4. 56-year-old Tarasiuk worked as Foreign Minister from April 1998 to September 2000.

Since June 2002 Tarasiuk has been heading the Rada's committee for European integration, and since September 2002 he has been heading the Ukrainian part of the Ukraine-European Union parliamentary cooperation committee. Tarasiuk has been elected people's deputy on the Our Ukraine coalition ticket, where he ranked the 9th. He leads the Rukh from May 2003. Since January 2001 Tarasiuk has been also heading the Institute of Euroatlantic cooperation.

In 1968 he graduated from Kyiv's communications school, and in 1975 from the foreign relations department of Kyiv's Taras Shevchenko University where he majored in international law. He came to work at the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry in 1975. From May 1992 to December 1994, when Tarasiuk was deputy foreign minister, and then, until 1995 first deputy foreign minister.

Later he served as ambassador to Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, and in 1997-98 he headed Ukraine's mission to NATO. From April 17, 1998 to September 29, 2000 Tarasiuk was the foreign minister, in 2001-02 he headed the Institute of social sciences, following which he was people's deputy starting on April 2002. He speaks English and French.

Ukraine has had four Foreign Ministers. From July 27, 1990 to August 25, 1994 this seat was under Anatolii Zlenko. After that, to April 17, 1998 the Foreign Minister's post was held by Hennadii Udovenko, and then by Tarasiuk. >From October 2, 2000 to September 2, 2003, Zlenko was Foreign Minister again, and on September 2, 2003 Kostiantyn Hryshenko headed the Ministry.

## **12. BILOZIR APPOINTED MINISTER OF CULTURE**

President Viktor Yuschenko has appointed the Verkhovna Rada's deputy, member of the Our Ukraine Coalition, Oksana Bilozir as minister of culture and arts. Yuschenko signed relevant decree in the Verkhovna Rada on Feb 4.

Bilozir, 47, is a pop singer, member of the Verkhovna Rada's Committee on Foreign Affairs, and at the moment of parliamentary election she was head of department of the Kyiv University of Culture and Arts, and was not a member of any party.

Bilozir graduated from Lviv conservatoire in 1981, and Diplomatic Academy under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Master of Foreign Policy and Diplomacy) in 1999. She is a leader of Social-Democratic Party since April 2004. Bilozir received the title of Honored Artist of Ukraine in 1986, and the title of People's Artist of Ukraine in 1994. Bilozir speaks English and Polish.



### **13. HRYTSENKO APPOINTED MINISTER OF DEFENSE**

President Viktor Yuschenko has appointed Anatolii Hrytsenko, head of the information analytical support of his election campaign, the Defense Minister. Yuschenko signed this decree at the Rada on February 4.

The 47-year-old Hrytsenko was named as head of the information analytical support of Yuschenko's presidential election campaign in June 2004.

Hrytsenko is candidate of technical sciences, and from December 1999 he is the president of the Ukrainian Center for Economic and Political Studies named after Razumkov. Yet, he abandoned this seat for the election campaign period. The Razumkov center of economic and political studies was founded in 1994.

The Center is engaged in studies in the field of foreign policy, social and economic development of Ukraine, power industry, state management, international economy, national security and defense, military construction and peacekeeping activity.

Hrytsenko graduated from Kyiv's top military aviation engineering school in 1979, and in 1993 the foreign languages institute of the US Defense Department. He also studied at the US Air Force University and the Ukrainian Armed Forces Academy. From November 1992 to August 1994, Hrytsenko was holding the post of head of the problem analytical department at the scientific research center of the Armed Forces' general headquarters.

>From January 1996 to September 1997 he headed the department of military security and construction at the national scientific research center of defense technologies and military security of Ukraine. From September 1997 to December 1999 Hrytsenko headed the analytical service at the National Security and Defense Council. Hrytsenko is reserve colonel, author and co-author of over 100 scientific works. His hobbies are chess and tourism.

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### **14. NIKOLAENKO APPOINTED MINISTER OF EDUCATION & SCIENCE**

President Viktor Yuschenko has appointed the Verkhovna Rada's deputy, member of the Socialist Party, Stanislav Nikolaenko as minister of education and science. Yuschenko signed relevant decree in the Verkhovna Rada on February 4.

Nikolaenko, 48, is a chairperson of the parliamentary committee on education and science, president of the All-Ukrainian Association of Workers of Professional Education. Nikolaenko is candidate of pedagogical sciences, graduated from Ukrainian Agricultural Academy as mechanical engineer in 1978, and from Odesa Institute of Political and Social Sciences in 1991 as political scientist.

Nikolaenko was Rada's deputy of the second convocation from April 1994 to April 1998, promoted by SPU, and secretary of the parliamentary committee on education and science. Besides that, Nikolaenko was Rada's deputy of the third convocation and secretary of the parliamentary committee on education and science, and authorized representative of the Rada's SPU faction and Agricultural Party.

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## **15. POLISCHUK APPOINTED MINISTER OF HEALTH**

President Viktor Yuschenko has appointed Verkhovna Rada MP from the Our Ukraine bloc of factions Mykola Polischuk as Health Minister. Yuschenko signed the relevant order at the Verkhovna Rada on February 4.

Since June 2002, 60-year old Polischuk has been leading the Verkhovna Rada's committee for healthcare, motherhood and childhood. He is the Doctor of Medicine, professor, since April 1997, he is Corresponding Member of the Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine (traumatology ward). Polischuk heads the spinal pathology department at the A. Romodanov Institute of Neurosurgery of Ukraine's Academy of Medical Sciences.

During the presidential election Polischuk was working as chief of the neurosurgery chair at the Kyiv Shupyk Medical Academy of Post-Graduate Education. In May 2004 Polischuk was awarded the Order of Yaroslav the Wise of the fourth degree. Polischuk is also honored man of science and engineering.

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## **16. IHNATENKO APPOINTED MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

President Viktor Yuschenko has appointed the Verkhovna Rada's deputy, member of the Our Ukraine Coalition, Pavlo Ihnatenko as minister of environmental protection. Yuschenko signed relevant decree in the Verkhovna Rada on February 4.

Ihnatenko, 31, is member of the committee on fighting against organized crime and special control commission on privatization.

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## **17. PLACHKOV APPOINTED MINISTER OF FUEL AND ENERGY**

President Viktor Yuschenko has appointed Ivan Plachkov as Ukraine's fuel and energy minister. Yuschenko signed the relevant decree in the parliament on Friday, February 4. Plachkov, 47, previously held the post of board chairman/director-general of the Kyivenerho power distribution company, which supplies heat and electricity in Kyiv. He has headed Kyivenerho since 1995.

He held the post of fuel and energy minister from February 24 to December 30, 1999, when Valerii Pustovoitenko was the prime minister.

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## **18. KYRYLENKO APPOINTED MINISTER OF LABOR & SOCIAL POLICY**

President Viktor Yuschenko has appointed the Verkhovna Rada's deputy, member of the Our Ukraine Coalition, Viacheslav Kyrylenko as minister of labor and social policy. Yuschenko signed relevant decree in the Verkhovna Rada on February 4.

Kyrylenko, 36, worked as first deputy chairperson of the Verkhovna Rada's committee on labor and social policy. Kyrylenko graduated from the Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University in 1993, with major in philosophy.

Kyrylenko was head of the youth organization of the Narodnyi Rukh, the Molodyi (Young) Rukh, in 1993-1999. Kyrylenko was the Verkhovna Rada's deputy of the third convocation from Narodnyi Rukh from 1998 to 2002, and secretary of the Rada's committee on labor and social policy.

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## **19. SHANDRA APPOINTED MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY**

President Viktor Yushenko has appointed Volodymyr Shandra as Ukraine's fuel Industrial Policy Minister. Yushenko signed the relevant decree in the parliament on Friday, February 4, after Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko announced Shandra's candidacy for the post.

Shandra, 42, is a member of the Our Ukraine coalition's parliamentary faction and the deputy chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for Industrial Policy. Until his appointment, Shandra was the board chairman of the Slavuta rubberoid factory.

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## **20. CHERVONENKO APPOINTED MINISTER OF TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS**

President Viktor Yushenko has appointed Parliamentary Deputy Yevhen Chervonenko of the Our Ukraine coalition's faction as the minister of transport and communications. Yushenko signed the relevant decree in the parliament on Friday, February 4.

Chervonenko, 45, has been the secretary of the Parliamentary Committee for Construction, Transportation, Housing, Utilities, and Communications since June 2002. He has also been the honorary president of the Orlan concern since 2000, the co-president of the Confederation of Jewish Communities and Societies of Ukraine since April 1999, the president of the Shooting Federation of Ukraine since January 2001, and president of the League of Domestic Manufacturers of Food Products (Pride of Ukraine) since November 1998.

Chervonenko was born in Dnipropetrovsk on December 20, 1959. He graduated from the mechanics and machine-building faculty of the Dnipropetrovsk Mining University in 1982. He headed the Rohan Van Pur joint enterprise in 1994 and was the president of the Ukraina Van Pur industrial group in 1995.

He was the president of the Orlan concern, which engages in production of nonalcoholic beverages and international transportation services, from 1997 to 2000. He has been the concern's honorary president since 2000. He was the chairman of the Council of Entrepreneurs under the Cabinet of Ministers from September 1997 to April 1998 and an external adviser to the president of Ukraine from July 1998 to January 2000.

Chervonenko was also the board chairman of the State Joint-Stock Company for Material Reserves from February to June 2000 and the chairman of the State Agency for Managing the State's Material Reserves from June 2000 to September 2001. Chervonenko was elected into the current parliament as No. 30 on the Our Ukraine coalition's list of parliamentary candidates in April 2002. Chervonenko is married with two daughters.

As Ukrainian News earlier reported, the Transport and Communications Ministry was headed by Heorhii Kirpa from May 2002 to 2004. Kirpa was found dead on December 27, 2004. He was found with a gunshot wound to the head in his country home in Bortnychi, near Kyiv.

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## **21. PAVLENKO APPOINTED MINISTER OF FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH**

President Viktor Yushenko has appointed the Verkhovna Rada's deputy, member of the Our Ukraine Coalition, Yuri Pavlenko as Minister for Affairs of Family, Children and Youth. Yushenko signed relevant decree in the Verkhovna Rada on February 4.

Pavlenko, 29, is the leader of Youth Party, deputy chairperson of the Rada's committee on Youth Policy, Physical Education, Sports and Tourism. Pavlenko graduated from the Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University in 1997, with major in history, from the Ukrainian Academy of Public Administration under the President in 1999 (Master of Public Administration), and University of North London (UK) in 1998 (Master of Public Administration).

Pavlenko is deputy president of the International Association of Foreign Policy since June 1996. He was a chairperson of the Union of Christian-Democratic Youth of Ukraine from 1995 to 1999. Pavlenko speaks English.

As Ukrainian News earlier reported, President Leonid Kuchma signed a decree transforming the State Committee for Family, Children, and Youth into the Ministry for Family, Children, and Youth in February 2004.

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## **22. PYNZENYK APPOINTED MINISTER OF FINANCE**

President Viktor Yushenko has appointed MP Viktor Pynzenyk (Our Ukraine coalition) to the post of Finance Minister. Yushenko signed a decree to this effect at the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) on February 4.

The 50-year-old Pynzenyk leads the Our Ukraine party (former Reforms and Order). He is member of the parliamentary committee for finance and banking.

In 1975 he graduated from Lviv's Ivan Franko University as economist, in 1979 from the University's postgraduate study, and in 1989 from the doctorate of Moscow's Mikhail Lomonosov University.

Pynzenyk was people's deputy in the Rada of the 12th (1st) convocation from December 1991, member of the parliamentary commission for economic reform and national economy management. From October 1992 to April 1994 Pynzenyk was economy minister, and from October 1992 to August 1993 vice premier in charge of economy. In 1989 Pynzenyk became doctor of science (economy), and in 1991 professor.

Pynzenyk was people's deputy in the Rada of the 2nd convocation (March 1994-April 1998), member of the Rada committee for finance and banking, Reforms group member. From October 1994 to September 1996 Pynzenyk was deputy prime minister for economic reform, and from September 1996 to April 1997 deputy prime minister.

>From 1994 Pynzenyk chaired the economic reform council to the President of Ukraine, and from 1995 the national statistics council. In 1998-2002 Pynzenyk was people's deputy in the Rada of the 3rd convocation, member of the parliamentary committee for finance and banking, head of the Reforms and Order party's faction Reforms-Center. In July 1997-January 1999 he was member of the state commission for administrative reform. From September 1994 to January 2001 Pynzenyk was a free-lance adviser to the President for economic policy issues.

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### **23. ZHVANIA APPOINTED MINISTER OF EMERGENCY**

President Viktor Yuschenko has appointed David Zhvania, representative of the Our Ukraine coalition faction at the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament), the Minister for Emergency Situations. Yuschenko signed a decree to this effect at the Verkhovna Rada on February 4.

The 37-year-old Zhvania was born in Tbilisi (Georgia). He graduated from the Tbilisi State University. In 1986-1988 he was on a fixed period service in border troops. He has lived in Ukraine from 1991. He worked as a manager in the Trading House company; from 1995 he headed the economy and finance department, and from 1998 he is president of the Brinkford Cons Ltd company. Zhvania is married with three daughters.

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### **24. ZVARYCH APPOINTED MINISTER OF JUSTICE**

President Viktor Yuschenko has appointed Verkhovna Rada MP from the Our Ukraine faction Roman Zvarych as Justice Minister. Yuschenko signed the relevant order at the Verkhovna Rada on February 4. At the Verkhovna Rada 51-year old Zvarych holds the post of the deputy chairman of the committee for European integration, he was Yuschenko's trustee during the presidential election.

Zvarych was born in the U.S., graduated from the philosophical faculty of the Columbian University. In 1983-1991 he was working as professor of this university.

In 1991 Zvarych arrived in Ukraine. In 1993 he gave up the U.S. citizenship and in 1995 received the Ukrainian citizenship. In 1992 Zvarych was one of the organizers of the Congress of Ukrainian Nationalists.

Before electing as deputy of the present Verkhovna Rada, Zvarych was director of the analytical and information service Demos of the Democratic Reforms Center, member of the presidium of the central body of the National Rukh of Ukraine. Zvarych was also deputy of the Verkhovna Rada of the third convocation (March 1998-April 2002), and member of the Rada's committees for legal reform and foreign affairs. Zvarych is the author of 30 research papers.

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## **25. TURCHYNOV APPOINTED TO HEAD THE SECURITY SERVICE OF UKRAINE (SBU)**

President Viktor Yuschenko has dismissed Ihor Smeshko, chairperson of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU), from this post and appointed the Verkhovna Rada's deputy, member of the Yulia Tymoshenko Coalition, Oleksandr Turchynov to replace him. Yuschenko signed relevant decree in the Verkhovna Rada on February 4.

Turchynov, 40, is the Verkhovna Rada's deputy of the fourth convocation from April 2002, and he was elected as No. 7 on the list of Yulia Tymoshenko Coalition, he is also the first deputy chair of the Batkivschyna party led by Tymoshenko. Turchynov was also the Verkhovna Rada's deputy of the third convocation (from March 1998 to April 2002).

Turchynov received his university degree in 1986 when he graduated from Dnipropetrovsk metallurgy institute; he did his PhD in 1995 on the topic "Methodological Support and Mechanism of Reforms and Optimization of Taxation in Modern Economic Conditions"; and he received doctoral degree in 1997 with thesis "Shadow Economy (Research Methodology and Mechanisms of Functioning)". He was head of committee at the Dnipropetrovsk regional state administration in 1992-1993.

>From June to December 1993 he was assistant of Prime Minister on economic questions at the time of presidency of President Leonid Kuchma (from October 1992 to September 1993), and at the same time he was deputy president of the Ukrainian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (UUIE), member of Council of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs under the Cabinet of Ministers. He was director of the Economic Reforms Institute (Kyiv) from January 1994 to March 1998, head of laboratory of shadow economy research at the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.

Turchynov was member of the All-Ukrainian Hromada association from December 1993 to May 1999, he was founder and first leader of this association, which was later led by ex-Prime Minister Pavlo Lazarenko. Turchynov was also member of the Hromada faction in the Rada from May 1998 to March 1999. Turchynov is author of more than 100 research papers. He is married, has a son.

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