

Mass Parliament Brawl

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Four Ukrainian lawmakers were injured late Thursday after a mass brawl in the country's parliament over an attempt by the opposition to stage an all-night sit-in in the assembly hall, RIA-Novosti reported.

Mikhail Volynets was hit on the head with a table, and Vladimir Bondarenko broke his wrist, the report said. One more deputy, Vasily Kravchuk, was carried away on a stretcher and hospitalized, it said, without elaborating on the injuries sustained by him or the fourth deputy, Yuru Gnatkevich.

Photos showed deputies punching one another and a lawmaker being dragged by the hair. All victims were members of the ex-Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko's faction, and they were protesting charges opened against Tymoshenko by prosecutors.

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