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Yanukovych Spent $800 on Fish Medical Treatment, Leaked Documents Show

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Documents recovered from a lake outside Yanukovych's property are being published online by journalists.

Documents recovered from a reservoir outside former President Viktor Yanukovych's luxury home show that nearly $800 was spent by his household on "medical aid for fish" and $14,500 was spent on tablecloths.

Records also show an order for about $42 million worth of light fixtures, while an ornate fence around the Yanukovych residence cost another $2.36 million, receipts posted on Twitter by The Kyiv Post editor Katya Gorchinskaya showed.

Hundreds of documents have so far been placed on the website Yanukovych Leaks, an online archive giving free access to information dumped in a lake on Yanukovych's property when he and his entourage fled the Mezhyhirya compound over the weekend.

The papers, which were found floating in the dock or were sunk to the river floor, were recovered by volunteer divers and are being used by a group of Ukrainian journalists and activists "to rescue, systematize and investigate the enormous wealth of information about the former owners of the residence," a statement on the group's website said.

Nearly 200 folders have been recovered so far, with hundreds of documents having been posted online since Feb. 22.

The U.S. Treasury warned Tuesday that Yanukovych and former top officials might attempt to move stolen assets to safety, and said banks should apply “enhanced scrutiny” to their transactions to avoid that scenario, the Washington Post reported Tuesday.

The recovered files also contain files on Yanukovych's opponents and critics.

A blacklist of journalists and activists includes a dossier on Tetyana Chornovol, an investigative reporter who was abducted, beaten and left on the roadside on a freezing night in late December, 2013. Investigators attributed the attack to a "road rage" dispute at that time.

Financial records give an indication how much keeping tabs on Yanukovych's critics has cost, with one receipt showing $5.7 million paid in December 2010 on monitoring mass media.

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