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President: We will do everything to return Crimea via international legal mechanisms

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In the interview with Ukrainian TV channels, President Petro Poroshenko noted that Crimea is Ukrainian, and assured that he would do everything possible to return the peninsula to Ukraine via international legal, political and diplomatic means.

"For Putin, Crimea is a territory that must be turned into a military base. For me, it is Ukrainian territory. Crimeans are Ukrainians. I will do everything to return Crimea through international legal mechanisms, judicial decisions and political

and diplomatic means," Petro Poroshenko said.

According to the President, "we must do everything possible to defend the rights of Crimean Tatars". He reminded that Mustafa Dzhemilev and Refat Chubarov had received greater opportunities to struggle for the rights of Crimean Tatars after their election to the Ukrainian Parliament. Also, Mustafa Dzhemilev was appointed Advisor to the President in order to elaborate actions for the return of Crimea.

"We cannot allow cargoes to be delivered to the peninsula without proper control," the President noted. That's why in early November, he offered the Government to close customs checkpoints for trucks.

Commenting on the issue of energy supply, the President emphasized that an accident had occurred resulting in significant difficulties with energy supply for Kherson and Mykolaiv region. This has led to a threat of technogenic disaster. The President addressed the Government to establish an emergency regime because of the critical situation in coal supply. "I think that the emergency supply on one line will be soon restored in consultation with Crimean Tatars," the Head of State noted.