

authorities to deal with the native population. The police were created to strike terror in the hearts of the people so that they could not pose any challenge to British rule. Unfortunately the police system deliberately designed to subjugate the local people and promote colonial interests was nevertheless maintained after the county gained independence.

The defaulting police officer has become a symbol of the entire organization and the police misconduct is a powerful weapon which stains the image of the force. Thus the major task of the police nowadays is to improve the image for which reforms at the personnel level are imperative. Ronald Segal said that “corruption like sacrifice starts at the top and percolating down colours the whole society”. Hence, nationwide determination to combat corruption is needed to achieve the effectiveness of anti-corruption measures in Indian police.

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## **The Role of the Police in Combating Corruption in Ukraine and the UK**

Under current conditions, corruption has become a factor that poses a real threat to the national security and democratic development of every civilized country in the world, including Ukraine. In counteracting and combating corruption in Ukraine, special attention should be paid to borrowing international experience from those countries with the lowest level of corruption in the world. The UK is among such countries, which is one of the ten least corrupt countries in the world.

An investigation into corrupt practices in the UK is covered by Public Sector Corruption. It is a special police unit in the field of combating corruption in the public sector. In the case of committing corrupt acts in particularly large amounts (£ 2 million), or, if the crime is very serious, Serious Fraud Office will investigate it.

In Ukraine, the Department for the Protection of Economy as an transregional territorial body of the National Police has been established to counter and combat corrupt acts, those tasks include: 1) participation in the formation and implementation of state policy in the field of combating economic crime; 2) detection, prevention and suppression of crimes in the field of economics; 3) counteraction to corruption offenses and offenses related to corruption; 4) establishment of causes and conditions for the

commission of offenses in the field of economy, as well as taking measures to eliminate them, etc.

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### **Fighting Corruption in Great Britain**

Problems of corruption in Great Britain are the focus of attention of criminologists and practical law enforcement officers. The police carry out the investigation of crimes which fall under the characteristics of corruption. There is a special section in the structure of anti-fraud department of police in Great Britain where investigators work. They investigate crimes in public and state sector. If losses from corrupt practices exceed 2 millions Britain pounds or a crime is serious enough such offence will be investigated by SeriousFraudOffice.

SeriousFraudOffice (SFO) is an independent governmental department which carries out its activity only on the territory of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Its jurisdiction doesn't extend on Scotland, Isle of Man and Channel Islands. At present time corruption matters in Great Britain are handled according to the norms of common law (based on legal proceedings and customs) and statutory law.

The main document containing the powers of SFO is the "Criminal Proceedings" Act 1987. According to this Act SeriousFraudOffice conducts investigations in cooperation with police. The formation of SFO or involvement of police officers with case investigations in SFO didn't influence the constitutional independence of police bodies. Its organizational structure and accountability kept the same. The activity of SFO is based on the strong collaborative relationship with police. Police officers are a part of investigative groups. Participation of police in the SFO's activity is very effective because professional experience of police officers and their knowledge of on-scene situation enhance special knowledge of SFO officers which are mainly in the sphere of finances and law. But police officers don't have special powers as some officers of SFO do.

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