

Failed social reform, problems in the army and Tomos

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Already a little more than a week ago in Ukraine, the election campaign officially began, which will end in March with the election of the head of state.

In this light, I would like to dwell on the electoral program of the current head of state, Petro Poroshenko. As the main theses, the president's team put forward the „People, Army, Faith”. Also, Poroshenko counts among his important achievements the introduction of a visa-free regime with the EU and the official fixing of the Euro-Atlantic course of Ukraine.

The presidential team has put forward strong slogans, the designation of success in the implementation of which surely guarantees victory in the elections. But why then the results of current social polls suggest that the president can not not only win, but not even get to the second round? At the same time, comedian Zelensky and the „eternal” candidate Timoshenko for some reason occupy the first places in the ratings.

The visa-free regime did not give anything to the country, but only opened the way for the mass emigration of Ukrainians in search of employment in Europe. The Euro-Atlantic way is long and thorny, and no one gives the guarantee of the country's accession to the EU and NATO.

The huge external debt forces the country's leadership to make concessions to the EU, driving people into poverty and accepting brutal reforms in the social sector. At the same time, corruption spreading in all spheres reduces to zero the effectiveness of the reforms.

The result of all this can be a default predicted by financial analysts. What naturally pulls down presidential ratings and increases the chances of Zelensky and Timoshenko.

In the struggle for ratings, Petro Poroshenko is being presented with the acquisition of autocephaly of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and leadership measures to create a strong army.

Obtaining Tomos about autocephaly after its signing by all patriarchs in Istanbul can really contribute to raising the ratings of the head of state.

But with a strong army so far problems. The situation in the east of the country does not promise any serious changes and remains tense. The incident in the Kerch Strait, when Russia seized three Ukrainian vessels with crews, was regarded by many Western experts as a slap in the face to Kiev.

So the president really needs some progress in this direction. The successful implementation of plans for the further use by the Ukrainian ships of the Kerch Strait and the return of the captured ships by Russia could probably contribute to this.

Otherwise, it will remain to look for a reason for the resumption of martial law, because Tomos alone is not enough to win the elections.

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