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The situation in the Ukrainian territories temporarily controlled by the Russian army

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Consequences of shelling by the Russian army of the Lisichansk multidisciplinary gymnasium in May 2022
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PROPAGANDA AND FORCED RUSSIFICATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

- "Deputy head of the military-civilian administration" of the Kherson oblast Kyrylo Stremousov said that in the region, the Russian language, along with Ukrainian, will receive the status of the state language and will become the main language for documentation, communication and all issues of national importance.

<https://bit.ly/3t5FSB6>

- A press tour was organized in Mariupol for foreign "journalists", the main purpose of which was to convince them that Mariupol was destroyed by the actions of the supposedly Ukrainian, and not Russian, army.

<https://t.me/andriyshTime/939>

<https://t.me/andriyshTime/947>



- To increase information pressure on civilians in Mariupol, the occupiers deployed a network of mobile screens that relay Russian propaganda. It is reported that a number of EMERCOM vehicles with built-in screens were brought to the city, and 12 75-inch TVs were installed in all places of mass congestion of people - at the points of issue of humanitarian aid, at points for issuing various papers and at places of access to water.

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- In Melitopol, Dmytro Dontsov Street was renamed in honor of the Soviet General Pavel Sudoplatov, known as the perpetrator of the murder in 1938 of Ukrainian nationalist leader Yevhen Konovalets. In the photo - installed billboard in Melitopol.

<https://bit.ly/3NHpJtg>



- In Kherson, the invaders are dismantling Ukrainian state symbols - the Ukrainian coat of arms was torn off from the memorial on the Alley of Heroes of Independent Ukraine by an armored personnel carrier with the Z symbol.

<https://t.me/uniannet/56329>



- About 3,500 teachers in the temporarily occupied territories are already undergoing appropriate retraining in order to prepare for work according to "Russian standards".

<https://bit.ly/3aFf11p>

- A batch of Russian books for the children of Mariupol has already been prepared in Donetsk.

<https://t.me/andriyshTime/1109>



- In Mariupol, the invaders announced the extension of the school year until September 1 to study the history of Russia, the Russian language and literature, as well as mathematics in Russian during the summer. The main goal is de-Ukrainization and preparation for the academic year according to the Russian program. It is planned to open 9 schools, at the moment 53 teachers agree to work.

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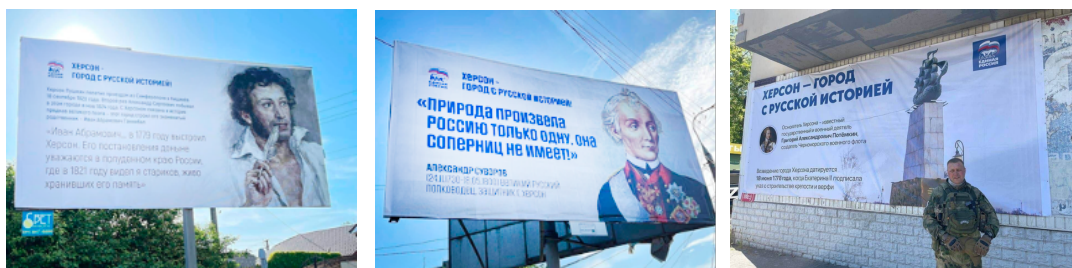
- In Melitopol, Russian invaders, with the participation of Russian singer Yulia Chicherina, installed the inscription "Russia forever" on the sign at the entrance to the city.

<https://t.me/uniannet/57446>



- Billboards/posters appeared in Kherson with the propaganda slogan “Kherson is a city with Russian history” with reference to the United Russia party.

<https://bit.ly/3x7JPaw>



THE ATROCITIES OF THE RUSSIAN ARMY

- On May 17, 2022, Russian troops near the village of Davydiv Brid, Kherson oblast, fired from the Grad multiple launch rocket system at a convoy of civilian vehicles with people trying to drive to the Berislav rayon. At least three people were killed, and six more received injuries of varying nature and severity.

https://t.me/pgov_gov_ua/4138

- On the Russian cargo ship "Astrakhan" in the direction of Rostov-on-Don, 2.5 thousand Ukrainian rolled steel was taken out from the port of Mariupol.

<https://www.bbc.com/russian/news-61644650>

<https://t.me/andriyshTime/1136>



- According to the press secretary of the Kherson City Council Gayane Hovhannisyan, the prisoners of the Darivska correctional colony No. 10 were transferred to the Northern colony No. 90, where they are forced to dig trenches, and the Russians shoot the legs of those who refuse to work. On the basis of colony No. 10, the Russian military plans to deploy facilities for the repair of military equipment of the Russian Federation. The occupiers also offer to give the convicts weapons, so that they, under the flags of the Russian Federation, take part in the hostilities against Ukraine.

According to Hovhannisyan, there are known facts of beating by Russian soldiers in the Kherson pre-trial detention center of men under investigation.

<https://bit.ly/38HLDxS>

- From the warehouses of Berdyansk, Russian occupiers take out grain by railway carriages. According to the residents of the city, along the Melitopol highway, a car convoy of more than 30 stolen trucks with trailers loaded with grain from the warehouses of the agricultural company near the Azovkabel plant was seen, which initially refused to cooperate with the Russians and evacuated its facilities from the occupied territory.

<https://bit.ly/3m2J7VP>

- On May 23, 2022, the Russian military broke into the house of Serhii Shvets, an employee of the energy repair unit of the Zaporizhzhya NPP, and shot him with automatic weapons. With numerous bullet wounds, the man was hospitalized in the city hospital of Enerhodar.

https://t.me/energoatom_ua/6490

- A video appeared on the network in which a resident of Kherson apologizes to the citizens and military personnel of the Russian Federation for using the word "orcs" in the address of Russian soldiers in personal correspondence with her husband. The woman said that she went through a course of denazification and admits she was wrong. She also calls on her husband to apologize, who wished for the death of the Russian occupiers. On social networks, they write that the woman tried to leave the occupied Kherson through the Crimea, and therefore was subjected to a thorough check by Russian soldiers.

<https://bit.ly/3wZvkEK>

ABDUCTIONS OF CIVILIANS

- A story is being circulated in the Russian propaganda media in which the abducted residents of Melitopol, in particular, lawyers and employees of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine, confess to adjusting the fire.

Each of the prisoners in turn told that he allegedly transmitted data on the movement of military equipment of the Russian Federation, coordinated missiles

to the enterprises of Melitopol, where the equipment of the Russian army was based, transmitted the layout of the Russian troops and air defense, data on checkpoints.

Among the prisoners:

Serhii Butnar - an employee of the State Emergency Service (Head of the Department for the Detection and Prevention of Corruption);

Boris Kleshchev - head of the 10th fire department of the State Emergency Service;

Oleh Zubov - lawyer (former head of the investigative department of the police)

Hlib Zubov - lawyer (son of Oleh Zubov);

Ihor Artemenko - head of the security service of the Melitopol elevator;

Vitalii Gvozdenko.

<https://bit.ly/3MbKdcl>

- In Novooleksiivka, the Russian military broke into the house of **the Crimean Tatar Mamed Musaev** and conducted an illegal search. After the search, Musaev and his wife were taken away in an unknown direction. There is a possibility that the couple was taken to Genicheska, to the basement of the 17th school.

<https://bit.ly/3NS1Q2t>

- Teresa Ribeiro, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, called for the immediate release of **an employee of the regional branch of the National Public Television and Radio Company of Ukraine "Suspilne. Kherson" Olexii Vorontsov** and called attacks on media workers unacceptable. The Parliamentary Committee on Freedom of Speech also reacted to Vorontsov's kidnapping.

<https://bit.ly/3GEVlgX>

- On May 18, in Enerhodar, the occupiers arrived at the fire station and searched the office of the head of **the 1st State Fire and Rescue Squad, Vitalii Troyan**, after which they sealed the office and took Troyan to an unknown destination. According to the assumption of employees, the occupiers offered the leader of the detachment to start working under the flags of the Russian Federation.

<https://t.me/orlovdmytroEn/467>



Lawyer Oleh Zubov

- For the second time, Russian occupiers abducted **Ivan Maleev, the village head of Kyrylivka**, Zaporizhzhya oblast, as well as his deputy, **Ihor Korobka**. Both blindfolded and hands tied were taken out in an unknown direction.

The director of the local culture center, Svitlana Shiyan, was also kidnapped.

https://t.me/zoda_gov_ua/8176

- In Melitopol, **the acting director of the Melitopol multidisciplinary center for vocational education, Olesya Dorokhova**, was imprisoned. As the war began, the woman organized the Center for Assistance "From Heart to Heart", which was the only humanitarian headquarters in the city, where residents of Melitopol and internally displaced persons from Mariupol received help. In the center, people could get food, essentials, medicines; volunteers provided aid and food kits for single and bedridden patients.

<https://bit.ly/3O1Lapb>

FILTRATION CAMPS AND DEPORTATION

OF CITIZENS OF UKRAINE AS ELEMENTS OF TERROR BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

- By the end of May, the number of people in the Bezimenne and Kozatske filtration camps in the Novoazovskyi rayon had grown from 2,000 men to 3-4,000. At the same time, not a single Mariupol citizen was released for five weeks. Conditions are deteriorating, in fact, men are being psychologically broken. In private conversations, the Russian military is actively spreading information around the camps that men are being prepared for mobilization into the so-called DPR army due to the failure of mobilization in Donetsk and heavy losses at the front.

<https://t.me/andriyshTime/975>

- On the territory of the sports and recreation complex Romashka (Rostov oblast, Neklinovsky rayon, Zolotaya Kosa village, Lomonosova st., 20) there are 540 orphans deported from the Donetsk oblast, of which 267 are from the territory of Volnovakha (including the rayon) and Mariupol (including the rayon). Documents are being prepared for granting Russian citizenship to children under a simplified procedure as part of the amendments made to Russian legislation. The process is supervised directly by the Commissioner for Children under the President of Russia Maria Lvova-Belova.

<https://t.me/andriyshTime/1174>

- A complete list of filtration points in the Donetsk oblast for residents of Mariupol and the Mariupol rayon:

Donetsk	Leninskyi district, st. Aksakov, 56 (the so-called District Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs)
Dokuchaevsk	st. Independence, 19 (the so-called District Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs)
Starobesheve	st. Pasha Angelina, 30 (the so-called District Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs)
Amvrosiivka	st. Karl Liebknecht, 65 (filtration camp Uспенка)
Nikolske	the so-called Regional Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs
Mangush	st. Titova, 63 (the so-called District Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs)
Bezimmenne	st. Sovetskaya, 48 (filtration camp Bezimmenne)
Novoazovsk	st. Komunariv, 69 (the so-called District Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs)
Bugas	st. Sovetskaya, 35 (Settlement Occupation Administration)
Highway Odesa - Melitopol - Novoazovsk	619th km (filtration post Mangush)
Snizhne-Marynivka highway	11th km (filtration post Stepanivka)

<https://t.me/andriyshTime/1054>

INNOVATIONS OF THE OCCUPATION REGIME IN THE TERRITORIES CONTROLLED BY THE RUSSIAN ARMY

- **The invaders take control of important infrastructure facilities and institutions of the financial and banking system in the newly captured territories of the Donetsk oblast, which they are trying to attach to the so-called DPR.** To this end, the so-called DPR State Defense Committee decided to “nationalize” strategic enterprises. All valuables items found in bank safes and payment terminals fall under this procedure.

<https://t.me/DIUkraine/510>

- **In Mariupol, Russian occupiers have begun registering applications for compensation for destroyed housing and/or the loss of a family member.** For housing, a payment of 500 thousand rubles is provided, for a deceased family member - 3 million rubles. In the statement, the residents of Mariupol must necessarily note that the property "was destroyed by the Ukrainian military", and relatives "were killed by the Ukrainian army." In case of refusal of such a mark, they inform that no compensation will be made. Given the psychological pressure and the state of the information blockade, Mariupol residents submit applications with appropriate notes, as a result of which the occupiers have collected tens of thousands of written “evidence” about the “atrocities of the Ukrainian army” compiled with their own hands.

<https://t.me/andriyshTime/916>

- **Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Marat Khusnullin during a visit to Melitopol said that in all territories of Ukraine, which are temporarily controlled by Russian invaders, the maximum turnover of the ruble is planned.** According to him, in Zaporizhzhya oblast, residents will receive pensions and salaries in rubles in May. In total, the process of switching to the ruble will take four months. He also said that from now on the Zaporizhzhya NPP will work for the energy system of the Russian Federation and will supply energy to Ukraine only for a fee.

<https://bit.ly/3PSs5ly>

- **In Mariupol and the Mariupol rayon, the invaders introduced a new access system.** Now, to enter and exit Mariupol, you need to get a pass for a car and passengers. The pass is a one-time pass and is valid for three days. The queue for getting a pass is scheduled ahead for several weeks. Rules are also established for movement in the Mariupol rayon (without entering Mariupol) and in Mariupol itself between administrative districts.

<https://t.me/andriyshTime/1007>

- **Since May 23, a dual-currency zone has been introduced in the Kherson oblast, the use of the ruble is possible on a par with the hryvnia.** Enterprises and businesses can use either of the two currencies at the rate of 2 rubles for 1 hryvnia.

<https://bit.ly/3m52cGS>

- Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a decree on a simplified procedure for obtaining Russian citizenship for residents of the Zaporizhzhya and Kherson oblasts of Ukraine.

| <http://publication.pravo.gov.ru/Document/View/0001202205250004>

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

- A humanitarian crisis is growing in the Russian-occupied Kherson oblast. In the first days of the occupation of the region, the invaders plundered a large number of food chains and pharmacies. Ukrainian goods were taken to the Crimea and Russia. Russians block volunteers with humanitarian aid and rob humanitarian supplies.

According to the mayor of the city Ihor Kolykhaev, medicines in Kherson will run out in two weeks, there are no solutions for droppers, there are few drugs for cardiovascular diseases, there is shortage of oxygen.

About 500 thousand people remain in the region; before the start of the war there were about a million inhabitants.

| <https://www.facebook.com/denisovaombudsman/posts/541715887309688>

- The village of Vysokopillia, Kherson oblast, is in a catastrophic situation, which reflects the situation in all front-line villages. As a result of enemy shelling from Grad systems in the village there is no electricity, gas and drinking water. All administrative buildings are destroyed, there is not enough food and baby food. The big problem is the lack of medicines. Among the residents of the village there are a considerable number of insulin-dependent, cancer patients, people with thyroid dysfunction.

| <https://bit.ly/3PNiQsp>

- On May 30, Ukrainian mobile operators and partly home Internet stopped working in Kherson and the Kherson oblast. The head of the Kherson Military-Civilian Administration, Gennady Laguta, said that the Russian military had cut off the connection and that at the moment only the Skynet provider is working through the Crimea.

| <https://bit.ly/3PVGaEc>

- Dorit Nitzan, Regional Emergency Director at the World Health Organization, said that a cholera outbreak is possible in Mariupol due to a destroyed water supply system. In the city, sewage water is mixed with drinking water, which is fraught with the spread of many infectious diseases. WHO is preparing cholera kits and vaccines, and is collaborating with other non-governmental organizations to help residents in the occupied territory.

| <https://bit.ly/3acZEDY>

- **School No. 65 opened in Mariupol.** On the eve of the parents were forced to remove the trash, cover the windows with film and put the classrooms in order. In fact, 9 classes of all ages were formed, 35-45 children each. There is no food for children. Electricity is supplied from a single generator, so the training takes place without computer equipment. Teaching is conducted in Russian. Graduates are promised to receive diplomas of the so-called DPR and immediately offer admission to a number of Russian universities that are located in economically depressed regions and are not in demand among Russians.

<https://t.me/andriyshTime/1110>



- **In the occupied cities of the Luhansk oblast, in particular, Novopskov and Bilovodsk, the hryvnia is gradually withdrawing from circulation.** According to local telegram channels, it is practically impossible to pay with a card, cash can be withdrawn with a surcharge of 20-40%. Food prices have risen significantly. There are problems with mobile communications in Kreminna. In some places of the city, where you can still get through, a large number of people accumulate. To control the conversations, the Russian occupiers put their solidiesr on duty, who make sure that people do not say anything superfluous about both the positions of the Russian military and cases of looting.

<https://t.me/uniannet/56827>

- **In the Kherson oblast, at the Kakhovka hydroelectric power station seized by the Russian military, employees are forced to dump water from the Kakhovka reservoir in large volumes,** since two hydroelectric units are not working, which, due to the occupation, cannot be repaired. As a result, the embankment and the Stepan Faldzinskyi city park in New Kakhovka have already been flooded. The surrounding villages and Kherson are under threat.

<https://bit.ly/3t9iWAF>

- **On May 25, in the Iziunskyi Telegraph newspaper, the occupation administration called on the local population to leave their shelters and go to work "for food."** In the future, they promise to pay salaries in cash.

https://t.me/Pravda_Gerashchenko/21416

THE SITUATION

IN CERTAIN AREAS OF DONETSK AND LUHANSK OBLASTS AND CRIMEA

- In Yevpatoriya (Crimea), 27-year-old artist Bohdan Ziza poured yellow and blue paint on the doors and facade of the city administration building and threw a lit Molotov cocktail into the building, thus speaking out against Russian aggression. After the guy was detained by law enforcement agencies, a video appeared in which he admitted that he had held a performance in Yevpatoriya, apologized for it and said that he was ready to be punished - "to atone for his guilt with overwork." Since the arrest, Ziza's whereabouts have been unknown.

<https://bit.ly/3M5DmS2>



- In occupied Donetsk, men are looking for ways to avoid participating in the war by registering in the hospital for non-existent diagnoses and falsifying medical certificates. Despite great pressure, the number of those who refuse to fight against Ukraine continues to increase.

<https://t.me/DIUkraine/506>

- The authorities of the so-called LPR do not pay compensation to the families of those killed and wounded during the war with Ukraine. After the treatment of wounds and contusions, the soldiers of the so-called LPR receive medical documents that indicate "osteochondrosis", "ulcer" or other diseases that do not provide for compensation payments as a cause of death. This situation causes an acute sense of injustice on the part of the local population. On May 16-17, spontaneous protests were held in Luhansk by wives and relatives of those "mobilized" for the war against Ukraine. The main demand of the protesters is the return of the mobilized home. The total number of participants in the rallies is about 700 people.

<https://t.me/DIUkraine/509>

- A resident of Sorokyne (formerly Krasnodon) of the so-called LPR talks about protests against forced mobilization in the city. According to her, miners are taken to war directly from the mines and sent to the front line without preliminary training. When the wives of the mobilized men went to a spontaneous rally at the local military registration and enlistment office, they were insulted and intimidated. Later, the wives of the mobilized Luhansk residents were declared traitors to the motherland.

<https://t.me/kazansky2017/2756>

<https://t.me/kazansky2017/2811>

- **Mass mobilization in the so-called DPR caused an acute shortage of employees at most facilities.** In particular, the leadership of the Donetsk Railway appealed to the occupation administrations with a request to demobilize their employees to carry out urgent measures to repair and maintain the railway infrastructure. In order to save financial resources, Donetsk "leaders" reduce wages for the "mobilized" at their main place of work. Employers were allowed to charge them the so-called "bare" salary without raises and bonuses, which is much less than the usual average monthly earnings.

<https://t.me/DIUkraine/510>
- **According to the "acting general director" of the enterprise Water of Donbass Vitalii Kizhaev, which he expressed on the air of one of the regional television channels of the so-called DPR, the supply of drinking water in the occupied Donetsk is sufficient for 20-25 days.** According to him, water supply can improve when the entire Donetsk oblast is in the zone of Russian occupation.

<https://www.ostro.org/donetsk/society/news/636363>
- **In Simferopol, in connection with the "special operation" and the growing needs of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation, the provision of free medical services at the regional clinical hospital has been temporarily suspended.**

https://t.me/rf200_nooow/5735
- **Due to the large number of wounded admitted to the medical institutions of the so-called LPR, in the "republic" there were problems with a shortage of donor blood.** The Russian news agency RIA-Novosti published a letter from the "chief physician of the republican blood transfusion station" to the "Minister of Health of the LPR" with a request to assist in obtaining donor blood and its components.

https://t.me/rf200_nooow/5593

UKRAINIAN RESISTANCE TO RUSSIAN OCCUPATION

- **On May 20, in Enerhodar, Zaporizhzhya oblast, near the Suchasnik Palace of Culture, the fire brigade went out to a silent protest against the invaders who had kidnapped the head of the fire and rescue squad Vitalii Troyan.** According to the mayor of Enerhodar Dmytro Orlov, the rally was dispersed - the occupiers used force against the rescuers, began beating people and damaging fire and rescue equipment.

<https://bit.ly/3M8C4p4>



- Leaflets against Russian occupiers are distributed in Kherson.

<https://t.me/pryamiy/31359> | https://t.me/Pravda_Gerashchenko/20089
<https://bit.ly/3Nd0Eej> | https://t.me/Pravda_Gerashchenko/21253



- On the embankment of Hola Pristan, Kherson oblast, unknown activists removed the Russian tricolor from the flagpole and damaged the cable for hoisting the flag.

<https://t.me/mostks/3490>

- By Vyshyvanka Day, the patriots of the occupied Kherson expressed their position - they painted the kerbs in the colors of the national flag, made inscriptions in blue and yellow.

<https://t.me/zedigital/1907>



- A 9-year-old girl from Chernihiv cut off her hair, which she had never cut, and gave the proceeds 3.5 thousand hryvnias to the needs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. ¹

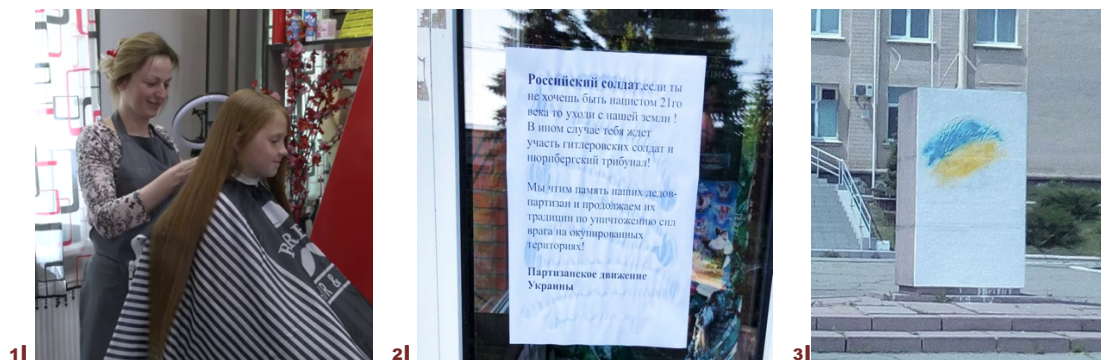
<https://t.me/c/1758339986/813>

- Leaflets threatening the Russian military appeared in Berdyansk, Tokmak, Melitopol, Veliky Burluk and other temporarily occupied cities. ²

<https://bit.ly/3x2ZiHM>

- In Berislav, Kherson oblast, instead of the Ukrainian flag taken down by the invaders, local residents painted the state flag of Ukraine on a pedestal under the flagpole. ³

<https://bit.ly/3zblJgP>



- On the street of occupied Kherson, a street musician with a prosthesis instead of a leg performed the anthem of Ukraine.

<https://t.me/channelmolniya/8623>

- A resident of Kherson, who works in the trolleybus depot of the temporarily occupied city, gave an interview to foreign journalists in which she openly expressed support for Ukraine, despite the existing risks of being detained by Russian soldiers.

<https://t.me/uniannet/56803>

- The work of the Dobrobat project continues to restore the infrastructure destroyed by Russian soldiers.

https://t.me/dobrobat_in_ua/328



The removal of rubble in the village of Zagaltsy, Kyiv oblast