
Charges pressed in absentia against commanders of Ukraine's armed forces involved in shelling civilians



The Department for crimes connected with the use of prohibited means and methods of warfare of the RF Investigative Committee's Head Office has found out the names of commanders of Ukraine's Armed Forces who were involved in shelling civilian infrastructure and population in southeastern Ukraine.

On 26 May 2015, military servants of the Ukrainian Armed Forces shelled from heavy artillery houses on Planyornaya and Ozeryanovskaya streets in the town of Gorlovka and surrounding area. The shelling killed Yuri Tuv, an 11-year-old girl, an unknown woman, while Anna Tuv and children aged 2 and a few months were severely wounded.

Investigation has established that apart from Colonel Oleg Lisovoi charged earlier, commander of the 1st artillery division of the 44th separate artillery brigade of the Ukraine's Armed Forces

Lieutenant Colonel Viktor Yushko.

On 15 June 2016, Ukrainian military men shelled from heavy weapons the settlements of Krasnogorovka and Staromikhailovka, Donetsk region. The shelling wounded two civilians, destroyed a warehouse and damaged houses. By now investigators have obtained data that commander of the 46th separate special battalion of the 10th separate mountain assault brigade of the Ukraine's Armed Forces Vyacheslav Vlasenko was involved in the crime, as well as commander of the 10th separate mountain assault Vasily Zubanich.

Yushko and Vlasenko have been charged in absentia with the use of prohibited means and methods of warfare under Part 1 of Article 356 of the RF Penal Code.

At present, investigative and search operations are ongoing to find out all the circumstances surrounding the crimes and to identify other people involved in them.

By now the Investigative Committee has as much as 5,330 files of the criminal case which contain evidence of major crimes committed by Ukrainian military men against civilians. The current legislation allows us to investigate the said crimes and make decisions in accordance with the Russian laws, but if need be we are ready to pass the files on to international courts.

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