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## **Three probes launched in shelling of civilian infrastructure in Donbass by Ukrainian army**



Despite agreements reached, the Ukrainian military servants keep on shelling settlements and civilian infrastructure violating the Minsk Protocol on ceasefire and its Memorandum, as well as the Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War and its Protocol II.

According to Article 12 of the RF Criminal Code, foreign citizens who have committed a crime outside Russia are subject to criminal responsibility under Russian laws in cases stipulated by the international agreement of the Russian Federation if they have not been convicted of that crime in the foreign state. Therefore, the Head Office of the Investigative Committee has initiated three more criminal investigations into the use of prohibited means and methods of warfare under Part 1 of Article 356 of the RF Criminal Code.

According to investigators, from 12 to 14 December 2017, following orders of senior officials of the Ukraine's Defense Ministry, the Ukraine Army and National Guard fired heavy artillery weapons at civilian infrastructure in the towns of Dokuchayevsk and Pervomaisk located in self-proclaimed

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People's Republics of Donetsk and Luhansk.

The shelling wounded 5 people, damaged houses and civilian infrastructure.

The motive for that major crime was political and ideological hatred as the population of the southeastern Ukraine refuse to recognize the current authority as legitimate and want to create isolated administrative-territorial entities.

At present, investigative and search operations are underway to find out all the circumstances surrounding the crime and identify the officials involved.

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