
Probes launched into shelling of civilian infrastructure objects by Ukrainian security forces entailing death of a civilian



The Investigative Committee of Russia continues establishing new facts of use of prohibited means and methods of warfare against residents of certain regions of southeastern Ukraine.

Thus, according to investigation, on May 8, 2021 Ukrainian servicemen performed a targeted artillery attack with high-casualty heavy weapons on civilian infrastructure objects of Trudovskaya Shaft settlement in Petrovsky District of Donetsk. That resulted in injuries and death of a civilian born in 1939 not involved in the military conflict.

Apart from that, on May 10, 2021 Ukrainian servicemen performed a targeted artillery attack with high-casualty heavy weapons on civilian infrastructure objects not being military targets in Alexandrovka settlement of Petrovsky District. That resulted in injuring of a civilian born in 1972 not involved in the military conflict.

Based on said evidence, the probes were launched into an offence under Part 1 of Article 356 of the

Criminal Code of Russia (use in a military conflict of means and methods of warfare, banned by an international treaty of the Russian Federation).

Artillery attacks of Ukrainian servicemen against civilian infrastructure without any military facilities is aimed at killing or causing grievous bodily harm to an unlimited number of civilians not involved in the military conflict. Ukrainian security forces violate the provisions of the Convention on the Protection of Civilian Population in Time of War and Additional Protocol II to it.

Such offenses are not subject to any statutory limitations, and the evidence collected by the Investigative Committee of Russia will provide a matter for trials stood by persons, who are giving and fulfilling the offensive orders.

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