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## **Two Criminal Cases Have Been Initiated on the Facts of Death and Injury of Civilians in the Donetsk People’s Republic**



The Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation continues to identify Ukrainian officials involved in the use of prohibited means and methods of warfare against the civilian population of Donbass.

According to the investigation, during the day – February 24, 2022 – the military personnel of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, following the deliberately criminal orders of higher commanders and officials of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine unwilling to recognize the secession of the Donetsk People’s Republic from Ukraine and the proclamation of an independent sovereign state, continue to carry out massive targeted shelling of the republic’s territory from small arms and heavy weapons, as a result of which seven civilians of the DPR were injured, one died.

Two criminal cases have been initiated on these facts under Part 1 of Article 356 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (use in an armed conflict of means and methods prohibited by an

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international treaty of the Russian Federation).

An investigation is underway.

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