
The IC of Russia Establishes Ukrainian Nationalists Involved in New Shelling of Settlements in DPR and LPR



Ukrainian nationalists continue intensive shelling of civilians of the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics, violating the provisions of the Convention (IV) relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War (Geneva, 12.08.1949) and Additional Protocol II thereto with the aim of killing and causing grievous harm to an unlimited number of civilians. Russian investigators document and thoroughly investigate every such crime. Thus, in the period from March 31 to April 1, 2022, servicemen of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and other Ukrainian military formations, carried out obviously criminal orders of the higher commanders and officials of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, launching massive precision artillery and mortar attacks using highly destructive heavy weapons against civilian infrastructure facilities that are not military targets in the settlements of Irmino, Zolotoye-5, and Donetsk, Kirovsky District, as well as Golubovskoye, Popasnyansky District, the Lugansk People's Republic. As a result of the shelling, 10 residential buildings were damaged.

In addition, during the specified period, under similar circumstances, Ukrainian troops carried out massive precision artillery and mortar attacks using heavy weapons against the civilian infrastructure of the cities of Donetsk, Maryinka and Mariupol, as well as the settlements of Elenovka, Volnovakha District, Vinogradnoye, Novoazovsky District, Slavnoye and Alexandrovka, Maryinsky District of the Donetsk People's Republic. As a result of the Ukrainian nationalists' actions, residential buildings and gas pipes were damaged. 28 civilians, including one minor, suffered injuries of varying severity, 5 people were killed.

Following these incidents, the MID of the IC of Russia initiated another two criminal cases on a crime under Part 1 of Article 356 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (ill-treatment of civilians, use of means and methods prohibited by an international treaty of the Russian Federation in an armed conflict). The investigators are identifying Ukrainian nationalist officials involved in these crimes against the peace and security of mankind.

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