
The Investigative Committee of Russia opens another number of criminal investigations on the facts of the Ukraine shelling of the DPR and LPR civil objects.



The Main Investigative Directorate of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation launches a criminal case in accordance with Part.1 Art. 356 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (ill-treatment of civilian persons, use means and methods of warfare banned in the Russian Federation), against the Colonel Alexey Maystrenko, who is the Commander of the 54th separate mechanized brigade of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, and is already a person involved in a number of similar criminal cases.

According to investigation, on the 18 April 2022 the soldiers of 25th separate armored infantry battalion of the 54th separate mechanized brigade of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, performing the obviously criminal orders of Maystrenko, conducted the targeted artillery shelling of the civil infrastructure facilities of the Bazar settlement in Petrovskiy rayon of Donetsk. As a result, two

civilians were injured.

In addition, 2 more criminal cases are launched on the shelling of the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics territories in the period from April 18 to 19. Thus, the Ukrainian soldiers produced the mass targeted artillery and mortar shelling attacks of the civil objects in Volnovakha, Gorlovka, Makeyevka, Mariupol, Uglegrad and Yasinovataya residential areas and of the Donskoye and Elenovka settlements, located in the Volnovakhskiy rayon DPR, using the heavy types of weapons, as well as using the small arms. 5 civilians died, including 2 juveniles. Another 3 people, including a child, were injured. As a result of the shelling, more than twenty houses were damaged.

On the LPR territory the investigation also documented a number of shelling done by the Ukrainian security officials in Alchevsk, Zolotoye-5, Pervomaysk, Popasnaya and Rubezhnoye cities, Borovoye, Kalinovo, Novoaydar settlements. As a result, 4 civilians were injured, about thirty houses were damaged, as well as the gas pipelines and other important civil infrastructure facilities were damaged too.

The work of the investigators on the collection of evidence that the Armed Forces and Nationalist Battalions really committed war crimes against civilians will not stop and will be finalized by prosecuting all guilty persons.

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