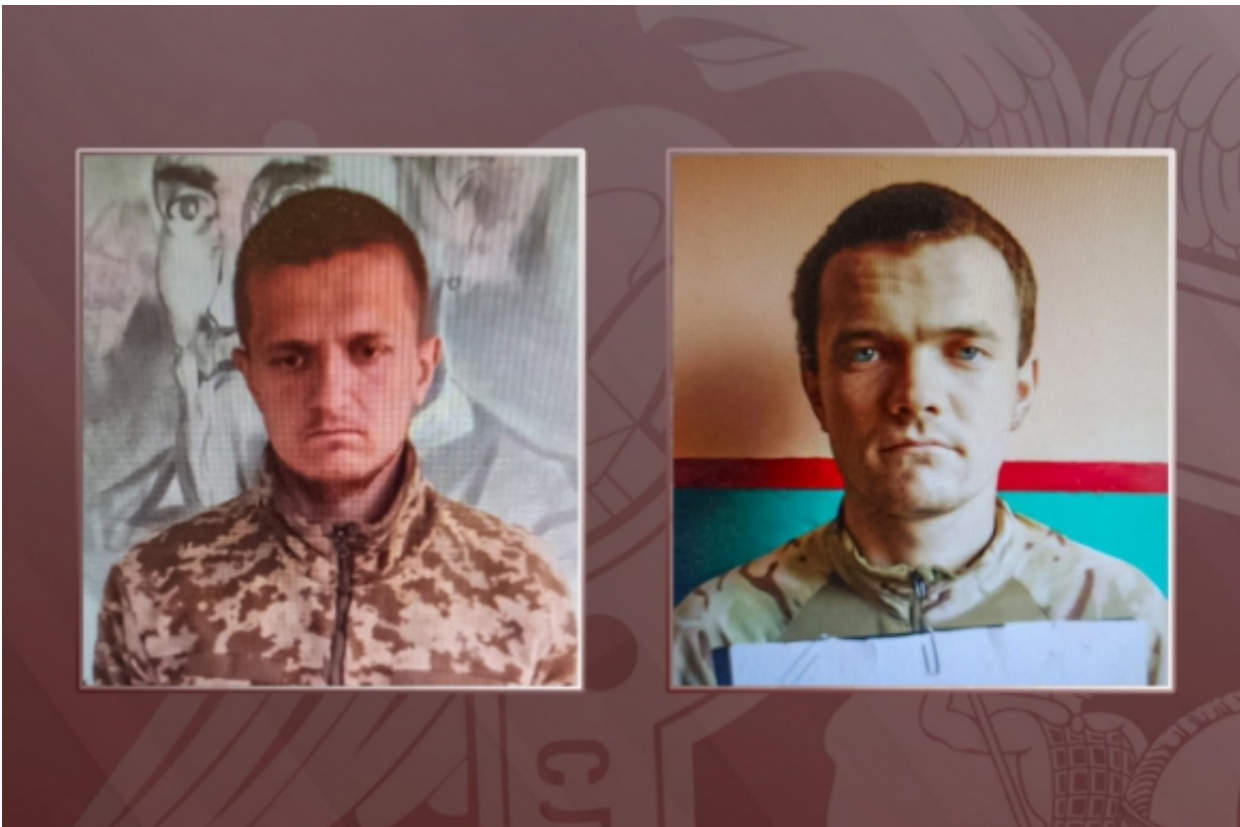

The Investigative Committee of Russia continues to identify the Commanders of the AFU involved in crimes against the civilian population



The Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation continues to work on documenting the crimes of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and nationalist battalions against the civilian population of Russia and Ukraine.

In the proceeding of the Investigative Directorates of the Department are criminal cases launched in accordance with Part 1, Article 356 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (ill-treatment of prisoners of war or civilian population; use of means and methods of warfare banned by the Russian Federation International Treaty); Criminal investigations are launched against the commanders and servicemen of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

One of the mentioned cases is launched against the gun commander of the military unit A3057 of the

National Guard of Ukraine (National Battalion "Azov" - an organization banned in the Russian Federation) Mr. Mykola Kuzmenko; between February and March 2022 he guided his subordinates to shell Mariupol and nearby settlements. According to the investigation, following his orders, the Ukrainian servicemen carried out indiscriminate artillery attacks on the settlements of Lebedinskoye, Novoazovsky raion, Kalinovka, Volnovakhsy raion, and Sartana, Mariupol raion of the DPR, which resulted in the death of civilians and the destruction of residential buildings.

Also Mr. Vladislav Kurka is among the defendants; he is the commander of the department of the specified military unit. According to the investigation, in March 2022, a mortar crew under his command indiscriminately shelled civilian infrastructure from a BM-37 mortar of 82 mm caliber, being deployed on the territory of a cemetery in the Mariupol city.

Currently, the defendants and their actions are under investigation aimed at establishing all the circumstances of the committed crimes.

The Russian Investigative Committee continues to identify units of the Ukrainian Armed Formations and specific individuals, involved in the shelling of civilians and damage of civilian infrastructure.

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