
Probe opened in shelling southeast of Ukraine killing and injuring three minors



The Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has opened a criminal investigation in crimes under paragraphs "a", "c", "f", "g" and "k" of part 2 of article 105 of the RF Penal Code (murder of two or more people committed by a generally dangerous way) and part 1 of article 356 (use of prohibited means and methods of warfare) following artillery shelling of Donetsk territory that have killed and injured three minors.

According to investigators, on 19 and 22 March 2015, unidentified military men of Ukrainian Armed Forces and National Guard motivated by political and ideological hatred and enmity arranged so that controlled by them military divisions used heavy artillery to shell the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic. This way, on 19 March 2015, about 5 PM, two 14-year-old teenagers were wounded, one of whom was killed on the spot and the other was taken to city hospital with serious wounds after a shell had hit near the house in Proletarskaya street in the village of Grozny,

Uglegorsk, Donetsk Region. On 22 March 2015, about 5 PM, a shell hit between Garshin and Fedoseyev streets in the village of Kazachy, Yenakiyev, Donetsk Region and wounded a 15-year-old teenager, who died in hospital of wounds on the same day.

By doing that Ukrainian military men violated the Package of Measures for the Implementation of the Minsk Agreements which provided for withdrawal of all heavy weapons in order to create a security zone and immediate and comprehensive ceasefire starting as of 15 February 2015, as well as provisions of the Convention on Protection of Civilian Persons in Times of War (Geneva, 1949) and Additional Protocol II to it, Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (New York, 1980), Convention on the rights of the child (New York, 1989).

The investigation is ongoing.

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