

Statement of the Joint Coordination Headquarters for Humanitarian Response in Ukraine (May 14, 2022)

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The Russian Federation's Joint Coordination Headquarters for Humanitarian Response, in co-operation with the authorised federal executive authorities, continues to carefully record the continuing egregious facts of the inhumane treatment of civilians by the authorities in Kiev, and use of social infrastructure for military purposes by Ukrainian armed formations:

in Nikolaev, in and around schools No 7, 15 and 35, and in Kramatorsk of the Donetsk People's Republic in schools No 5, 6 and 9, fighters of Ukrainian armed formations have equipped firing positions, deployed armoured vehicles, artillery and MLRS, and are forcibly holding residents of nearby houses in the basements;

in New York (Novgorodskoe) of the Donetsk People's Republic, AFU units equipped stronghold in Petrovskaya Gora residential area and school No 16 and placed heavy weapons and ammunition storage. However, no civilians were evacuated;

in Severodonetsk, Lugansk People's Republic, artillery and multiple rocket launchers have been deployed by the Ukrainian armed forces on the territory of a chemical plant in close proximity to densely populated residential areas.

The militants, knowing that the victims of such criminal actions would be civilians, deliberately target Russian Armed Forces positions from residential areas, provoking them to return fire in order to subsequently place responsibility for the destruction of civilian infrastructure and possible civilian casualties on Russian servicemen, and spread fakes about alleged "Russian atrocities" through Western media and on various Internet sites.

Such actions by Kiev once again demonstrate an inhuman attitude towards the fate of its own citizens and show a complete disregard for all norms of morality and international humanitarian law. Meanwhile, the countries of the collective West prefer to cynically "turn a blind eye" to the numerous war crimes committed by the Kiev regime.

We emphasize once again that in carrying out the tasks of the special military operation, the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, unlike the armed formations of Ukraine, treat the local population extremely humanely and do not strike at civilian infrastructure.

Despite all the difficulties and obstacles posed by Kiev, over the past 24 hours, without the involvement of the Ukrainian authorities, 19,378 people, including 2,297 children, have been evacuated from dangerous areas of the Donetsk and Lugansk people's republics and Ukraine to the Russian Federation. Since the beginning of the special military operation, a total of 1,279,619 people have been evacuated, including 221,111 children. The state border of the Russian Federation was crossed by 171,931 personal vehicles including 3,166 per day.

We continue to maintain a sufficient number of comfortable buses at checkpoints to transport people to their chosen places of residence or temporary accommodation, where hot meals are provided and qualified medical and psychological assistance is provided in a timely manner.

More than 9,500 temporary accommodation centres continue to operate in the regions of the Russian Federation. The refugees are dealt with on an individual basis and are promptly assisted with various pressing issues relating to onward accommodation, employment assistance, places for children in kindergartens and educational institutions, and the provision of entitlements to social benefits.

Over the past 24 hours, the hotline of the Interdepartmental Coordination Headquarters of the Russian Federation for Humanitarian Response, federal executive authorities, constituent entities of the Russian Federation and various NGOs received 117 requests from foreign and Ukrainian citizens to evacuate to Russia, the Donetsk and Lugansk people's republics, as well as to the Russian Armed Forces-controlled areas of Zaporozhye, Nikolaev, Kharkov and Kherson regions. In total there are 2,755,353 such appeals from 2,135 locations in Ukraine in the database.

In addition, 75 foreign vessels from 17 countries remain blocked in 7 Ukrainian ports (Kherson, Nikolaev, Chernomorsk, Ochakov, Odessa, Yuzhniy and Mariupol). The threat of shelling and high mine danger created by official Kiev in its internal waters and territorial sea prevents vessels from safely leaving the ports and reaching the open sea.

In confirmation of this, the Russian Federation is opening daily from 08:00 to 19:00 (Moscow time) a humanitarian corridor, which is a safe lane south-west of Ukraine's territorial sea, 80 nautical miles long and 3 nautical miles wide.

Detailed information in English and Russian on the modus operandi of the maritime humanitarian corridor is broadcast daily every 15 minutes on VHF radio on 14 and 16 international channels in English and Russian.

At the same time, the Kiev authorities continue to avoid engaging with representatives of states and ship-owning companies to resolve the issue of ensuring the safe passage of foreign vessels to the assembly area.

The danger to navigation from Ukrainian mines drifting off their anchors along the coasts of Black Sea states remains.

The Russian Federation is taking a full range of comprehensive measures to ensure the safety of civilian navigation in the waters of the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov.

Federal executive authorities, together with the subjects of the Russian Federation, various public organizations, patriotic movements, continue to accumulate humanitarian aid.

The greatest contributors to the relief effort were:

Ministry of the Russian Federation for Civil Defence, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disasters, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Digital Development, Communications and Mass Media, Federal Service for State Registration, Cadastre and Cartography, Federal Agency for Maritime and River Transport, Ministry of

Culture of the Russian Federation, the Federal Agency for Nationalities, the Federal Agency for the Commonwealth of Independent States, Compatriots Living Abroad and International Humanitarian Cooperation;

Republics of Buryatia, Dagestan, Crimea, Tatarstan, Chechen Republic, Altai, Trans-Baikal, Krasnodar, Primorsky Territories, Arkhangelsk, Belgorod, Bryansk, Kursk, Leningrad, Moscow, Novgorod, Novosibirsk, Rostov, Tula, Ulyanovsk regions and Moscow city;

Among political parties and non-profit organisations: United Russia, the People's Front All-Russian Public Movement, the All-Russian Public Organisation of Veterans Boyevoe Bratstvo, the Russian Humanitarian Mission autonomous non-profit organisation for the support of humanitarian programmes, and the All-Russian Public and Governmental Organisation Union of Women of Russia.

More than 23,000 tonnes of basic necessities and food kits, including baby food and life-saving medicines, have been prepared at collection points.

In the liberated territories, the Russian Armed Forces and military units of the Donetsk and Lugansk people's republics are creating all the necessary conditions for a peaceful and safe life, providing the population with comprehensive assistance, including unimpeded access to any humanitarian aid.

Since March 2, 19,910 tons of humanitarian cargo have already been delivered to Ukraine, 1,009 humanitarian actions have been carried out, including 7 actions in Zaporozhye and Kharkov regions, as well as in Donetsk and Lugansk people's republics, during which 552.4 tons of basic necessities, medicines and food were transferred to the civilian population of the liberated areas.

On May 14, 5 humanitarian actions have been planned and are currently being carried out in Kharkov and Zaporozhye regions, in Donetsk and Lugansk people's republics, during which 434.4 tons of basic necessities, medicine and food will be distributed.