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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- CF** – Charity foundation
- MCA** – Military-civilian administration
- NGO** – Non-governmental organization
- DNA** – Deoxyribonucleic acid
- AF-RF** – Armed Forces of the Russian Federation
- AFU** – Armed Forces of Ukraine
- CC of Ukraine** – Criminal Code of Ukraine
- RMA** – Regional military administration
- PMC** – Private military company
- MLRS** – Multiple launch rocket system
- RF** – Russian Federation
- SSU** – Security Service of Ukraine
- The so-called “DPR”** – The so-called “Donetsk People’s Republic”
- The so-called “LPR”** – The so-called “Luhansk People’s Republic”

FOREWORD

I never wanted to work as a war correspondent. I think most of my colleagues did neither. No one dreamed as a child of working in cold basements and dugouts. No one wanted to make materials about how the bodies of neighbors are taken out of housing estates in black bags after missile attacks. No one imagined what it would be like to bury colleagues killed because of doing their job.

The latest report by Reporters Without Borders states that 54 journalists were killed while carrying out their professional duties in different countries in 2024. Almost 100 journalists are still missing in 34 countries around the world – more than a quarter of them have gone missing in the previous ten years. In addition, the last five years have seen the highest number of journalists killed in wars or armed conflict zones.

And this is not just a mere, distressful number. People you meet at protests and rallies, people you talk to during breaks in the newsroom, people you drink coffee with on trips to a war zone, colleagues you see at work every day are behind each.

A story of killing precedes each number on the list of killed journalists. When you work as a war correspondent and read such stories, you can't help but think that something like this could happen to any of your colleagues. The communities of journalists, civil society activists, and volunteers in any country are so intimate that the death of each one is like a personal loss, even if you weren't close friends.

You corresponded with this volunteer a year ago to arrange filming during the evacuation. He was killed two months ago. And this photographer once drove you to the office in his car after a press conference in Kyiv. He was killed two years ago. You followed this human rights activist on social networks, chatted occasionally, and felt a certain fellowship. You never managed to meet in real life. But you laid flowers on her coffin a year and a half ago.

When you go through these stories in your head, you can't help but think: why them, not me? Didn't you sit in the same dugout as the photojournalist whose hand was injured by a shell fragment? Didn't you drive in the same car as the volunteer whose windshield was hit by an enemy drone? Didn't you spend the night in the same hotels as the colleague who had a Russian missile fly through his window?

And it doesn't matter whether the Russian army killed civilian journalists, civil society activists, or volunteers on purpose or by accident.

You can argue endlessly about where civilians should be allowed in a war or not, or that civilian volunteers should not be in frontline areas and journalists should not be in trenches. But in practice, a Russian missile can kill you right in your bed, far from the front line. None of this is particularly important when we're talking about the killed.

What really matters? That the Russian Army killed them. They are gone. This would never have happened if Russia had not invaded Ukraine. Volunteers would not have evacuated the residents of frontline villages because there would be no need to evacuate anyone. Journalists would not have put armor on and gone into the trenches because there would be no trenches. However, the reality is that Ukraine must defend itself as long as the war continues, and therefore someone must evacuate, help, record, film, write stories, give testimony. And risk their lives at the same time. And, therefore, civilian casualties are inevitable. This report is incomplete as long as the war in Ukraine continues. The list of the killed will continue to grow. I still cannot come to terms with this thought, although there have already been so many farewells and funerals of fellow journalists that it is difficult to count. For me, coming to terms with death means accepting the rules of war, which only takes and cannot give. And I don't want to give anyone away.

The day will come when all our relatives, friends, acquaintances and loved ones will return from the war. Evacuations will be a thing of the past, as will bulletproof vests and helmets. They will meet in their small communities and count the empty chairs that no one will ever sit on.

Although in reality, this is already happening, in part, when we recall who edited this or that story, who took this or that picture, who went on this or that trip, realizing that some of these people are no longer among the living.

But while we are alive, we are still able to do something for those killed. Not as much as we would like. But any community remembers as long as someone preserves this memory.

Memory can take many forms, and only the living choose which ones. One of them is to collect every story, to record the circumstances of death when it comes to war casualty. But even more important and more difficult is to remember what a person lived for, what they managed to do and what they did not. In a professional sense, this often means continuing the unfinished tasks of those who were part of the community. This is a great responsibility, but our loved ones will remain with us only in this way.

The pain of loss can overshadow the will and desire to continue working in war. It is very easy to fall into darkness and lose the meaning of everything you do when you count your colleagues who gave their lives doing their job. But the memory of what they were like during their lifetime becomes a support for any community to keep going.

So what were our colleagues killed like?

Anastasia Ivantsiv, Journalist

CONTEXT AND METHODOLOGY

The Russian Federation's full-scale invasion of Ukraine has caused numerous casualties among the civilian population of Ukraine, including among its most active part – civil society.

From day one, Russia's attack was characterized by brutality and disregard for international humanitarian law.

Before the full-scale invasion began, Russia compiled lists of Ukrainian citizens subject to arrest or assassination¹. Among them were politicians, civil servants, law enforcement officers, military personnel, and representatives of civil society, including human rights defenders, volunteers, activists, and journalists.

The implementation of this policy by the RF was confirmed immediately after the de-occupation of the first settlements of the Kyiv, Chernihiv, and Sumy regions, and later the Kharkiv and Kherson regions. The Russian occupiers purposefully searched for people according to lists prepared in advance and since civil society representatives work openly, the occupying forces found and identified them easily.

After the Ukrainian territories were de-occupied, Ukrainian military and law enforcement officers found bodies of people with traces of torture or signs of an unnatural death. Many became victims of enforced disappearances and arbitrary detentions, torture².

This report covers cases of killings of civil society representatives as a result of the armed aggression of the RF against Ukraine from 24 February 2022 to 1 December 2024.

The report highlights the following groups of representatives of civil society and independent media:

- 1. Volunteers** are people who provide volunteer assistance voluntarily and free of charge: perform work or provide services; in particular, deliver humanitarian aid to the civilian population or security and defense forces, evacuate civilians from the combat zone, are employees of volunteer organizations and/or charity foundations³.

1 Preliminary Lessons in Conventional Warfighting from Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: February–July 2022. RUSI, 2022: <https://rusi.org/explore-our-research/publications/special-resources/preliminary-lessons-conventional-warfighting-russias-invasion-ukraine-february-july-2022>

2 Enforced disappearances and arbitrary detentions of active citizens during the full-scale armed aggression by Russia against Ukraine (February 2022 – June 2023) / N. Okhotnikova, O. Hnatiuk, B. Petruniok; ed. O. Syniuk; Human Rights Centre ZMINA. Kyiv, 2023. 106 P.: <https://zmina.ua/publication/nasylnyczki-znyknennya-ta-svavilni-zatrymannya-aktyvnyh-gromadyan-v-hodi-povnomasshtabnoyi-rosijskoyi-zbrojnoyi-agresiyi-proty-ukrayiny/>

3 Law of Ukraine "On Volunteer Activity": <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/3236-17#Text>

2. **Journalists** are representatives of Ukrainian and international media, including correspondents, editors, other media workers, as well as freelance journalists, fixers, documentary filmmakers, photographers, and videographers who inform society about military, political, social, economic and other events through texts, audio, photo and video materials.
3. **Civil society activists** are people who, individually or together with others, take action aimed at political or social changes, the cessation of offenses or other negative activities, promote and implement socially useful ideas, acting, in particular, to protect social interests, without the intention of obtaining exclusively personal benefit⁴, including both formal members of NGOs within the meaning of Ukrainian legislation⁵, and those persons who do not belong to any associations or movements but participate in community service.
4. **Human rights defenders** are people who defend human rights by peaceful means and encourage others to do so.

The AF-RF in the report refer to the regular Russian troops, private military companies, and representatives of military groups in the temporarily occupied areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions as well as the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, which have been temporarily under the control of the RF since 2014.

To collect and document data, ZMINA used verified information from open sources, interviews with loved ones, relatives, colleagues of the killed and/or witnesses to their killings. In particular, the following:

- Reports posted on the official sites of bodies of state authority or local self-government;
- Reports by national or regional media, if there was enough information about the incident or its origin does not raise reasonable doubt;
- Posts on social media sites by victims, witnesses and eyewitnesses of the incidents and other posts on social media sites (photos, videos) if their geolocation can be established and localized in time;
- Data from other organizations, in particular human rights organizations that document war crimes committed during the Russian armed aggression, and/or have hot-lines for calls and messages from victims or witnesses.

4 The situation of human rights defenders and civil activists in Ukraine in 2020. Human Rights Centre ZMINA, 2022: https://zmina.ua/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/02/stateofhumanrightsdefenders2021_reportua_web5.pdf

5 Law of Ukraine "On Civil Associations": <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/4572-17#Text>; Law of Ukraine "On charity activities and charity organizations": <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/5073-17#Text>

While collecting data, ZMINA cooperated with the Institute of Mass Information, which documents cases of murders and killings of journalists, as well as the Prosecutor General's Office, which coordinates and guides investigations into violations of the laws and customs of war, including the murders of representatives of civil society in the context of the Russian armed aggression against Ukraine⁶.

In this report, ZMINA does not delve into the analysis of compliance by the Russian military formations with the requirements of proportionality and distinction in the conduct of military operations stipulated by the norms of international humanitarian law, since all cases of killings of volunteers, activists and journalists, as well as other active citizens in question occurred during attacks on civilian objects or infrastructure in conditions where it was obvious that they were civilians.

The Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949 contains a direct indication of the prohibition of acts of violence against civilians: "Violence to life and person, in particular murder of all kinds, mutilation, cruel treatment and torture... committed against civilians, as well as against prisoners of war and the wounded... shall remain prohibited at any time and in any place whatsoever⁷."

Under the requirements of Article 48 of Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), of 8 June 1977, "*In order to ensure respect for and protection of the civilian population and civilian objects, the Parties to the conflict shall at all times **distinguish** between the civilian population and combatants and between civilian objects and military objectives and accordingly shall direct their operations only against military objectives⁸.*"

This protocol concerns customary international humanitarian law, meaning that even if a state has not ratified the document separately, the norms listed above are binding on all parties to the conflict.

According to Article 50 of the same protocol, in case of doubt whether a person is civilian, he or she shall be presumed to be civilian until proven otherwise. That is, if Russian troops saw volunteer vehicles in an area of active military operations, they were to treat the persons in such vehicles as civilians until proven otherwise.

Journalists, both war correspondents, i.e. those accredited by the armed forces and who may be assigned to a specific military unit for their professional activities, and those who carry out their professional activities without formal attachment to any unit,

6 List of journalists killed as a result of Russia's large-scale invasion of Ukraine. Institute of Mass Information, 03 June 2022: <https://imi.org.ua/infographics/spysok-zagyblyh-zhurnalistiv-i45958>

7 Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949. Official text published on the portal "Legislation of Ukraine": https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/995_154#Text

8 Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), of 8 June 1977. Official text published on the portal "Legislation of Ukraine": https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/995_199#Text

are protected by both the Fourth Geneva Convention and Additional Protocol I of 1977 and enjoy the protection provided to civilians.

Disclaimer

This report does not cover all cases of killings of civil society and media representatives as a result of Russia's full-scale invasion. The circumstances of the war often make it impossible to obtain complete and reliable data quickly. Some cases become known only after many months, some data still remain incomplete or inaccurate. In the future, some information may need to be clarified as new information about the events will be disclosed. Given this, as well as the fact that Russia's full-scale aggression continues, ZMINA will continue to collect data on the killings of journalists, volunteers, activists and human rights defenders.

The report does not cover cases of killings of civil society representatives who joined the ranks of the AFU and other security and defense forces after the start of the full-scale invasion, thus acquiring the status of combatants. A separate report prepared by ZMINA is dedicated to these people and their heroic deeds.

OVERVIEW

Since the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, ZMINA has collected data on 114 killed representatives of civil society, including human rights defenders, civil society activists, volunteers and journalists. Information on other persons killed is not published due to the position of relatives, or due to the lack of properly verified data. **In total, as of the end of 2024, at least 121 activists, volunteers, human rights defenders and journalists are known to have been killed as a result of Russia's full-scale aggression against Ukraine, which began on 24 February 2024.**

These cases include both targeted attacks on media and civil society representatives, killings while performing their work, and indiscriminate attacks by the RF on the Ukrainian civilian population, killing activists, human rights defenders, volunteers and journalists among other people.

Civil society representatives were killed because of:

1. Artillery shelling, missile strikes by the Russian army or the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) on civilian objects;
2. Targeted shootings of humanitarian or evacuation vehicles and convoys by the Russian military;
3. Extrajudicial killings, use of torture and ill-treatment, non-provision of medical care in places of illegal confinement;
4. Blowing up by anti-personnel and anti-tank mines during humanitarian missions, as well as being forced to drive a vehicle into mined territory.

Despite the limitations in compiling this report, in particular its fragmentary nature, some patterns can be traced.

When more information about the events of 2022–2024 becomes available, these conclusions may be revised. The information collected at the end of 2024 shows that the largest number of civilian activists, journalists, and volunteers were killed in March 2022 in the regions where Ukrainians put up fierce and organized resistance to the occupation; namely the Kyiv, Kharkiv, Kherson, and Donetsk regions. This is where the largest battles unfolded and where Russian troops were largely concentrated.

For example, the border Sumy and Chernihiv regions became “transit” regions for the Russians to Kyiv region, where decisive military actions took place, resulting in a large number of civil society representatives killed in its territory. The Russian attack was swift, so the civilian population found itself in the Russian-occupied territory of Ukraine or in areas close to it without the ability to leave safely and in conditions of a humanitarian crisis: lack of power, water, communications, food, medicines, etc.

The most common causes of killings of civil society representatives in 2022, especially in the first months of the full-scale invasion, were related to attempts to leave the territories occupied by the Russians, evacuate civilians from them, or deliver humanitarian goods. Russian troops shot individual civilian cars and convoys of cars and deliberately directed drivers into minefields. Additionally, one of the most common causes of death during this period was the massive shelling by the Russian armed forces of settlements, in particular government buildings, squares, residential areas, schools, and cultural centers, which often housed humanitarian and volunteer centers.

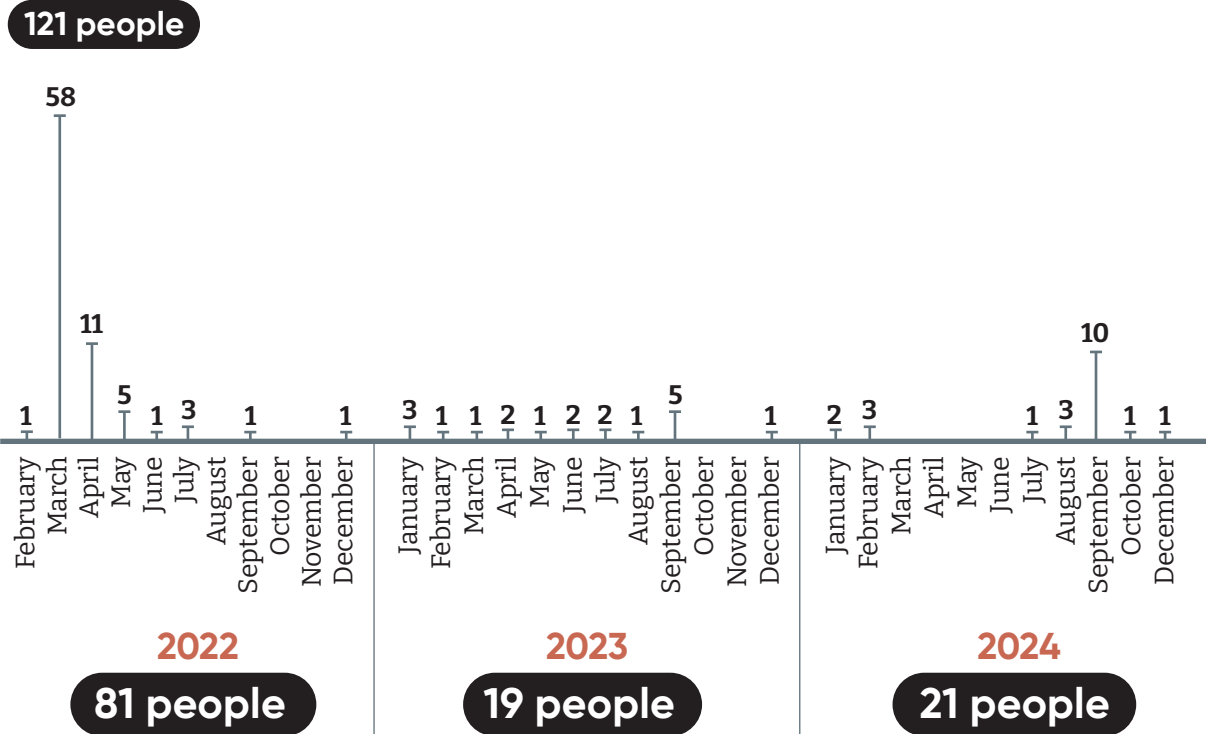
The Russian forces are known to have killed civilians in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine because of their patriotic position or suspicion of disloyalty. Such killings were also accompanied by kidnappings, torture, and illegal confinement. It is important to note that the circumstances of killing in many cases remain unknown and must be further established by the investigation.

In 2023 and 2024, the number of killed volunteers, activists and journalists decreased. If we can talk about some killings from indiscriminate shelling in 2022, then the next two years are almost entirely characterized by deliberate actions of the AF-RF aimed at killing civil society representatives.

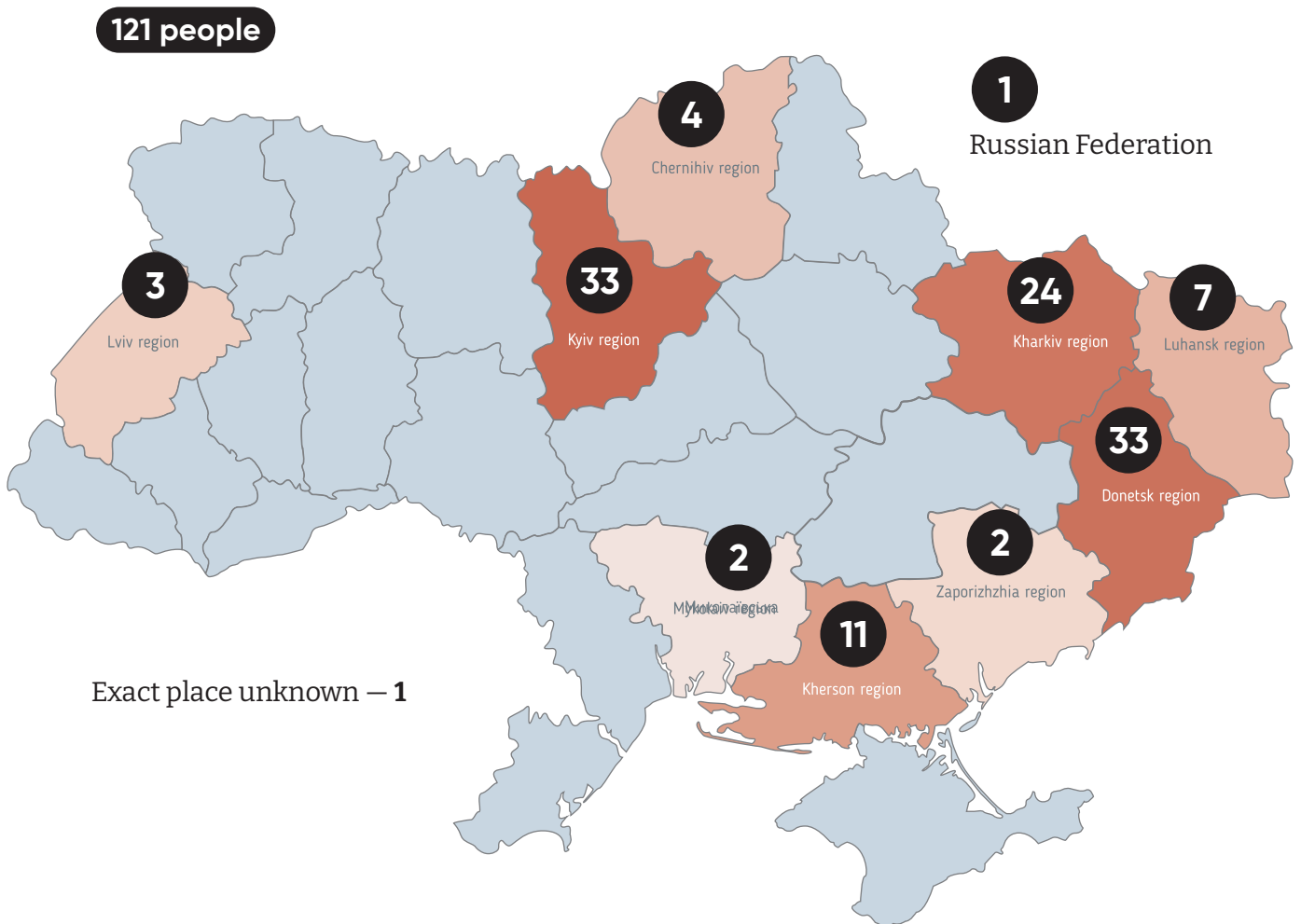
The decrease in the number of killings can also be explained by the liberation of a significant part of the territory of Ukraine from the Russian army, the increase in the Ukrainian air defense capabilities, and the reduction in Russia's stock of long-range missiles.

Some cases of killings of civil society representatives by Russian troops in the territories of Ukraine still occupied by them may remain unknown as the occupying power strengthens the information isolation of these territories and suppresses any dissent by intensifying disinformation and repression.

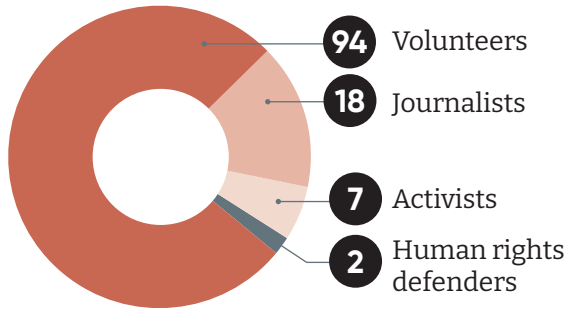
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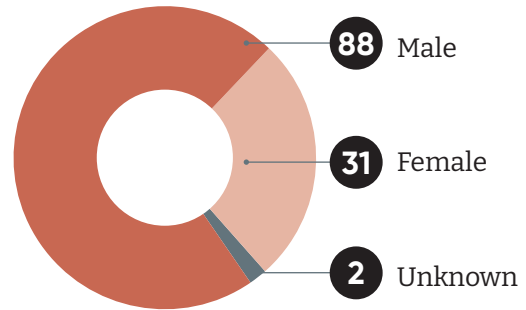
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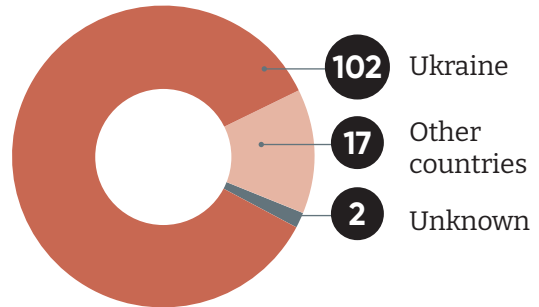
Quantitative distribution
by type of activity



Quantitative
distribution by gender



Quantitative distribution
by citizenship



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CASES

Car of volunteer Zhanna Kameneva, by which she tried to evacuate people from the occupied town of Bucha, Kyiv region, burned by Russian troops on 5 March 2022. The car was marked with the words "Children" and "Evacuation". The car was shot at from a Russian armored personnel carrier when Zhanna was taking three more civilian passengers to Kyiv. The car burned down, and all four people in it were killed



2022

February 2022



Denys Skrychevskyi

#Volunteer

Place of death unknown

Denys Skrychevskyi, the commander of the Chaplynka unit of the Ukrainian Red Cross Emergency Response Team, was killed in shelling on 24 February 2022.

March 2022



Valeria Yutina

#Volunteer

Kharkiv city

The Russian military fired a missile at the Kharkiv Regional State Administration building on 1 March 2022. The attack killed 28 people, including volunteer Valeria Yutina, who, together with other volunteers, was preparing food for the local territorial defense members. Yutina was an actress, playwright, and graduate of the Kharkiv State Academy of Culture.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Kharkiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.



Elvira Shchemur

#Volunteer
Kharkiv city

The Russian military fired a missile at the Kharkiv Regional State Administration building on 1 March 2022. The attack killed 28 people, including volunteer Elvira Shchemur, a volunteer of the Kharkiv Region National Defense Headquarters. Elvira was a third-year student at the Faculty of the Prosecutor's Office at the Yaroslav the Wise National Law University⁹. She was involved in the activity of human rights organizations and volunteered at the Kharkiv Pride and Women's Solidarity marches.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Kharkiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine "Violation of the laws and customs of war". The Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.



Yevheniy Sakun

#Journalist
Kyiv city

Russian military hit the TV tower and the TV center of the National Public Television and Radio Company of Ukraine at 42 Melnykova Street in Kyiv on 1 March 2022. Five people were injured and four more were killed in the attack, including Yevheniy Sakun, a cameraman for the LIVE TV channel, who was passing by the TV tower at that time. His body was identified by his press card¹⁰.

The Shevchenkivskiy District Police Department of the Main Directorate of the National Police in Kyiv initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine "Violation of the laws and customs of war". The Shevchenkivskiy District Prosecutor's Office in Kyiv provides procedural guidance.

The Reporters Without Borders international human rights organization filed a complaint with the International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor about Russian strikes on four radio and TV towers in Ukraine that constitute a war crime¹¹.

9 Farewell to volunteer Elvira Shchemur, killed in bombing of Kharkiv, in Myrhorod district. Poltavshchyna online media outlet, 21 March 2022: <https://poltava.to/news/65354/>

10 TV channel cameraman killed in attack on TV tower in Dorohozhychy: Prosecutor's office launches investigation. Kyiv24, 2 March 2022: <https://kyiv24.news/news/vnaslidok-obstrilu-televezhi-na-dorogozhychah-zagynuv-operator-telekanalu-prokuratura-rozpochala-rosliduvannya>

11 RSF refers Russian strikes on four Ukrainian TV towers to International Criminal Court. RSF, 5 March 2023: <https://rsf.org/en/rsf-refers-russian-strikes-four-ukrainian-tv-towers-international-criminal-court>



Natalia Skibina

#Volunteer

Kharkiv city

Volunteer Natalia Skibina was killed in a Russian missile strike on the Constitution Square in Kharkiv on 2 March 2022¹². At that time of the strike, she was in the Kharkiv City Council building, where she helped pack medicines for further delivery to medical facilities. Natalia was a volunteer and a student of the regent and singing department of the Kharkiv Theological Seminary¹³.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Kharkiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.

Yuriy Prylypko, Ruslan Karpenko, Ivan Zoria



#Volunteer

Hostomel village, Kyiv region

On 3 March 2022, Russian soldiers shot and killed Hostomel Mayor Yuriy Prylypko, who had joined the volunteer movement as well as two volunteers, Ruslan Karpenko and Ivan Zoria¹⁴. They were delivering food and medicines to local residents. The car carrying the mayor and volunteers encountered a Russian convoy of vehicles marked with the letter “V”, which opened fire on them, wounding Ivan Zoria in the head. Shots were then fired at the car from the upper floors of the *Pokrovsky* residential complex. Prylypko was wounded in the head, and Zoria received another wound that proved fatal. Ruslan Karpenko was killed when trying to save the wounded Prylypko. The Russians mined Yuriy Prylypko’s body, but the trip line was removed and the body was handed over to his family.

12 Volunteer killed in attack on Kharkiv city center. Kharkiv Today, 16 March 2022:

<https://2day.kh.ua/ua/kharkow/pid-chas-bombarduvannya-tsentru-kharkova-zahynula-volonterka>

13 Student and volunteer Natalia Skibina killed in attack on the Kharkiv City Council. Channel 24, 16 March 2022: https://24tv.ua/pid-chas-obstrilu-harkivskoyi-miskradi-zaginula-studentka-volonterka_n1908527

14 ‘They liberated us from normal life.’ How Hostomel survived Russian occupation. Graty, 22 April 2022: <https://graty.me/uk/zvilnili-nas-vid-normalnogo-zhittya-yak-gostomel-perezhiv-rosijsku-okupacziyu>

The Main Directorate of the National Police in the Kyiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kyiv Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.



Yulia Zdanovska

#Volunteer
Kharkiv city

Yulia Zdanovska, a student and volunteer of the Kharkiv Station organization, was killed in a Russian attack on the Kharkiv Regional Administration on 3 March 2022. She studied at the Faculty of Mechanics and Mathematics of the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, and before that, at the Ukrainian Physics and Mathematics Lyceum. As part of the Ukrainian team, she won the European Mathematical Olympiad among participants from 44 countries in 2017. From the beginning of the invasion, she decided to stay in her native Kharkiv and to volunteer¹⁵.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in Kharkiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.



Yevhen Piskotin

#Volunteer
Andriyivka village, Kyiv region

On 3 March 2022, contact was lost with Yevhen Piskotin, a volunteer of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society, while he was evacuating civilians from the Kyiv region. According to Piskotin’s colleagues, he evacuated 11 civilians from Hostomel but was unable to reach his own family¹⁶. His body was found after the Kyiv region had been liberated from Russian troops. According to colleagues and Radio Liberty journalists, his body was found with his hands bound on the roadside in the village of Andriyivka, Kyiv region, near the burned-out minibus, which he was using to evacuate people¹⁷.

The investigative department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in Kyiv City and the Kyiv Region investigates a criminal case under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kyiv Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.

15 How killed Yulia Zdanovska changed rural education and became famous worldwide. BBC News Ukraine, 30 March 2023: <https://www.bbc.com/ukrainian/articles/cv2vn31gm25o>

16 Six Ukrainian Red Cross volunteers lost their lives while saving others. Ukrainian Red Cross Society, 5 December 2024: <https://redcross.org.ua/news/2024/12/99451/>

17 Andriyivka. Tragedy of one village. Radio Liberty, 18 August 2022: <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/skhemy-andiivka-okupatsiya/31992870.html>

Anastasia Yalanska, Maksym Kuzmenko, Serhiy Ustymenko



#Volunteer

Bucha town, Kyiv region

On 4 March 2022, Russian soldiers shot three volunteers – Anastasia Yalanska, Maksym Kuzmenko, and Serhiy Ustymenko¹⁸. They were intending to deliver food for animals to a shelter in the village of Zabuchchia in the Kyiv region. On the way, they diverted to visit Serhiy's parents, who lived in Bucha, but did not reach the house. They came under Russian shelling. Anastasia was hit by six bullets, Serhiy by nine. Serhiy Ustymenko's parents buried them all in their yard.

The investigative department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in Kyiv City and the Kyiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine "Violation of the laws and customs of war". The Kyiv Regional Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance.

In March 2023, *Suspilne* reported that the SSU had completed the pre-trial investigation into the killings of Anastasia Yalanska, Maksym Kuzmenko, and Serhiy Ustymenko and had sent the indictment to the Irpin Town Court. The defendant is Lieutenant Colonel of the AF-RF Aleksandr Dosiagaev, the commander of the 2nd battalion of the 104th Guards Air Assault Regiment of the RF¹⁹.



Yulia Koval

#Volunteer

Kharkiv city

Volunteer Yulia Koval was killed in a Russian attack in Kharkiv on 5 March 2022²⁰. Yulia and her husband Oleh were waiting for their friend's family, who were planning to evacuate from one of the city's districts, Saltivka. Oleh went inside, while Yulia and the

18 Bucha: shooting at Kyiv-Myrotskaya – Russian military shot volunteers | Suspilne Investigation. Publication on Suspilne News YouTube channel, 4 March 2023: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LBrbVkhG5wM>

19 'Hero of Russia' to be tried posthumously for shooting four people in Bucha. Suspilne News, 22 March 2023: <https://suspilne.media/711702-geroa-rosii-posmertno-suditimut-za-rozstril-cotiroh-ludej-ubuci/>

20 Tried to help and came under fire: Volunteer killed in Kharkiv. Suspilne News, 10 March 2022: <https://suspilne.media/215943-namagalas-dopomogti-ta-potrapila-pid-obstril-u-harkovi-zaginula-volonterka/>

people who were about to evacuate remained in the car. Oleh heard the explosion, ran out, and saw that Yulia and everyone else in the car had died in the attack.

Oleh and Yulia Koval were driving people from Pivnichna Saltivka district to the railway station, delivering food and medicine to residents from the beginning of the full-scale invasion. After his wife's death, Oleh continued to volunteer.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Kharkiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine "Violation of the laws and customs of war". The Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.



Zhanna Kameneva

#Volunteer

Bucha town, Kyiv region

On 5 March 2022, on the way out of Bucha, Russian soldiers killed volunteer Zhanna Kameneva as she tried to evacuate people from the then-occupied Bucha²¹. Her car was marked with the words "Children" and "Evacuation" and yet was still fired upon by a Russian armored personnel carrier as Zhanna was taking three more civilian passengers to Kyiv. The car was destroyed and all four people in it died.

Zhanna Kameneva had been volunteering since 2014, helping soldiers of the 25th Separate Motorized Infantry Battalion "Kyivska Rus", residential schools in Donetsk and Luhansk regions, and civilians in Bucha.

The Main Investigation Department of the National Police of Ukraine initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine "Violation of the laws and customs of war"²². The Prosecutor General's Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.



Volodymyr Domashenko

#Volunteer

Borodianka village, Kyiv region

On 5 March 2022, contact with volunteer Volodymyr Domashenko was lost while he was evacuating civilians from Maidanivka village, Kyiv region, and transporting them

21 Publication on the Bucha Town Council page on Facebook, 4 April 2023: <https://www.facebook.com/bucharada.gov.ua/posts/2116143131925413/>

22 Bucha resident Hennadiy Kamenev: 'I asked her to be careful. She said the last time: 'I love you!' Then the car with the child was shot with hand-held anti-tank grenade launcher.' Dzerkalo Tyzhnia, 22 May 2022: <https://zn.ua/ukr/personalities/buchanets-hennadij-kamjenjev-prosiv-buti-oberezhnoju-vona-vostannje-skazala-ljublju-dali-avto-z-ditinoju-rozstriljali-z-rph.html>

to Pyrizhky village, Zhytomyr region. Before his disappearance, Domashenko was traveling from the village of Maidanivka towards Bucha in a black Dodge car. On 30 March, the Search and Rescue Volunteer Association reported finding Volodymyr's body²³.

The investigative department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in Kyiv City and the Kyiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 1 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kyiv Regional Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance.



Roman Nezhyborets

#Journalist

Yahidne village, Chernihiv region

Russian soldiers killed Roman Nezhyborets, a video engineer for the *Dytynets* Chernihiv channel, in Yahidne village near Chernihiv city on 5 March 2022²⁴. He died from a bullet wound. Roman worked on the channel for almost ten years²⁵.

On 24 February 2022, he moved to the village of Yahidne with his wife and son because he thought it would be safer there. The Russian army entered the village on 3 March. His wife Antonina says that Russian soldiers came to their yard shouting: “Evacuation!”. The family was then hiding from the shelling in the cellar of their parents' house. The soldiers wanted to take the Nezhyborets family, their friends and relatives to the basement of the local school, but Antonina convinced them that their cellar was safe. The soldiers replied that they should not leave for five days because the village was going to be shelled.

Before the soldiers departed the residence, they took Roman and his stepfather away. Antonina learned about her husband's death on 9 March 2022. The wife later identified the man's body by a photo from the morgue. Roman had a bullet wound to the chest.

According to the press service of the prosecutor's office, the SSU investigates the case²⁶.

23 Publication on Facebook page of the Search and Rescue Volunteer Association, 30 March 2022: <https://www.facebook.com/SarvaUa/photos/a.145635943671406/567701691464827>

24 ‘His toes were scrunched, he was very scared’: Roman Nezhyborets' wife spoke about his execution in Yahidne. Suspilne News, 19 September 2022: <https://suspilne.media/283259-na-nogah-buli-pidzati-palci-jomu-bulo-duze-strasno-druzina-romana-neziborca-rozpovila-pro-jogo-rozstril-u-agidnomu/>

25 Russians kill Dytynets channel video engineer near Chernihiv, his family needs help. Detector Media, 11 April 2022: <https://detector.media/infospace/article/198296/2022-04-11-pid-chernigovom-rosiyany-vbyly-videoinzhenera-kanalu-dytynets-yogo-rodyna-potrebuie-dopomogy/>

26 ‘His toes were scrunched, he was very scared’: Roman Nezhyborets' wife spoke about his execution in Yahidne. Suspilne News, 19 September 2022: <https://suspilne.media/283259-na-nogah-buli-pidzati-palci-jomu-bulo-duze-strasno-druzina-romana-neziborca-rozpovila-pro-jogo-rozstril-u-agidnomu/>



Pavlo Li

#Volunteer

Irpin town, Kyiv region

Russian military killed volunteer, actor, and host of the DOM TV channel Pavlo Li during the occupation of Irpin on 6 March 2022²⁷. The National Union of Journalists of Ukraine notes that Li began volunteering at the Irpin Town Council after the start of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. There, volunteers took calls with requests for help from those who remained in the town. When the volunteer headquarters was informed that the Russians had entered Irpin, Pavlo Li, along with Iryna Myhytko and Taras Melnyk, were supposed to leave the town. They decided to go home but were intercepted by Russian troops. Melnyk reported that Russian soldiers fired on their vehicle with small arms, killing Li, and then ran up to the volunteers and ordered Myhytko and Melnyk to leave. Li's body remained in the car.

The Main Investigation Department of the National Police of Ukraine initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war” into the murder. The Prosecutor General's Office provides procedural guidance.



Anatoliy Berezhnyi

#Volunteer

Irpin town, Kyiv region

Volunteer Anatoliy Berezhnyi was killed in Irpin, Kyiv region, on 6 March 2022. He evacuated civilians from the town as part of a volunteer group and was killed by Russian mortar fire²⁸.

Anatoliy was born in Siverskodonetsk, Luhansk region and he enjoyed studying foreign languages and music; particularly the saxophone and clarinet. He studied at the Faculty of Information Technologies at the Volodymyr Dahl East Ukrainian National University and worked at the State Tax Service of Ukraine in the Computer Systems Department. In the autumn of 2020, he and his wife decided to move to Irpin.

After the start of the full-scale invasion, Anatoliy and his wife evacuated Irpin and reached Vinnytsia, then went to Khotyn, Chernivtsi region, taking with him 15 other civilians. Later, Anatoliy returned to Irpin with the intention of helping the people still there but was killed by the Russian military.

27 A Hero, but not a Legend. Actor and TV host Pavlo Li killed as a volunteer, not as a soldier. National Union of Journalists of Ukraine, 22 September 2022: <https://nsju.org/novini/geroj-ale-ne-legend-a-aktor-i-televizijnyk-pavlo-li-zagynuv-yak-volonter-a-ne-yak-soldat/>

28 Story of IT specialist Anatoliy Berezhnyi killed in mortar shelling in Irpin. He was helping civilians evacuate. DOU, 13 April 2022: <https://dou.ua/lenta/articles/story-of-anatolii-berezhnyi/>



Illia Shkliaruk

#Volunteer

Irpin town, Kyiv region

Contact with volunteer Illia Shkliaruk was lost in the town of Irpin, Kyiv region, on 8 March 2022. As his family had learned, he had gone to a Russian-controlled area of the town at that time to help someone evacuate. After the Kyiv region was liberated from Russian troops, other volunteers found the car in which Illia Shkliaruk was traveling. The vehicle was crushed, but there was no body inside, as reported by Illia's mother, Yulia Somina to the Human Rights Centre ZMINA.

Later, when the bodies of the killed were exhumed from the ground in Irpin, Illia's family found his name in the published lists of the killed in the Bucha town morgue. According to this information, the Illia died from multiple bullet wounds to the chest and limbs, and was then buried in a mass grave in a forest belt. Illia received a proper burial by his family in Irpin on April 25.

The investigative department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in Kyiv City and the Kyiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine "Violation of the laws and customs of war". The Kyiv Regional Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance.

Mykola Semykin, Stanislav Burdun, Stanislav Yelisieyev, Serhiy Savelyev, Roman Savelyev



#Volunteer

Mariupol city, Donetsk region

Five volunteers – Mykola Semykin, Stanislav Burdun, Stanislav Yelisieyev, Serhiy Savelyev, and Roman Savelyev – were killed in a mortar attack on Mariupol, Donetsk region, on 9 March 2022²⁹. They were delivering food, water, fuel, and generators to residents in bomb shelters and had gone to another area of the city to pick up groceries. A Russian mortar shell directly hit the car the volunteers were traveling in, causing

²⁹ Publication on the Telegram channel of the Mariupol City Council, 4 May 2022: <https://t.me/mariupolrada/9513>

an explosion³⁰. Two people were thrown from the car by the blast wave, and the others burned to death.

The killed volunteers were all members of a Protestant church in Mariupol. More than 100 people were sheltering from the Russian shelling in the basement of their prayer house at the time of the volunteers' deaths.



Denys Butenko

#Volunteer

Bucha town, Kyiv region

Volunteer Denys Butenko was killed on 9 March 2022. On 18 April 2022, an investigator informed Butenko's family that his body had been found in a forest belt between Vorzel and Bucha, Kyiv region, with five gunshot wounds – to the stomach, neck, and chest³¹.

Butenko was a volunteer and lived in Bucha with his disabled mother. After the town was occupied by Russian troops, Butenko delivered food to civilians and donated blood for the victims of Russian military operations.

The investigative department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in Kyiv City and the Kyiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kyiv Regional Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance.



Ihor Karuk

#Volunteer

Between the Stavyshe and Zabuyannia villages, Kyiv region

On 9 March 2022, contact was lost with volunteer Ihor Karuk, who was driving to the village of Zabuyannia, Kyiv region, to evacuate people. He was last heard from near the village of Stavyshe on the Zhytomyr-Kyiv highway on 8 March³². On 21 May, explosive technicians informed the police that they had found a man's body in the forest.

As Denys Sokolov, one of the search group members, told the Human Rights Centre ZMINA, Karuk was identified by dental data and specific sports accessories; in par-

30 Five volunteers killed in Mariupol. The youngest was 24 years old, – PHOTOS. 0629.ua, 4 May 2022: <https://www.0629.com.ua/news/3382887/u-mariupoli-zaginuli-patero-volonteriv-najmolodsomu-bulo-24-roki-foto>

31 Volunteer from Bucha, Denys Butenko, found killed in the Kyiv region. Human Rights Centre ZMINA, 22 April 2022: <https://zmina.info/news/na-kyiyvshhyni-znajshly-vbytyim-volontera-z-buchi-denysa-butenka/>

32 Requiem for the fallen Ukrainian athletes. Ihor Karuk. Angels of sports: <https://yangoly-sportu.teamukraine.com.ua/?p=1472>

ticular his running neckwear (he was fond of running and rowing). Ihor's body was found in a pit with water, his hands were tied behind his back, and his temple was shot. Ihor was later buried on 26 May.

The investigative department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in Kyiv City and the Kyiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kyiv Regional Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance.



Yana Mykhydenko

#Volunteer

Horenka village, Kyiv region

Volunteer Yana Mykhydenko died from shrapnel wounds in Horenka on 11 March 2022³³. On the day of her death, Yana was returning to Horenka to meet a vehicle with humanitarian aid and contact with her was lost. Her body was found on 13 March.

Yana volunteered to bandage, treat, and evacuate wounded soldiers. Also, when Horenka, which was under constant shelling by the Russian military, ran out of food and medicines, Yana and her husband organized logistics to help the villagers and Ukrainian soldiers. Before the invasion, Yana organized children's parties, baked cakes to order, and dreamed of opening her confectionery.

The Main Investigation Department of the National Police of Ukraine initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war” into the murder. The Prosecutor General's Office provides procedural guidance.



Mykhailo Suprun

#Volunteer

Myrcha village, Kyiv region

On 11 March 2022, Rivne volunteer Mykhailo Suprun came under Russian fire on his car while traveling to the Kyiv region to help evacuate civilians³⁴. He had been missing since mid-March. On 3 April 2022, Rivne Mayor Mykhailo Tretiak reported Suprun's death. His body was found near the village of Myrcha, Kyiv region. The car and the man's body were burned.

33 Yana Mykhydenko is a brave resident of Horenka with a big heart. Hostomel Village Military Administration, 31 March 2022: <https://hostomelva.gov.ua/ua/news/125>

34 Rivne volunteer Mykhailo Suprun found killed — Mayor. Suspilne Rivne, 3 April 2022: <https://suspilne.media/224849-rivnenskogo-volontera-mihajla-supruna-znajsli-vbitim-mer/>

Mykhailo Suprun was a mechanic by profession but worked as a carpenter³⁵. Together with his wife, he dreamed of having his own house and brought this idea to life before the full-scale Russian invasion.

The Main Investigation Department of the National Police of Ukraine initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war” into the murder. The Prosecutor General’s Office provides procedural guidance.



Viktor Diedov

#Journalist

Mariupol city, Donetsk region

Viktor Diedov, a cameraman for the *Sigma* TV channel, was killed in Russian shelling in Mariupol, Donetsk region, on 11 March 2022³⁶. According to the Institute of Mass Information, citing the deceased’s wife, he was at home when two explosives hit the house, the first in the bedroom and the second in the kitchen. While other family members were injured, Viktor Diedov was wounded in the neck and shortly thereafter died of blood loss.

The investigative department of the Second Department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in Donetsk and the Luhansk regions initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Donetsk Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.



Oksana Haydar

#Journalist

Shevchenkove village, Kyiv region

Journalist and blogger Oksana Haydar was killed in an artillery shelling in Shevchenkove village, Kyiv region, between 11-12 March 2022³⁷. She published historical articles and social media posts under the *Ruda Pani* pseudonym, sharply criticizing the Russian government.

35 Mykhailo Suprun. poisk.net.ua, 2022: https://poisk.net.ua/memorjal-pam-jatj/civljinj-zhertvi/mihajlo-suprun_1018

36 Sigma cameraman Viktor Diedov killed in Mariupol. Institute of Mass Information, 23 March 2022: <https://imi.org.ua/news/u-mariupoli-zagynuv-operator-sigma-viktor-dyedov-i44571>

37 Journalist and blogger Oksana Haydar killed in Kyiv region. Human Rights Centre ZMINA, 10 May 2022: <https://zmina.info/news/zagynula-zhurnalistka-ta-blogerka-oksana-gajdar/>

According to the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine, Haydar lived with her husband and son in Moscow³⁸. After the Russian invasion started, she returned to Kyiv region to be with her mother Lydia, who was also killed in the same shelling.

The Brovary District Police Department of the Main Directorate of the National Police in the Kyiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Brovary District Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.



Oleksandr Ivashchuk

#Volunteer

Irpin town, Kyiv region

Volunteer Oleksandr Ivashchuk was killed in Russian shelling in Irpin, Kyiv region, on 13 March 2022³⁹. He was involved in the evacuation of civilians, including the elderly, and also delivered food to the needy. He successfully evacuated hundreds of civilians out of the shelling areas. Irpin Mayor Oleksandr Markushyn reported his fate on the same day of his death.

Oleksandr received an education as a car mechanic but worked as a furniture maker⁴⁰. In peacetime, he played football and participated in the amateur leagues of the Kyiv region as a scorer and played for many clubs.

The Main Investigation Department of the National Police of Ukraine initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war” into the murder. The Prosecutor General’s Office provides procedural guidance.



Oleksandr Kononov

#Volunteer

Borivske village, Luhansk region

On 13 March 2022, it became known about the murder of volunteer Oleksandr Kononov in the village of Borivske, Luhansk region⁴¹. This was reported by Serhiy Hayday,

38 ‘I delete my Twitter account. Hope to see you again.’ Ukrainian journalist and blogger Oksana Haydar killed. National Union of Journalists of Ukraine, 10 May 2022: <http://surl.li/csusb>

39 Publication on Telegram channel of Oleksandr Markushyn, 13 March 2022: <https://t.me/markushyn/2023>

40 Oleksandr Serhiyovych Ivashchuk. Irpin Town Council, 27 September 2023: <https://imr.gov.ua/oleksandr-serghijovych-ivashchuk/>

41 Occupiers kill volunteer Oleksandr Kononov: man had a disability but was helping the Ukrainian army since 2014. Human Rights Centre ZMINA, 13 March 2022: <https://zmina.info/news/okupanty-vbyly-volontera-oleksandra-kononova-cholovik-mav-invalidnist-ale-z-2014-roku-dopomagav-ukrayinskij-armiji/>

Head of the Luhansk RMA. Oleksandr's mother found him in the bedroom of the house with his hair torn from his head and bullet holes in his temple and neck. She also saw a bullet hole in the wall and a pillow wet with blood.

Kononov had been helping Ukrainian volunteer fighters since 2014 by bringing them food and delivering fighters to positions. He had a disability classified in the I-Group as a result of an injury at a metallurgical plant, where he lost his right arm and left leg almost 20 years ago.

The Main Department of the National Police in the Luhansk Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 1 of Article 115 of the CC of Ukraine “Premeditated murder”. The Luhansk Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.



Zoreslav Zamoyskyi

#Journalist

Bucha town, Kyiv region

Journalist of the *Information Portal* and the *Hromada Pryirpinnia* online media outlets, Zoreslav Zamoyskyi was killed in Bucha during the occupation by Russian troops in March 2022. The exact date of the journalist's death is unknown.

In early March, Zamoyskyi posted photos on his social media account of the destroyed Vokzalna Street in Bucha, where he lived. He also noted that he had started keeping a diary to record the events of the beginning of the war in the town⁴². A few days later, contact with him was lost. His body was found in Bucha, Kyiv region, on 13 April⁴³.

The Main Investigation Department of the National Police of Ukraine initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Prosecutor General’s Office provides procedural guidance.



Maksym Levin

#Journalist

Near Moshchun village, Kyiv region

On 13 March 2022, photojournalist Maksym Levin went missing in the Kyiv region. He went to take photos in his car together with a serviceman and former photographer Oleksiy Chernyshov. Both Levin and Chernyshov left their car near the village of Huta

42 Killed in Russia's war against Ukraine. Zoreslav Zamoyskyi. Memorial Platform of Memory: <https://www.victims.memorial/people/zoreslav-zamoyskiy>

43 Occupiers kill journalist Zoreslav Zamoyskyi in Bucha. Human Rights Centre ZMINA, 13 April 2022: <https://zmina.info/news/u-buchi-vid-ruk-okupantiv-zagynuv-zhurnalist-zoreslav-zamojskyj/>

Mezhyhirska and went towards the village of Moshchun. On 10 March, Levin lost his drone during filming and wanted to retrieve it.

On 1 April, police found the bodies of Levin and Chernyshov in a forest near Moshchun in the Kyiv region. The report “How Russian troops executed Ukrainian journalist Maks Levin” prepared by Reporters Without Borders, states that the Russians likely shot Levin and Chernyshov because they thought they were both servicemen⁴⁴. However, Levin was not a serviceman; at the time of the murder, he was wearing civilian clothes and had no equipment or weapons.

According to another version of this investigation, Russian soldiers stopped their car, forcibly took Levin and Chernyshov into the forest as hostages, interrogated, and then killed them. The position of Chernyshov’s body may indicate that he was doused with gasoline and burned alive. The car was also burned.

In the photo from the crime scene, which investigators received, Levin’s body was lying on his back, there were no traces of fire on it. Instead, three bullet holes were visible: one on the chest and two on the head. The journalist was probably killed by one or two shots from close range, made when he was already lying on the ground. Levin’s phone, documents, shoes and bulletproof vest were not found; they were more than likely stolen by his killers.

According to the testimonies of residents with whom the investigators spoke, there were positions of the Russian military in Moshchun – they occupied the houses of the locals and installed their armored vehicles near their houses and in the yards, using the population as a human shield to avoid shelling from the Ukrainians.

The murder is investigated under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war” under the procedural guidance of the Vyshhorod District Prosecutor’s Office.



Brent Anthony Renaud

#Journalist

Irpin town, Kyiv region

On 13 March 2022, Russian soldiers killed American journalist and documentary filmmaker Brent Renaud and wounded photojournalist Juan Diego Arredondo near a checkpoint in Irpin, Kyiv region⁴⁵. They were filming the evacuation from Irpin and asked the driver to stop near the *Yesenin* residential complex, which had been destroyed by Russian shelling so they can take photos. Two Russian soldiers appeared nearby and fired

⁴⁴ Exclusive RSF investigation into the death of Maks Levin: “Information and evidence collected indicates this Ukrainian journalist was executed”. Reporters without borders, 22 June 2022: <https://rsf.org/en/exclusive-rsf-investigation-death-maks-levin-information-and-evidence-collected-indicates>

⁴⁵ Tributes paid to US journalist shot dead in Ukraine. CNN Business, 14 March 2022: <https://edition.cnn.com/2022/03/13/media/russia-ukraine-brent-renaud-death-intl/index.html>

warning shots. The journalists and the driver began to flee, then the Russians opened fire to kill them. According to Juan Arredondo, they were fired upon while they were driving away. Renaud was hit in the neck and died. Arredondo was wounded and hospitalized at the Okhmatdyt hospital in Kyiv.

The Main Investigation Department of the National Police of Ukraine initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war” into the murder. The Prosecutor General’s Office provides procedural guidance.



Artem Ayvazian

#Volunteer
Kharkiv city

On 14 March 2022, Artem Ayvazian, a volunteer of the Help Army organization, originally from Pavlohrad, Dnipropetrovsk region, was killed near the Central Park of Culture and Recreation in the Russian Smerch MLRS shelling of Kharkiv⁴⁶.

Artem Ayvazian and his sister Aliona, also a volunteer, who was injured by the rocket attack via a shell fragment, were carrying packages for the military. The victims were reported by Help Army activist Anzhela Denysenko and head of the MCA of Kharkiv region Oleh Synehubov.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in Kharkiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.



**Oleksandra Kuvshynova,
Pierre Zakrzewski**

#Journalist
Horenka village, Kyiv region

FoxNews producer Oleksandra Kuvshynova and FoxNews cameraman Pierre Zakrzewski were killed in a Russian artillery shelling near the village of Horenka, Kyiv region, on 14 March 2022⁴⁷. Journalist Benjamin Hall, who was with them, suffered shrapnel fractures in both legs.

46 Killed in Russia’s war against Ukraine. Artem Ayvazian. Memorial Platform of Memory: <https://www.victims.memorial/people/artem-ayvazian>

47 Fox News cameraman Pierre Zakrzewski killed in Ukraine. Fox News, 15 March 2022: <https://www.foxnews.com/world/fox-news-cameraman-pierre-zakrzewski-killed-ukraine>

Kuvshynova's parents filed a lawsuit against FoxNews alleging negligence, as the team, which worked under a contract with the television company, was sent to a combat zone despite numerous warnings from local officials and a security consultant who recommended against doing so⁴⁸. The family also accuses FoxNews and its correspondent Benjamin Hall of distorting the circumstances of the journalist's death. Oleksandra worked without an official contract and insurance, unlike her foreign colleagues and the channel called her a "consultant," which caused a wave of indignation and criticism from the Ukrainian journalistic community.

The Main Investigation Department of the National Police of Ukraine initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine "Violation of the laws and customs of war". The Prosecutor General's Office provides procedural guidance.



Staff of Caritas Charity Foundation

#Organization

Mariupol city, Donetsk region

On 15 March 2022, Russian military tanks shelled the office building of the Caritas international charity organization in Mariupol, Donetsk region. Seven civilians were killed in the shelling, including two employees of the foundation's accounting department⁴⁹. Caritas representatives reported this on social networks. Vatican News, citing the foundation's Secretary General, Aloysius John, and the head of the Ukrainian office, Tetiana Stavnycha, reported that the other killed could have been family members of the foundation's employees. It is also known that people were hiding from the shelling in the building at that time. The names of the killed have not been disclosed.



Volodymyr Kotenko

#Volunteer

Elitne village, Kharkiv region

Volunteer Volodymyr Kotenko was killed near the village of Elitne, Kharkiv region, on 15 March 2022⁵⁰. According to police data, he and his driver were delivering humanitarian aid and encountered a convoy of Russian tanks on the highway between

48 Parents of Ukrainian journalist Kuvshynova, killed in Kyiv region in 2022, file lawsuit against Fox News. Suspilne News, 17 March 2024: <https://suspilne.media/707266-batki-ukrainskoi-zurnalistki-kuvsinovi-aka-zaginula-u-2022-roci-na-kiivsini-podali-pozov-do-sudu-proti-fox-news/>

49 Publication on Facebook page of Caritas Mariupol, 11 April 2022: <https://www.facebook.com/caritasmariupol/posts/2962339960653294>

50 Publication on Telegram account of Kharkiv region police, 23 May 2022: https://t.me/police_kh_region/9829

Vilkhivka and Elitne. One of the tanks opened fire on Kotenko's car from approximately 15 m away. The driver escaped but Kotenko was killed.

His parents brought the remains of their son home to the Russian-occupied village of Mala Rohan in Kharkiv region. They buried their son in a garden near the house because funeral services were not working and the cemetery was mined. On 23 May 2022, when Ukrainian troops de-occupied Mala Rohan, law enforcement officers exhumed the volunteer's body.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Kharkiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine "Violation of the laws and customs of war". The Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.



Yuriy Volchkov

#Volunteer
Kharkiv city

Volunteer Yuriy Volchkov was killed in a Russian shelling in Kharkiv on 16 March 2022. That day, he was delivering humanitarian aid to the residents of Kharkiv, and his car was hit by a Russian shell⁵¹.

Volchkov worked as an engineer at the Gas Transport Institute and was fond of flash cross – quests around the city on bicycles. After the start of the full-scale Russian invasion, he began helping Kharkiv residents as a volunteer.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Kharkiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine "Violation of the laws and customs of war". The Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.



Anton Khrustaliyov

#Volunteer
Kharkiv city

Volunteer and evacuation bus driver, Anton Khrustaliyov was killed in a Russian Grad MLRS shelling in Kharkiv on 16 March 2022⁵². This was reported by volunteer Vasyly Riabko. Together with Riabko, Khrustaliyov evacuated more than 300 people, transported medicines and food, and helped territorial defense formations.

51 Publication on Facebook page "FlashCross Ukraine", 17 March 2022: <https://www.facebook.com/flashcross.ukraine/posts/388102286648772/>

52 Publication on Facebook page of Anzhelika Rudnytska, 16 March 2022: <https://www.facebook.com/AnzhelikaRudnytska/posts/7093116394063828>

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Kharkiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.



Serhiy Bozhko

#Activist

Lotskyne village, Mykolaiv region

On 16 March 2022, Russian military personnel abducted Serhiy Bozhko, a member of the All-Ukrainian Union “Svoboda” and a volunteer, from his home in the village of Lotskyne, Mykolaiv region⁵³. His wife, Tetiana, says that he was accused of allegedly stealing weapons and being loyal to the Ukrainian army. After his abduction, there was no contact with him for several days. His body with signs of torture was found in a pit, covered with earth and then a mattress. Bozhko was tortured, shot in the elbow, his face was beaten, his hands and body were bruised and had multiple other gunshot wounds all across his body, and the Russians did not allow him to receive medical care.

Serhiy Bozhko was a mathematics teacher. After retirement, he became a farmer. When the Russian army occupied Kherson region, he helped the AFU together with other activists⁵⁴. He collected information about the movement of Russian equipment for the Ukrainian military.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Mykolaiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Mykolaiv Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.



Serhiy Ilchuk

#Volunteer

Near Borodianka village, Kyiv region

Volunteer Serhiy Ilchuk died on 17 March 2022 after being wounded by shelling near Borodianka on 11 March. Ilchuk was evacuating people from shelled and occupied settlements in the Kyiv region. His car was marked with red crosses and the sign “Evacuation”. After the shelling, the man was taken to a hospital in Rivne, where doctors tried to save him, but he later died of his wounds⁵⁵.

53 Publication on Facebook page of Andriy Illenko, 7 April 2022: <https://www.facebook.com/andriy.illenko/posts/8121148664592519>

54 To the memory of teacher Serhiy Bozhok. Ukrinform, 15 November 2023: <https://www.ukrinform.ua/rubric-ato/3784849-pamati-vcitela-sergia-bozka.html>

55 Rivne bids farewell to volunteer shot by Russian soldiers. Suspilne News, 18 March 2022: <https://suspilne.media/219075-u-rivnomu-poprosalisa-z-volonterom-akogo-rozstrilali-rosijski-vijskovi/>

After the start of the full-scale Russian invasion, Serhiy became a volunteer and successfully evacuated roughly 300 people out of the shelling areas using his car.

The investigative department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in Kyiv City and the Kyiv Region initiated a criminal case under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kyiv Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.



Lilia Humianova

#Activist

Mariupol city, Donetsk region

On 19 March 2022, Lilia Humianova, a journalism teacher and head of the Art Department of the Livoberezhny District House of Children and Youth Creativity, was killed in the basement of a nine-story building as a result of the Russian shelling of Mariupol⁵⁶. Humianova had a pro-Ukrainian position, cared for the fate of Mariupol and the future of journalism. She was the head of the Young Correspondent Association in Mariupol, the coordinator of the school newspaper in the Local House of Creativity. She arranged a bomb shelter there when the shelling started⁵⁷.

The investigative department of the Second Department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Donetsk Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.



Serhiy Kubrushko, Andriy Shostak

#Volunteer

Motyzhyn village, Kyiv region

On 23 March 2022, volunteers Serhiy Kubrushko and his father-in-law Andriy Shostak from the Patriot Group organization delivered humanitarian aid to the village of Motyzhyn in the Kyiv region and contact with them was eventually lost. On 4 April 2022, Kubrushko’s wife reported his death – his body was found in a mass grave in Motyzhyn village⁵⁸. On 11 April, the body of Andriy Shostak was also found and identified.

56 Journalism teacher Lilia Humianova killed in Russian shelling of Mariupol. Institute of Mass Information, 25 March 2022, <https://imi.org.ua/news/u-mariupoli-unaslidok-rosijskyh-obstriliv-zagynula-vykladachka-zhurnalistyky-liliya-gumyanova-i44630>

57 Journalism teacher Lilia Humianova killed in Mariupol. National Union of Journalists of Ukraine, 25 March 2022: <https://nsju.org/novini/u-mariupoli-zagynula-vykladachka-zhurnalistyky-liliya-gumyanova/>

58 Publication on Facebook page of Maryna Kubrushko, 4 April 2022: https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=1233360933863524&id=100015688873118

Serhiy Kubrushko and his father-in-law Andriy Shostak first went to join the local territorial defense, then went to volunteer in Motyzhyn. Later, Serhiy informed the AFU about the positions of the Russian army in Motyzhyn. The volunteers delivered humanitarian aid across the Kyiv region and were engaged in evacuation.

The investigative department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in Kyiv City and the Kyiv Region initiated a criminal case under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kyiv Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.



Oksana Baulina

#Journalist
Kyiv city

Oksana Baulina, a journalist for The Insider Russian opposition media, was killed by Russian shelling in Kyiv on 23 March 2022⁵⁹. She was filming the destruction of the *Retrovil* shopping and entertainment center after it was shelled by Russian troops on the evening of 20 March, killing eight people. While filming the destruction, the journalist came under repeated mortar fire. Another civilian died with her, and two people accompanying her were wounded and hospitalized.

The Podilskyi District Police Department of the Main Directorate of the National Police in Kyiv City initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Podilskyi District Prosecutor’s Office in Kyiv provides procedural guidance.

Olha Sukhenko, Oleksandr Sukhenko, Ihor Sukhenko



#Volunteer
Motyzhyn village, Kyiv region

On 23 March 2022, Russian soldiers abducted Olha Sukhenko, the head of Motyzhyn village, Kyiv region, along with her husband Ihor and son Oleksandr from their home⁶⁰. The occupiers also searched the house and took the Sukhenkos’ car.

59 Russian journalist killed in Russian shelling in Kyiv. Detector Media, 23 March 2022: <http://surl.li/gfksro>

60 Russian military kidnap village head and her family in Kyiv region. Suspilne News, 25 March 2022: <https://suspilne.media/221630-rosijski-vijskovi-vikrali-na-kiivsini-starostu-sela-ta-ii-rodinu/>

According to the investigation data, AF-RF servicemen and members of the Wagner PMC came to the woman's home. The occupiers forcibly took her, her husband, and her son to their temporary base, where they tortured them, trying to obtain information about the AFU and the territorial defense forces. In front of the mother, the son was shot in the leg and then killed with a shot to the head. Her husband was tortured similarly. The entire family died from multiple gunshot wounds.

On 2 April 2022, after the Kyiv region was liberated, the head of Makariv village, Vadym Tokar, reported that the family had been found in a mass grave in Motyzhyn. The bodies of Olha and her son Oleksandr, who were buried under pine trees in a pit, bore signs of torture, and her husband Ihor was found with a noose around his neck in a barrel⁶¹. Olha and Oleksandr Sukhenkos publicly declared their pro-Ukrainian position. The family remained in the village, helping people with medicines and food. Oleksandr Sukhenko played football for FC Sokil (Mykhailivka) and FC Kudrivka (Irpin).

The investigative department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in Kyiv City and the Kyiv Region initiated a criminal case under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine "Violation of the laws and customs of war". The Kyiv Regional Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance.



Volodymyr Vakulenko

#Activist

Kapytolivka village, Kharkiv region

On 24 March 2022, in the village of Kapytolivka, Iziium district, Kharkiv region, Russian military officers took children's writer and public figure, participant in the Revolution of Dignity, Volodymyr Vakulenko, from his home and took him away in a car marked with the letter "Z". The day before, they searched the house, seized books, took Volodymyr and his teenage son, and released them after three hours of interrogation. Due to his diagnosis, Volodymyr's son requires special attention.

After Iziium had been liberated, Vakulenko's body was found in one of the mass graves⁶². He was identified by a photo of his documents and a tattoo made by the funeral services during the occupation. Volodymyr's relatives believe that he was abducted based on a denunciation by fellow villagers with whom he had conflicts over the language issue and their pro-Russian views.

The Main Directorate of the National Police in the Kharkiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 1 of Article 115 of the CC of Ukraine "Premeditated

61 Prosecutor's office names and shows faces of the killers of Motyzhyn village head's family in Kyiv region. Vechirniy Kyiv, 22 May 2022: <https://vechirniy.kyiv.ua/news/66814/>

62 'Betrayed by fellow villagers.' How writer Volodymyr Vakulenko lived and died at the hands of the Russians. BBC NEWS Ukraine, 6 December 2022: <https://www.bbc.com/ukrainian/news-63863965>

murder". The Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.

On 14 November 2023, the Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor's Office reported that it had identified two Russian servicemen involved in the shooting of Vakulenko and three other people during the occupation of the Kharkiv region⁶³. These are a company commander with the call sign Lev and his subordinate, a machine gunner nicknamed Udod. They are natives of Luhansk, serving in the 4th Company of the 4th Battalion of the 204th Rifle Regiment of the Mobilization Reserve of the so-called "LPR" of the 2nd Army Corps of the 8th Guards Combined Arms Army of the Southern Military District of the AF-RF. On 10 December 2024, the Prosecutor General's Office reported another suspect in the murder of Vakulenko⁶⁴. He turned out to be a resident of the occupied Luhansk region, Dmytro Katkalov, who is suspected of cruel treatment of civilians during the occupation of the village of Kapytolivka in the Kharkiv region.



Oleksandr Cholomytko, Serhiy Lozovyi

#Volunteer

Shevchenkove village, Kharkiv region

On 29 March 2022, residents of Shevchenkove village, Kharkiv region, Oleksandr Cholomytko and Serhiy Lozovyi, were killed in the car they were driving. The exact cause of death is unknown. The men were transporting humanitarian aid from Kharkiv to Shevchenkove. According to a local resident with whom ZMINA spoke, the volunteers were traveling in one car, drove through the village of Korobochkyne, while at that time Shevchenkove was under Russian occupation, and passed a checkpoint. The day before, other cars moving in a convoy managed to go that way.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Kharkiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine "Violation of the laws and customs of war". The Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.

63 Investigation into involvement of Russian military personnel in the murder of writer Volodymyr Vakulenko. Truth Hounds, 11 April 2024: <https://truth-hounds.org/cases/rozsliduvannya-prychetnosti-rosijskyh-vijskovykh-do-vbyvstva-pysmennyka-volodymyra-vakulenska/>

64 Notice of charges of committing a criminal offense against D. V. Katkalov and summons to appear on 13 December 2024, 14 December 2024, 16 December 2024. Prosecutor General's Office, 10 December 2024: <https://zmina.info/news/policziya-vstanovyla-shhe-odnogo-spivuchasnyka-u-spravi-pro-vbyvstvo-pysmennyka-volodymyra-vakulenska/>



Oleksiy Antonov, Anastasia Tahirova

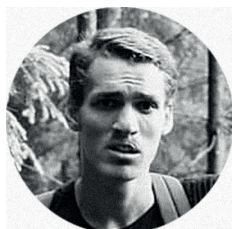
#Volunteer

Yenkiv village, Chernihiv region

On 30 March 2022, Oleksiy Antonov and Anastasia Tahirova, members of the “100% Life” volunteer group, came under mortar fire⁶⁵. Near the village of Yenkiv, Chernihiv region, Russian soldiers fired on a convoy of five volunteer buses, two mines hit the cars next to which the volunteers were. Oleksiy Antonov managed to reach the checkpoint and died from his wounds.

Anastasia Tahirova, a student of the Drahomanov National Pedagogical University as well as Bohdan Stefanyshyn, a fighter of the Kyiv Territorial Defense, were in another car. They both burned to death immediately. The volunteers were delivering medicines to Chernihiv city under fire – dialysis drugs, insulin, asthma drugs, antipsychotics, antibiotics.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Chernihiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Chernihiv Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.



Ihor Kosa

#Volunteer

Sofiivka village, Kherson region

On 31 March 2022, near the village of Sofiivka, Kherson region, Russian soldiers shot the car of a volunteer with disabilities, Ihor Kosa, who was on his way to evacuate graduates of the Oleshky residential school⁶⁶. After the start of the full-scale Russian invasion, Ihor began volunteering in his native Kherson region. Lina Deshvar, an activist who defends the rights of people with disabilities, says that he traveled from Odesa and brought medicines, hygiene products, and various humanitarian aid to the then-occupied Kherson region, and took people back⁶⁷.

65 100% Life volunteer group comes under mortar fire: how medicines for HIV-positive people in occupied cities were delivered. Human Rights Centre ZMINA, 24 October 2022: <https://zmina.info/news/volonterska-grupa-100-zhyttya-potrapyla-pid-minometnyj-vogon-yak-v-okupovani-mista-dostavlyaly-liky-dlya-vil-pozytyvnyh-lyudej/>

66 Last year, Russians shot at the car of volunteer Ihor Kosa, who was driving to Oleshky residential school with medicines. Human Rights Centre ZMINA, 21 March 2023: <https://zmina.info/news/torik-rosiyany-rozstrilyaly-avtivku-volontera-igorya-kosa-yakyj-yihav-do-oleshkivskogo-internatu-vyvezty-druziv/>

67 Publication on Facebook page of activist Lina Deshvar, 21 March 2023: <https://www.facebook.com/lina.deshvar/posts/pfbid02qeZc7JJ88GDajLsAQKz8bJSbJ43nWNYAzmfztnfmauhkVMSgWB4Ac47pcaq1BEJ3l>

Ihor Kosa and his team evacuated many graduates of the Oleshky Residential School, saving their lives. On the day of his death, he was driving fully loaded with medicines to the school and planned to take people out. According to the activist, Ihor's death was finally known after the de-occupation of part of Kherson region and after DNA examination.

The Mykolaiv District Police Department of the Main Directorate of the National Police in the Mykolaiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 1 of Article 115 of the CC of Ukraine "Premeditated murder". The Mykolaiv District Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.

April 2022



Natalia Kharakoz

#Journalist

Mariupol city, Donetsk region

In early April 2022, relatives learned from neighbors about the death of Natalia Kharakoz, a journalist, writer, and member of the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine in Mariupol, information of which was blocked by the Russians⁶⁸. There was little information available, so it was difficult to find out the circumstances and causes of death. In a comment to the Institute of Mass Information, Mariupol journalist and relative of Natalia, Anna Kotykhova, said that Kharakoz's house was burned down and collapsed, after which she was forced to live and hide in the basement.

Natalia was the first woman in Mariupol to become a member of the National Union of Writers of Ukraine (1998). She wrote for the Pryazovskyi Robochyi newspaper. Author of novels, short stories, lyrical short stories, miniatures. Editor of collections of poems and prose *Mariupol in the constellation of Lyra*, *My Hellas-Ukraine*, *We are from Azov area*.

The investigative department of the Second Department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine "Violation of the laws and customs of war". The Donetsk Regional Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance.

68 Journalist, writer Natalia Kharakoz killed in Mariupol. Institute of Mass Information, 3 May 2022: <https://imi.org.ua/news/u-mariupoli-zagynula-zhurnalistka-pysmennytsya-natalya-harakoz-i45329>



Ilona Kurovska

#Volunteer

Near Klavdiyevo-Tarasovo village, Kyiv region

On 2 April 2022, it became known about the death of volunteer Ilona Kurovska. Information about this appeared on the website of the National Academy of the Security Service of Ukraine, where she worked⁶⁹. Kurovska was delivering humanitarian aid to civilian residents of Kyiv region. According to information from Valentyna Osadcha-Hubar, an employee of the Office of the President of Ukraine, Kurovska was transporting food for residents of the village of Klavdiyevo-Tarasovo, Nemishayive community, Kyiv region, and was supposed to pass a Russian checkpoint, but the Russians forced her to drive into a minefield⁷⁰. There, the car exploded and stood there until Kyiv region was liberated from occupation.

Ilona Kurovska also engaged in scientific research in the field of law, was the author of several monographs and scientific works⁷¹.

The investigative department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in Kyiv City and the Kyiv Region initiated a criminal case under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kyiv Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.



Mantas Kvedaravičius

#Journalist

Mariupol city, Donetsk region

Lithuanian citizen Mantas Kvedaravičius, a documentary filmmaker and author of the *Mariupolis* film, was killed in Mariupol, Donetsk region, on 2 April 2022. He went missing when he went to look for local residents who needed evacuation. Kvedaravičius and another man intended to evacuate two women from occupied Mariupol, but Mantas was detained near a stronghold of the “DPR” group, later he was illegally imprisoned, tortured and killed, and his body was thrown away. His fiancée, a Ukrainian named Anna Bilobrova, who initially came with him, searched for Mantas for several days, found him dead on the street, and managed to bring him to Lithuania.

69 The staff of the National Academy of the Security Service of Ukraine expresses deep condolences to the family of Ilona Kurovska. National Academy of the Security Service of Ukraine, 2 April 2022: <https://nasbu.edu.ua/ua/news-1-8-239-kolektiv-nacionalnoi-akademii-sbu-vislovyue-gliboki-spivchuttya-rodini-iloni-kurovskoj>

70 Publication on Facebook page of Valentyna Osadcha-Hubar, 3 April 2022: <https://www.facebook.com/100004188878352/videos/2191236374356871/>

71 Ilona Kurovska, former director of the Institute of Legislation of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Doctor of Law, Senior Fellow, killed tragically. National Research Foundation of Ukraine, 3 April 2022: <https://nrfu.org.ua/news/tragichno-zagynula-ilona-kurovska-kolyshnya-dyrektorka-instytutu-zakonodavstva-vru-doktor-yurydychnyh-nauk-starshyj-naukovyj-spivrobitnyk/>

The Main Investigation Department of the SSU initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war” into the murder. The Prosecutor General’s Office provides procedural guidance.

Prosecutor General of Lithuania Nida Grunskienė and Prosecutor General of Ukraine Andriy Kostin announced at a press conference on 29 February 2024 that the Lithuanian Prosecutor’s Office had issued suspicion notices to three militants of the 1st Separate Motorized Rifle Brigade of the 1st Army Corps of the so-called “DPR” for the inhuman treatment and murder of the filmmaker⁷².



Yevhen Bal

#Activist

Mariupol city, Donetsk region

Yevhen Bal, a volunteer, journalist and writer, member of the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine and the National Union of Writers of Ukraine, died in Mariupol on 2 April 2022⁷³. On 18 March, he was arbitrarily detained by Russian military personnel at his home in the village of Melekine in the Donetsk region. This was reported by journalist and secretary of the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine Lina Kushch⁷⁴. According to her, the pretext for the detention were photos with Ukrainian military personnel that the Russian occupiers found in his house. During the detention, he was tortured. Three days later, on 21 March, he was released after being severely beaten.

Bal was helping the Ukrainian military since 2014, conducting patriotic education events, and meeting with marines. In 2014, he was one of the active residents who prevented the Russian flag from being raised above the Melekine village council.

The investigative department of the Second Department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Donetsk Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.

72 Lithuania issues suspicion notices to 3 "DPR" militants for the murder of Mantas Kvedaravičius. Institute of Mass Information, 29 February 2024: <https://imi.org.ua/news/lytva-ogolosyla-pidozry-trom-bojovkykam-dnr-u-vbyvstvi-rezhysera-kvedaravichyusa-i59585>

73 78-year-old writer and journalist Yevhen Bal dies after being tortured by the occupiers. Suspilne News, 9 April 2022: <https://suspilne.media/226848-pisla-katuvan-okupantiv-pomer-78-ricnij-pismennik-i-zurnalist-evgen-bal/>

74 Publication on Telegram channel of the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine, 8 April 2022: <https://t.me/spilkanews/460>



Olha Kuryerova, Yuriy Zhabin

#Volunteer

Novodruzhesk town, Luhansk region

East SOS Foundation volunteers Olha Kuryerova and Yuriy Zhabin were killed in Russian mortar shelling near Novodruzhesk town, Luhansk region, on 3 April 2022⁷⁵. As the Foundation reports, Kuryerova covered her colleague with her body, and colleague survived. The volunteers provided humanitarian aid to local residents: they brought food and household items to the collection point every day.

The investigative department of the Third Department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Luhansk Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.



Roman Sementsov

#Volunteer

Kramatorsk city, Donetsk region

Roman Sementsov, a volunteer of the humanitarian association “Everything Will Be Well Ukraine” who was helping civilians with evacuation, was killed in the Russian artillery shelling of the railway station in Kramatorsk city, Donetsk region, on 8 April 2022⁷⁶.

Sementsov was originally from Khrustalne in the Luhansk region, lived in Kramatorsk and worked at the Novokramatorsk Machine-Building Plant. When the Russian full-scale invasion began, he asked for leave to begin volunteering: he was responsible for boarding groups with children aged 5 to 15, helped unload humanitarian aid, and accommodated people with disabilities on trains.

The Main Investigation Department of the SSU initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war” into the murder. The Prosecutor General’s Office provides procedural guidance.

75 Two volunteers killed in mortar shelling in Luhansk region – authorities. Radio Liberty, 4 April 2022: <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/news-volontery-luganshchyna-zagubel/31784620.html>

76 Publication on the Facebook page of the All-Ukrainian Movement of Aid and Resistance of Ukraine, 8 April 2022: <https://www.facebook.com/vsebydeUkraine/posts/123037396994418>



Andriy Menchynskyi, Olha Serheyeva

#Volunteer

Lysychansk town, Luhansk region

Volunteer Andriy Menchynskyi was killed by Russian shelling in Lysychansk, Luhansk region, on 15 April 2022. His wife, volunteer Olha Serheyeva, was also injured. She was taken to intensive care unit, and later died of her wounds in a hospital in Dnipro on 23 April⁷⁷. The Head of the Luhansk RMA Serhiy Hayday reported that the couple had been delivering humanitarian aid. According to an acquaintance of Andriy and Olha, they brought humanitarian aid to a pensioner in the village of Berezove in Luhansk region (located almost on the outskirts of Lysychansk).

The investigative department of the Third Department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Luhansk Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.



Yevhen Nesterenko

#Volunteer

Marinka town, Donetsk region

On 16 April 2022, a volunteer of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society, Yevhen Nesterenko, was killed in shelling in Marinka during the evacuation of a local resident. He was buried in the courtyard of the resident’s house.



Vira Hyrych

#Journalist

Kyiv city

Radio Liberty journalist and producer Vira Hyrych was killed by a Russian missile strike on a residential building in Shevchenkivskyi district in Kyiv city on 28 April 2022⁷⁸. Her body was found under the rubble on the morning of 29 April 2022. That day, Kyiv was hit with five Russian cruise missiles. According to the official Ukrainian investigation, the missile that hit the residential building with the Radio Liberty journalist’s apartment was fired from a Tu-95MS bomber.

77 Volunteer Olha Serheyeva, injured in Lysychansk, dies in hospital – Hayday. Human Rights Centre ZMINA, 25 April 2022: <https://zmina.info/news/poranena-u-lysychnansku-volonterka-olga-syergyejeva-pomerla-v-likarni-gajdaj/>

78 Radio Liberty journalist and producer killed in Russian attack on Kyiv. Radio Liberty, 29 April 2022: <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/news-vira-hyrych/31826774.html>

Journalists of the *Skhemy* program conducted a detailed investigation into the causes of the killing of Vira Hyrych⁷⁹. They found out that the head of the secret unit within the main computer center of the Russian military that programs the flight trajectory of missiles, Igor Bagniuk, who was previously identified by *Bellingcat*, *Insider* and *Der Spiegel* journalists, communicated that day with Stanislav Minkov from the route programming team for the Kh-101 missiles, as well as Dmitry Gamaleyev, Vyacheslav Alexandrovich, Pavel Obukhov. The head of Russia's long-range aviation as of 28 April 2022 was Sergey Kobylash, a native of Odesa. Russian commanders who could have commanded strategic bomber pilots at Engels airfield a year ago: Colonel Nikolay Varpakhovich, commander of the 22nd Donbass Heavy Bomber Air Division, Oleg Skitsky, commander of the 121st Heavy Bomber Air Regiment, and Aleksandr Simonenko, commander of the 184th Heavy Bomber Air Regiment.

The investigative department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in Kyiv City and the Kyiv Region initiated a criminal case under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Specialized Defense Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.

May 2022



Denys Selevin

#Volunteer

Regional Landscape Park “Feldman Ecopark”, Derhachi district, Kharkiv region (northern suburbs of Kharkiv city)

On 5 May 2022, a team of Feldman Ecopark employees and volunteers came under Russian shelling during the final stage of the evacuation of African buffaloes from the park. This was announced in a video address by the owner and founder of the Ecopark, Oleksandr Feldman. Russian troops also destroyed all the vehicles of the Ecopark volunteers. On 12 May 2022, Kharkiv resident Nataliya Chuyko published a post in which she noted that a teenager, Denys Selevin, had been killed in the shelling. The boy was helping his parents feed and evacuate the animals⁸⁰.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Kharkiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.

79 Investigative documentary about killing of Vira Hyrych. Skhemy project (Radio Liberty), 29 April 2023: <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/skhemy-film-rozsliduvannya-vira-hyrych/32384027.html>

80 Name of 15-year-old volunteer at Feldman Ecopark killed by Russian army was Denys Selevin. The boy dreamed of becoming a programmer. Human Rights Centre ZMINA, 12 May 2022: <https://zmina.info/news/vbytoho-rosiys%ca%b9koyu-armiyeyu-15-richnoho-volontera-fel%ca%b9dman-ekoparku-zvaly-denys-syelyevin-khlopets%ca%b9-mriyav-staty-prohramistom/>



Dmytro Byts

#Volunteer

Bilohorivka village, Luhansk region

Volunteer Dmytro Byts died under the rubble of a school building as a result of a Russian army attack on Bilohorivka village, Luhansk region, on 7 May 2022⁸¹. This was reported by Head of the Luhansk RMA Serhiy Hayday. According to him, Dmytro evacuated civilians to safety every day and delivered humanitarian cargo. Nazar Dychuk, a Ukrainian soldier, died alongside him in the same shelling. On 7 May, the Russian army dropped an air bomb on a school in Bilohorivka, in the basement of which about 90 people were hiding. Roughly 30 of the people in the basement were saved.

The investigative department of the Third Department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Luhansk Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.



Anton Kushnir

#Volunteer

Near Muzykivka village, Kherson region

Anton Kushnir, a volunteer, local entrepreneur, was killed in the Russian shelling of an evacuation convoy heading from Kherson to Mykolaiv, near the village of Muzykivka, Kherson region, on 16 May 2022. According to the *Most* Kherson media outlet, the Russians opened fire on the convoy⁸². Anton shouted: “We are civilians!” The Russian soldier who shot said that they had an order to shoot at everyone traveling on this road. According to Kherson City Council member Ivan Bebko, Kushnir died from a bullet wound to the head.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Mykolaiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Mykolaiv Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.

81 Publication on Facebook page of Serhiy Hayday, 8 May 2022: <https://www.facebook.com/100075881777013/posts/150653210807404>

82 ‘What do you want? It’s war!’ – Russians shot at the car of Kherson Volvo dealership Anton Kushnir. *Most*, 17 May 2022: https://most.ks.ua/news/url/nu_scho_vi_hochete_vijna_rosijani_rozstriljali_avtomobil_direktora_hersonskogo_avtosalonu_volvo_antona_kushnira



Serhiy Sihayev

#Volunteer

Avdiyivka town, Donetsk region

Ukrainian Red Cross Society volunteer Serhiy Sihayev was killed in his home during shelling on 29 May 2022. He was giving away humanitarian aid in Avdiyivka.



Frédéric Leclerc-Imhoff

#Journalist

Lysychansk town, Luhansk region

Frédéric Leclerc-Imhoff, a French citizen, journalist of the *BFMTV* French TV channel, was killed in the Russian shelling of an evacuation convoy for civilians in Luhansk region on 30 May 2022⁸³. The Head of the Luhansk RMA, Serhiy Hayday reported that fragments of Russian shells had pierced the armor of the car and the journalist had received a fatal wound in the neck. The *BFMTV* editorial office and the *Altice* media group stated that the TV reporter had been killed on the way to Lysychansk. The journalist's colleague, Maxim Brandstetter, was also injured.

The investigative department of the Third Department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Luhansk Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.

June 2022



Valentyn Latyntsev

#Volunteer

Mykolaiv city

Valentyn Latyntsev was killed in a direct hit on an apartment on the fifth floor of a residential building in Mykolaiv on 29 June 2022⁸⁴. He lived with his parents. His mother, father, and their neighbors were also killed. Valentyn was searched for under the rubble for three days, was found last, and his body was taken by Arkadiy Dabahian, his friend

83 Killed in Russia's war against Ukraine. Frédéric Leclerc-Imhoff. Memorial Platform of Memory: <https://www.victims.memorial/people/frederik-leklerk-imhoff>

84 Killed in Russia's war against Ukraine. Valentyn Latyntsev. Memorial Platform of Memory: <https://www.victims.memorial/people/valentin-latincev>

and the Deputy Head of the Mykolaiv Regional Organization of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society.

According to fellow volunteer Iryna Vorontsova, Valentyn Latyntsev volunteered for the Mykolaiv Regional Organization of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society from the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine⁸⁵. He helped residents from vulnerable groups of the population who needed medicine. Before the full-scale war, Valentyn worked as a bartender, and after that, he began collecting things necessary for the military.

July 2022 poky



Paul Urey

#Volunteer

Verbove village, Zaporizhzhia region, presumably

On 15 July 2022, the TASS Russian state news agency reported the death of British citizen, volunteer Paul Urey who had been held hostage by the “DPR” group. The British government confirmed this information⁸⁶.

Paul Urey was evacuating civilians⁸⁷. On 25 April 2022, he went missing together with volunteer Dylan Healy, presumably near the village of Verbove, Zaporizhzhia region, which was occupied by the Russians. According to Dominik Byrne of the Presidium Network, they were held in Rostov-on-Don, then possibly taken to the occupied territory of Donetsk region. According to Prosecutor General Andriy Kostin, injuries were found on Urey's body when returned⁸⁸. Dmytro Lubinets, the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, reported that there were missing body parts, numerous cuts and traces of torture.

The Main Investigation Department of the SSU initiated a criminal investigation under Part 1 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Prosecutor General's Office provides procedural guidance.

85 “Ukraine commemorates those killed in the war against Russia. Volunteer Valentyn Latyntsev” / Ukrinform, 15 January 2023: <https://www.ukrinform.ua/rubric-ato/3651834-ukraina-vsanovue-pamat-zagiblih-u-vijni-proti-rosii-volonter-valentin-latincev.html>

86 UK summons Russian Ambassador. UK Government, 15 July 2022: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-summons-russian-ambassador>

87 British volunteer Paul Urey killed in Russian captivity. What's known about him? BBC NEWS Ukraine, 15 July 2022: <https://www.bbc.com/ukrainian/news-62179548>

88 Andriy Kostin: Prosecutor General's Office initiates criminal investigation into alleged torture and murder of a volunteer from the United Kingdom. Prosecutor General's Office, 7 September 2022: <https://gp.gov.ua/ua/posts/andrii-kostin-ofis-genprokurora-rozpocav-kriminalne-provadzennya-za-faktom-mozlivogo-katuvannya-i-vbivstva-volontera-z-velikoyi-britaniyi>



**Sardor Khakimov,
Viktoria Misharina**

#Volunteer

Chuhuiv town, Kharkiv region

Two volunteers, Sardor Khakimov and Viktoria Misharina, were killed in a Russian missile strike on Chuhuiv, Kharkiv region, on 25 July 2022. Russian forces destroyed a culture center in Chuhuiv where a volunteer center was located⁸⁹. The building was hit with three missiles. At the time of the strike, Khakimov was in the center's basement. He worked in the volunteer kitchen, preparing pilaf and shurpa. Viktoria also volunteered in the kitchen.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Kharkiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine "Violation of the laws and customs of war". The Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.

September 2022



Andro Fabijanić

#Volunteer

Antonivka village, Donetsk region

On 12 September 2022, a car carrying members of the Dnipro Foundation "For Heroes" team was blown up by a mine during the delivery of humanitarian cargo in Antonivka direction of Donetsk region⁹⁰. As a result, the Foundation's volunteer, Croatian citizen Andro Fabijanić, was killed, and two more people were injured. According to a representative of the Foundation, the victims tried to go around electric wires and ran over an explosive device. According to the *Yevropeiska Pravda* Ukrainian online media outlet, the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia confirmed the death of its citizen in Ukraine, who was engaged in volunteering, on 16 September 2022.

89 'They cooked food and helped people': What is known about volunteers killed in Chuhuiv, Kharkiv region. Suspilne News, 26 July 2022: <https://suspilne.media/264724-gotuvali-izu-ta-dopomagali-ludam-so-vidomo-pro-zagiblih-volonteriv-u-cuguevi-na-harkivsini/>

90 Publication on Facebook page "DlyaHeroivUkraine", 16 September 2022: <https://www.facebook.com/DlyaHeroivUkraine/posts/pfbid02an2fymhGcKQGjZMz2NzChCsstta67YHFchYEKYsL2hqJop8i58j1rMQd7GorPgZXI>

December 2022



Viktoria Yaryshko

#Volunteer

Kherson city

Viktoria Yaryshko, a volunteer of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society Rapid Response Unit, was killed⁹¹ in the Russian shelling of Kherson on 15 December 2022. She was hit by a shell fragment while giving away humanitarian aid to residents of the city. A man who was receiving humanitarian aid also died from the shelling. Viktoria was engaged in art therapy, took care of children with special needs, also cooked in a field kitchen, and gave away humanitarian aid.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Kherson Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kherson Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.

91 Red Cross volunteer killed in Russian shelling buried in Kherson: Two children left without mother. Ukrayinska Pravda, 20 December 2023: <https://life.pravda.com.ua/society/2022/12/20/251929/>

2023

January 2023



Andrew Bagshaw, Chris Parry

#Volunteer

Soledar town, Donetsk region

On 6 January 2023, two volunteers – a citizen of New Zealand Andrew Bagshaw and a citizen of the United Kingdom Christopher Parry – left Kramatorsk for Soledar in Donetsk region, after which contact with them was lost. Parry had traveled to Ukraine in March 2022, where he helped rescue more than 400 people. Andrew Bagshaw brought medicines and food to frontline settlements and helped residents evacuate. He said that he had been in Ukraine since April 2022.

On 25 January 2023, BBC, citing a statement by the British Foreign Office, reported that the relatives of Andrew Bagshaw and Christopher Parry confirmed that the volunteers had been killed during an attempted humanitarian evacuation from Soledar⁹².

The investigative department of the Second Department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Donetsk Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.



Denys Sosnenko

#Volunteer

Dolyna village, Donetsk region

Denys Sosnenko, a volunteer of the Black Tulip mission to search for the bodies of fallen soldiers, was killed during a search operation on 23 January 2023⁹³. The minibus he was driving hit an anti-tank mine near the front line in Dolyna village, Kramatorsk district, Donetsk region. The volunteer was born and lived with his family in the village of

92 Relatives of British volunteers missing near Soledar confirm they were killed. Human Rights Center ZMINA, 25 January 2023: <https://zmina.info/news/ridni-znyklyh-poblyzu-soledara-brytanskyh-volonteriv-pidtverdly-yihnye-vbyvstvo/>

93 He brought back those with no hope of returning. Slovyansk bids farewell to volunteer who was searching fallen soldiers. Suspilne News, 30 January 2023: <https://suspilne.media/369860-povernuv-tih-kogo-ne-bulo-nadii-povernuti-u-slovansku-prostilis-z-volonterom-akij-zajmavsa-posukom-zagiblih-voiniv/>

Sydorove, Slovyansk district, Donetsk region. He was fond of martial arts and was a member of a Thai boxing club in Slovyansk.

The investigative department of the Second Department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Donetsk Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.

February 2023



Pete Reed

#Volunteer

Bakhmut town, Donetsk region

US citizen and volunteer, Pete Reed was killed in Bakhmut, Donetsk region, on 2 February 2023. He came under Russian fire while attempting to evacuate civilians. A statement by the Global Response Medicine humanitarian aid group, posted on social media, says that Reed had served as the organization’s board chairman for four years and left Global Response Medicine in January to work with Global Outreach Doctors in their mission in Ukraine⁹⁴.

During the shelling, when Reed heard the sound of shells, he fell and covered a wounded man and two medics who were providing assistance. As a result, the shell killed only him. One of the videos shows that the volunteers were targeted by a Russian anti-tank gun. According to the investigation, local collaborators from Kostiantynivka were the spotters on the civilian ambulances. The white Mercedes-Benz minibus had no visible medical markings, but one of the vehicles was clearly marked as an ambulance. The humanitarian aid workers were unarmed, but at least one medic was dressed in military camouflage.

The investigative department of the Second Department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Donetsk Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.

94 Publication on Instagram account of Global Response Medicine, 3 March 2023: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CoNXpCrLVzW/>

March 2023



Marek Mastalerz

#Volunteer

Bakhmut town, Donetsk region

Polish citizen, volunteer Marek Mastalerz was killed in the shelling near Bakhmut, Donetsk region, on 16 March 2023⁹⁵. The volunteers' bus was hit by a Russian missile. Six people were injured, including two Poles, the rest were local civilians. Ukrainian doctors operated on Marek for several hours but were unable to save him. He died in a Kyiv hospital on 27 March 2023.

Marek Mastalerz was traveling with aid to Ukraine since the autumn of 2022. He prepared trips and took an active part in them. He was in Irpin, Fastiv, Zaporizhzhia and Donetsk regions and he attached great importance to paramedical training.

The investigative department of the Second Department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine "Violation of the laws and customs of war". The Donetsk Regional Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance.

April 2023



Yevhen Sanin

#Volunteer

Dvorichna village, Kharkiv region

On 13 April 2023, Yevhen Sanin, a volunteer of the Eventroom Charity Foundation, was seriously injured in Dvorichna, Kharkiv region. Two volunteer cars were driving to Dvorichna to evacuate civilians. The car in which Sanin was traveling came under Russian fire. The volunteer received shrapnel wounds to the face, abdomen, and thigh. Immediately after the injury, the man was evacuated to the Kupyansk District Hospital, where he underwent surgery for several hours. His condition was stabilized, but he remained serious. He was later transported to Kharkiv for continued treatment. He was scheduled for two more surgeries. On 12 May 2023, Yevhen Sanin died in the hospital⁹⁶.

95 Publication on Facebook page "Nehemiah Initiative", 27 March 2023: <https://www.facebook.com/inicjatywa.nehemiasz/posts/190073600442231>

96 A volunteer who came under fire in April while trying to evacuate a woman from Kupyansk district dies in hospital. Human Rights Centre ZMINA, 12 May 2023: <https://zmina.info/news/u-likarni-pomer-volonter-yakvj-u-kvitni-potravyv-pid-obstril-pid-chas-sproby-evakuyuvaty-zhinku-z-kupyanshhyny/>

Sanin was involved in the evacuation of civilians through the Pecheneg dam during the occupation of Kharkiv region. At that time, volunteers evacuated almost 20,000 people from under shelling.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Kharkiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 1 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.



Bohdan Bitik

#Journalist

Kherson city

On 26 April 2023, near the Antonivka Bridge near Kherson, Italian correspondent of the *Repubblica* media outlet Corrado Zunino and his Ukrainian producer Bohdan Bitik came across an ambush by Russian snipers. As a result of the shelling, Zunino received four wounds and was taken to a hospital in Kherson. Bitik failed to reach the hospital, his body was difficult to find and evacuate due to the shelling by Russian snipers⁹⁷.

According to the Italian journalist, they passed three checkpoints, Bitik spoke with the Ukrainian military, and they let them through since the territory did not belong to the combat zone. Both journalists had the words “Press” on their jackets. At the same time, the Ukrainian service members said that the journalists violated the rules of work in a front-line city⁹⁸.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Kherson Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kherson Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.

97 Ukrainian fixer for Repubblica killed in Kherson, Italian journalist wounded. Radio Liberty, 26 April 2023: <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/news-herson-zahynuv-fixer-repubblica-poranyj-zhurnalist/32380888.html>

98 Foreign journalist wounded by Russians in Kherson region ignores warnings from the Ukrainian military. Center for Strategic Communications and Information Security, 27 April 2023: <https://t.me/spravdi/28409>

May 2023



Arman Soldin

#Journalist

Chasiv Yar town, Donetsk region

Arman Soldin, French citizen and video journalist for the Agence France-Presse news agency, was killed near Chasiv Yar, Donetsk region, on 9 May 2023⁹⁹. The media team, together with a group of Ukrainian military personnel, came under Russian Grad MLRS fire. One of the shells hit close to where the journalist was lying on the ground to hide from the shelling.

Soldin was part of the first Agence France-Presse team, with which he arrived in Ukraine the day after the Russian full-scale invasion started. He started working for Agence France-Presse as an intern in the Rome bureau. In September 2022, he was appointed video coordinator in the Agence France-Presse bureau in Kyiv, regularly traveling to the front lines.

Oleksandr Todorchuk from the UAnimals animal protection organization wrote that a week before his death, the journalist found an emaciated hedgehog in one of the trenches, took it out, and told the story to the organization's activists. In memory of Soldin, UAnimals opened a grant of UAH 100,000 for volunteers and shelters that rescue hedgehogs.

The investigative department of the Second Department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine "Violation of the laws and customs of war". The Donetsk Regional Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance.

June 2023



Svitlana Klymenko, Yuriy Holovin

#Volunteer

Huryiv Kozachok village, Kharkiv region

Volunteers Svitlana Klymenko and Yuriy Holovin were killed in a Russian Kornet anti-tank missile strike in the village of Huryiv Kozachok, Kharkiv region, on 17 June

99 'Forever young': French journalist Arman Soldin killed with Russian missile. Ukrinform, 11 May 2023: <https://www.ukrinform.ua/rubric-ato/3707769-nazavzdi-molodij-francuzkij-zurnalist-arman-soldin-ubitij-rosijskou-raketou.html>

2023¹⁰⁰. They were delivering food to civilians and were killed while carrying out a humanitarian mission. Their remains were only able to be evacuated late in the evening so as to not come under repeated shelling as the place where the volunteers were killed was under Russian fire control.

Svitlana Klymenko worked at the Zolochiv Central District Hospital as a nurse in the therapeutic department, then at the Kharkiv Military Hospital. After retirement, she was a nurse at the *Harmony* Children's Center. During the full-scale invasion, she provided medical assistance to residents who remained in Zolochiv¹⁰¹. In December 2022, she began to rally fellow villagers around her to cook food for the military and searched for transport to deliver the cooked food.

Yuriy Holovin worked as a locksmith and builder. After the full-scale invasion started, he began to volunteer: he delivered food to the elderly and military in the village of Zolochiv and transported those who wanted to from Kharkiv to Zolochiv community¹⁰². After 4 March 2022, when the shelling of Zolochiv began, he took women with children to the railway station. He helped the elderly and seriously ill with medicines. Every Saturday, he brought home-cooked meals, medicines, hygiene products, and other things for the military to the front line.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Kharkiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 1 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.

July 2023



Viktoria Amelina

#HumanRightsActivist

Kramatorsk city, Donetsk region

Ukrainian writer, public figure, volunteer and human rights activist Viktoria Amelina died at the Mechnikov Dnipropetrovsk Regional Clinical Hospital on 1 July 2023. Viktoria was unconscious for several days after receiving a serious head wound as a result of a Russian missile strike on Kramatorsk, Donetsk region, on 27 June 2023¹⁰³.

100 Kornet anti-tank missile system strike on civilian vehicle in Kharkiv region: Names of killed volunteers become known. Suspilne News, 18 June 2024: <https://suspilne.media/510027-udar-po-civilnij-aktivci-ptkr-kornet-na-harkivsini-stali-vidomi-imena-zagiblih-volonteriv/>

101 Killed in Russia's war against Ukraine. Svitlana Klymenko. Memorial Platform of Memory: <https://www.victims.memorial/people/svitlana-klymenko>

102 Killed in Russia's war against Ukraine. Yuriy Holovin. Memorial Platform of Memory: <https://www.victims.memorial/people/yurii-holovin>

103 Victoria Amelina, a Ukrainian writer, and our dearest colleague, passes away. PEN Ukraine, 2 July 2023: <https://pen.org.ua/ne-stalo-viktoriyi-amelinoyi-ukrayinskoyi-pysmennyci-ta-nashoyi-dorohoyi-kolehy>

Amelina was born in Lviv, moved to Canada with her father at school age, but soon returned to Ukraine. Organizer of a literary festival in New York, Donetsk region and member of PEN Ukraine, she later volunteered and collected aid for residents of Donbas and Lozova in the Kharkiv region. In 2022, she joined the field investigators of Russian war crimes in the Truth Hounds team. She found the war diaries of murdered Kharkiv writer Volodymyr Vakulenko in Kapytolivka, Izium district, and promoted their publication.

Investigators of the Main Department of the SSU in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 111 of the CC of Ukraine “High Treason”. The Donetsk Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.

On 4 April 2024, the Donetsk Regional Prosecutor’s Office reported on the conviction of a Kramatorsk resident for high treason¹⁰⁴. The court sentenced him to life imprisonment with confiscation of property. The convict worked at a gas transportation enterprise and was recruited by the Russian Federation. Carrying out the enemy’s tasks, he sent videos of military vehicles near a pizzeria via Telegram. After that, the AF-RF hit the pizzeria with an Iskander-M missile. As a result of the attack, 13 people were killed and 64 were injured, including children.



Olha Ochkas

#Volunteer

Orikhiv town, Zaporizhzhia region

Olha Ochkas, a volunteer and desk officer at the Orikhiv railway station, was killed in a guided bomb strike on Orikhiv, Zaporizhzhia region, on 9 July 2023¹⁰⁵. The Russians struck the building of an educational institution that housed a humanitarian aid distribution point. Olha remained in Orikhiv to help those unable to leave; at the time of the strike, she was volunteering at the invincibility point.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Zaporizhzhia Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Zaporizhzhia Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.

104 Life imprisonment: Sentence passed for Kramatorsk resident who spots occupiers' missile strike on RIA PIZZA. Donetsk Regional Prosecutor's Office, 4 April 2024: <https://don.gp.gov.ua/ua/news.html?m=publications&c=view&t=rec&id=357423>

105 Russians hit Orikhiv, Zaporizhzhia region, killing family couple. Human Rights Centre ZMINA, 9 July 2023: <https://zmina.info/news/rosiyany-obstrilyaly-orikhiv-zaporiz%CA%B9koyi-oblasti-zahynula-simeyna-para/>

August 2023



Volodymyr Vasylenko

#HumanRightsActivist

Chernihiv city

On 19 August 2023, a Russian missile strike on Chernihiv city center killed a monitor of the NGO “Right to Protection”, lawyer Volodymyr Vasylenko¹⁰⁶. He was driving a car near the drama theater in Chernihiv at the time of the strike¹⁰⁷.

Russian troops struck the city center at approximately 11:30 on 19 August 2023. As of the next morning on 20 August, 148 people were injured and 41 people were hospitalized. The building of the Chernihiv Regional Drama Theater was destroyed, more than 500 apartments were damaged. A drone exhibition was taking place in the theater building, and nearby there was a service in the Pyatnytska Church and the consecration of baskets on the Apple Feast of the Saviour.

According to the Truth Hounds study published on 31 October 2023, Russian troops struck Chernihiv with an Iskander-K cruise missile¹⁰⁸.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Chernihiv Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Chernihiv Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.

September 2023



Anthony Ignat, Emma Igual

#Volunteer

Chasiv Yar town, Donetsk region

On 10 September 2023, foreign volunteers Anthony Ignat and Emma Igual came under Russian fire while driving near Chasiv Yar, Donetsk region. They left Slovyansk in the direction of Bakhmut to find out the needs of civilians. Their car overturned and

106 Right to Protection activist killed, his colleague injured in missile attack on Chernihiv. Human Rights Centre ZMINA, 20 August 2024: <https://zmina.info/news/unaslidok-ataky-rosiyan-na-chernigiv-zagynuv-aktyvist-pravo-na-zahyst-jogo-kolega-poranena/>

107 Missile attack on Chernihiv center: Names of all seven victims become known. Suspilne Chernihiv, 20 August 2023: <https://suspilne.media/chernihiv/554717-raketnij-obstril-centru-vernigova-stali-vidomimena-vsih-semi-zagiblih/>

108 Acting persons of the attack on Chernihiv Drama Theater. Truth Hounds, 31 October 2023: <https://truth-hounds.org/cases/dijovi-osoby-ataky-na-chernigivskij-dramteatr/>

caught fire from a direct hit from a Russian anti-tank system. It is known that Anthony Ignat from Ontario was killed¹⁰⁹. Emma Igual was considered missing for some time.

Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain José Manuel Albares told Spanish media that the authorities in Madrid had received verbal confirmation of the death of Igual. The killing of Anthony and Emma was also reported by the Road to Relief organization, to which they belonged¹¹⁰. It is engaged in the evacuation of civilians in Donbas and previously helped the civilian population of Kherson region.

The investigative department of the Second Department of the Main Directorate of the SSU in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions initiated a criminal investigation into the murder of Anthony Ignat under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Donetsk Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance.



Serhiy Shalyhin, Vadym Zabara

#Volunteer

Kupyansk town, Kharkiv region

Kharkiv volunteers Serhiy Shalyhin and Vadym Zabara from the NGO “Pyatykhatky-BAM” were killed in a Russian strike in Kupyansk, Kharkiv region, on 19 September 2023¹¹¹. They were evacuating residents from Kivsharivka in Kupyansk district.

Shalyhin had been volunteering since 2014 and was a co-founder of the NGO “Pyatykhatky-BAM”. Zabara served in the AFU but was discharged due to health reasons after being wounded. He continued to help people as a volunteer, this was his first trip.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Kharkiv Region initiated a criminal investigation into the murder of Serhiy Shalyhin under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.

109 Russians fire on foreign volunteers’ car in Donetsk region: Two out of four killed. Donbas News, 10 October 2024: <https://novosti.dn.ua/news/357450-na-donechchyni-rosiyany-obstrilyaly-avto-inozemnyh-volonteriv-dvoye-z-chotyroh-zagynuly>

110 Publication on Instagram account of Road to Relief, 10 September 2023: https://www.instagram.com/p/Cw_JXFEMENq/

111 Publication on Facebook page of NGO “Pyatykhatky-BAM”, 19 September 2023: <https://www.facebook.com/5hatkibam/posts/pfbid0PehAErCAKyrVdoAxkJhZU94vGuwccgpiu8CwuTAb8xwxHm6LHUgUERNiXFBHrK2Ml>



Oskar Alexander Koksvik Johansson

#Volunteer

Kramatorsk city, Donetsk region

On 28 September 2023, a volunteer paramedic, a citizen of the Kingdom of Denmark, Oscar Alexander Koksvik Johansson, was killed in Kramatorsk, Donetsk region¹¹². The Ukrainian pastoral ministry of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Denmark reported that the volunteer had been killed while saving the lives of others during Russian shelling. The Roman Catholic parish of St. Nicholas in Kyiv reported that the volunteer had been a Roman Catholic and was killed near Bakhmut in Donetsk region. Since the beginning of the Russian full-scale invasion, Oscar was actively helping Ukrainians. He brought ambulances and other medical equipment to Ukraine, saving lives in the most dangerous areas of the front.

December 2023



Ruslan Anisenko

#Volunteer

Kherson city

On 5 December 2023, volunteer Ruslan Anisenko from the Charity Foundation “Spravzhni” was killed in a Russian shelling in Kherson¹¹³. This was reported by Head of the Kherson RMA Oleksandr Prokudin. The volunteer was killed by a shell fired by Russian troops on the city center. Several civilians were injured with artillery that day. Two people were confirmed to have been killed and another person was injured. The Russians hit one of the city’s medical facilities.

Charity Foundation “Spravzhni” is an association of volunteers who survived the occupation of Kherson. They help local civilians. Ruslan Anisenko worked at the Foundation to eliminate the consequences of Russian shelling: he dismantled rubble, mended broken windows. On 5 December 2023, he went to work at the volunteer headquarters.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Kherson Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine “Violation of the laws and customs of war”. The Kherson Regional Prosecutor’s Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.

112 Volunteer paramedic from Denmark killed on frontline in Ukraine. UNIAN, 11 October 2024: <https://www.unian.ua/society/na-fronti-v-ukrajini-zagynuv-volonter-paramedik-iz-daniji-12422400.html>

113 Publication on Telegram account of Oleksandr Prokudin, 5 December 2024: <https://t.me/oleksandrprokudin/2154>

2024

January 2024



Valeriy Konchenkov, Yulia Breynina

#Volunteer

Kharkiv city

A family couple of volunteers, Valeriy Konchenkov and Yulia Breynina, were killed in a Russian missile strike in Kharkiv on 23 January 2024¹¹⁴. On 24 January, the couple's bodies were retrieved from the rubble. Yulia had been volunteering since 2014: she wove camouflage nets, collected aid, and made trench candles. Valeriy sewed flags for the graves of fallen soldiers. On 23 January, the Russians launched about 12 combined missile strikes with S-300, Kh-32, and Iskander missiles on Kharkiv. A Russian missile completely destroyed a section of an apartment block in the Kyivskiy district of the city.

The investigative department of the SSU Directorate in the Kherson Region initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine "Violation of the laws and customs of war". The Kherson Regional Prosecutor's Office provides procedural guidance for the investigation.

February 2024



Adrien Pajol, Guennadi Guermanovitch

#Volunteer

Beryslav town, Kherson region

On 2 February 2024, statements by French President Emmanuel Macron¹¹⁵ and French Foreign Minister Stéphane Séjourné¹¹⁶ appeared on the X network stating that two French citizens, Adrien Pajol and Guennadi Guermanovitch, had been killed in Russian

114 Publication on Facebook page of volunteers' close friend Inha Ostrovska, 24 January 2024: <https://www.facebook.com/inga.ostrovskaya/posts/pfbid028NR12HL3J677dSRdnTeaLpyy4cg6VgEjaLpfCA5roMFtXgLGbtjoi5hcRzvuuPL8l>

115 Statement by French President Emmanuel Macron on X, 2 February 2024: <https://twitter.com/EmmanuelMacron/status/1753357814368509980>

116 Statement by French Foreign Minister Stéphane Séjourné on X, 2 February 2024: https://twitter.com/steph_sejourné/status/1753347621576462600

shelling in Beryslav, Kherson region¹¹⁷. On the same day, France's National Anti-Terrorism Prosecutor's Office opened a criminal investigation into a war crime and intentionally causing harm to the life of a person protected by international humanitarian law¹¹⁸. According to French media, the team of volunteers planned to give away basic necessities to civilians near the front line. They had all the insignia of representatives of a humanitarian organization.

The Main Investigation Department of the SSU initiated a criminal investigation under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine "Violation of the laws and customs of war" into the murders. The Prosecutor General's Office provides procedural guidance.



Stepan Podolchak

#Activist

Kalanchak village, Kherson region

On 13 February 2024, Russian soldiers abducted Archpriest Stepan Podolchak, the rector and builder of the All Saints of the Ukrainian Land Church of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, in Kalanchak village, Skadovsk district, Kherson region. The Russians dragged him barefoot from his house, put a bag over his head, and then tortured him to death. On 15 February 2024, his wife was called to identify the body.

As Svitlana Fomina, the head of the Kalanchak Village Military Administration, told the Center of Journalistic Investigations news agency, Stepan Podolchak came to Kalanchak from Lviv region, he and the believers built a church for over ten years¹¹⁹. He always had pro-Ukrainian views, he conducted all services in Ukrainian, even during the occupation. During the occupation, officers of the Russian FSB repeatedly talked to him, persuading him to switch to the Moscow Patriarchate, but he refused. In the autumn of 2022, after the liberation of Kherson, the Primate of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, Metropolitan Epiphanius, awarded Podolchak the highest award for his zealous service under occupation: the right to wear a miter (a headdress worn by bishops, archimandrites, as well as priests, who are given this right as a reward for special merits).

117 Guerre en Ukraine: après la mort de deux humanitaires français dans un bombardement russe, une enquête ouverte pour crime de guerre. Le Monde, 03.02.2024: https://www.lemonde.fr/international/article/2024/02/03/guerre-en-ukraine-apres-la-mort-de-deux-humanitaires-francais-dans-un-bombardement-russe-une-enquete-ouverte-pour-crime-de-guerre_6214601_3210.html

118 Humanitaires français tués en Ukraine : le parquet antiterroriste ouvre une enquête à Paris. TF1 INFO, 03.02.2024: <https://www.tf1info.fr/international/guerre-ukraine-russie-humanitaires-francais-tues-en-ukraine-le-parquet-antiterroriste-ouvre-une-enquete-a-paris-2284935.html>

119 Russian occupiers in Kherson region torture to death 59-year-old Stepan Podolchak, rector of OCU church in Kalanchak. Center of Journalistic Investigations, 15 February 2024: <https://investigator.org.ua/ua/news-2/pivden/264202/>

July 2024



Yuriy Safonov

#Volunteer

Odnorobivka village, Kharkiv region

Volunteer Yuriy Safonov was killed in Russian artillery shelling of Odnorobivka village, Kharkiv region, on 6 July 2024¹²⁰. As the Zolochiv Village Council reported, he volunteered and supported local residents¹²¹.

The day before his death, he helped restore the roof over the Starosta district building. Yuriy worked in the field of culture for over 20 years, was the head of the Odnorobivka house of culture.

A pre-trial investigation into the violation of the laws and customs of war combined with premeditated murder under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine was initiated under the procedural guidance of the Bohodukhiv District Prosecutor's Office of the Kharkiv Region¹²².

August 2024



Vladyslav Zavtur, Andriy Studynskiy

#Volunteer

Kherson city

Two volunteers of the Mavi Hilal Ukraine Charity Foundation – Vladyslav Zavtur and Andriy Studynskiy – were killed in Dniprovskiy district of Kherson city on 14 August 2024¹²³. A Russian drone attacked them while they were giving water to Kherson residents. The driver, Studynskiy died on location. Vladyslav Zavtur died in the hospital on the night of 14 August. The volunteers transported free bread and drinking water from Mykolaiv to Kherson for a long time. They started a program to provide residents of the Antonivka starosta district with liquefied gas.

120 Volunteer killed in artillery shelling in Kharkiv region. ATN, 7 July 2024: <https://atn.ua/ukraine/na-kharkivshchyni-vnaslidok-artobstrilu-zahynuv-volonter-444379/>

121 Publication on Facebook page of Zolochiv Village Council, 6 July 2024: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2088160274750979/posts/3781892052044451/>

122 Enemy artillery hits village in Kharkiv region, killing man and wounding his wife – investigation initiated. Prosecutor General's Office, 6 July 2024: <https://gp.gov.ua/ua/posts/vorog-z-artileriyi-obstridyav-selo-na-xarkivshhini-zagynuv-colovik-iogo-druzina-poranena-rozpocato-provadzennya>

123 Publication on Telegram channel of Head of the Kherson City Military Administration Roman Mrochko, 15 August 2024: https://t.me/roman_mrochko/10603



Ryan Evans

#Journalist

Kramatorsk city, Donetsk region

On 24 August 2024, a missile strike on the Sapfir Hotel in Kramatorsk killed Ryan Evans, a security advisor for the Reuters British news agency¹²⁴. His body was found under the rubble on 25 August. Four more correspondents of this media outlet were injured in the strike. Reuters cameraman Ivan Lubysh-Kirdey was seriously injured. Polish journalist Monika Andruszewska was also injured. According to her, she was driving through Kramatorsk during the attack, and her car was damaged as a result of the shelling. The Russian military fired an Iskander-M missile. The two-story hotel was partially destroyed by a direct hit, which formed a huge shell crater.

A pre-trial investigation into the violation of the laws and customs of war under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine was initiated under the procedural guidance of the Donetsk Regional Prosecutor's Office¹²⁵.

September 2024



Yevhenia Sadovska, Daria Bazylevych, Daryna Bazylevych

#Activist

#Volunteer

Lviv city

On the night of 4 September 2024, a missile strike on Lviv killed a family — Yevhenia Sadovska and three daughters — Yaryna, Daria, and Emilia Bazylevychs. The only survivor of the family was the father, Yaroslav Bazylevych¹²⁶.

Yevhenia Sadovska, Daria Bazylevych and Yaryna Bazylevych were activists of Plast organization. Yevhenia joined Plast in Lviv back in the 1990s.

Daria Bazylevych was a second-year student in the Cultural Studies program of the Faculty of Humanities of the Ukrainian Catholic University, was an active student,

124 Reuters confirms death of its employee in Russian strike on Kramatorsk. Detector Media, 26 August 2024: <https://detector.media/community/article/231307/2024-08-26-reuters-pidtverdylo-zagybel-svogo-pratsivnyka-cherez-rosiyskyy-udar-po-kramatorsku/>

125 Prosecutor's office considering version of targeted Russian strike on hotel with journalists in Kramatorsk. Radio Liberty, 4 September 2024: <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/news-kramatorsk-hotel-zhurnalisty/33105672.html>

126 'I want to scream with anger and despair.' A family with three children killed in Lviv. BBC News Ukraine, 4 September 2024: <https://www.bbc.com/ukrainian/articles/cqjl12le1ko>

mentor of the university's Volunteer Laboratory. She studied in a theater studio, studied acting.

Yaryna Bazylevych worked as a program manager at the Lviv – the European Youth Capital 2025 office, at the MoloDvizhCenter of the TVORY! network. She was a program manager for urban youth projects, a volunteer designer for the Neopalymy project in 2022–2023.

That day, during a massive missile strike on Ukraine, the Russian military struck the center of Lviv, near the railway station, with ballistic missiles, including Kinzhal missiles. Seven people were killed, more than 50 were injured. Several buildings were destroyed, including architectural monuments, and 188 houses were damaged, many of which were residential.

A pre-trial investigation into the violation of the laws and customs of war under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine was initiated under the procedural guidance of the Lviv Regional Prosecutor's Office¹²⁷.



Oleksandr Krasiuk, Ruslan Ruban

#Volunteer

Mykolaivka town, Donetsk region

On 7 September 2024, zoo volunteers – Oleksandr Krasiuk from Kharkiv and Ruslan Ruban from Mezhova in Dnipropetrovsk region – died under the rubble of a local hotel in Mykolaivka town, Kramatorsk district, Donetsk region, as a result of Russian shelling¹²⁸.

Head of the information service of the NGO “ZooControl” Natalia Zozulia noted that their colleagues had worked in the crew for about four years, engaged in sterilization of animals. Volunteers came to the front-line territories, caught, sterilized animals, and released them back after recovery. They came to Mykolaivka to conduct vaccinations and sterilizations.

Oleksandr Krasiuk was a dog trainer, he joined the team of the NGO “ZooControl” in 2017. Ruslan Ruban – in 2020. They began their activities by sterilizing abandoned animals in Popasna in the Luhansk region, when the front line was already nearby.

A pre-trial investigation into the violation of the laws and customs of war under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine was initiated under the procedural guidance of the Donetsk Regional Prosecutor's Office.

127 Seven killed, including children, in missile strike on Lviv – investigation launched. Lviv Regional Prosecutor's Office, 4 September 2024: https://lviv.gp.gov.ua/ua/news.html?_m=publications&t=rec&id=368831&fp=140

128 Oleksandr Krasiuk from Kharkiv and Ruslan Ruban from Mezhova died under rubble of hotel in Mykolaivka town, Donetsk region. Suspilne Donbas, 8 September 2024: <http://surl.li/otdkrn>

Denys Horodetskyi

(names of another two people killed yet unknown)



#Volunteer

Viroliubivka village, Donetsk region

Three volunteers of the International Committee of the Red Cross were killed near the village of Viroliubivka, Kostiantynivka district, Donetsk region, on 12 September 2024¹²⁹. They had come to the village to give local residents fuel briquettes to heat their homes. At the time of the shelling, they were unloading the delivered aid.

Three men died on location as a result of the attack. Two of their colleagues suffered shrapnel wounds. The victims were taken to a medical facility. One of the injured was in serious condition.

On 15 September, it became known that one of the killed volunteers was named Denys Horodetskyi, an IDP from Siverskodonetsk, Luhansk region¹³⁰. He was supposed to give away humanitarian aid on a Red Cross truck, but a Russian shell destroyed the vehicle, killing him and two other colleagues.

ZMINA asked the leadership of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Ukraine why the names of the other two killed were not disclosed. The explanation stated that this was due to the reluctance of the relatives of the killed volunteers to make their names and surnames public.

A pre-trial investigation into the violation of the laws and customs of war under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine was initiated under the procedural guidance of the Donetsk Regional Prosecutor's Office.

129 Occupiers strike Red Cross humanitarian mission – investigation launched into killing three and wounding two of its employees. Prosecutor General's Office, 12 September 2024: <https://gp.gov.ua/ua/posts/okupanti-zavdali-udaru-po-gumanitarnii-misiyi-cervonogo-xresta-rozpocato-rozsliduvannya-za-faktom-zagibeli-tryox-ta-poranennya-dvox-yiyi-spivrobotnikiv>

130 ICRC employee Denys Horodetskyi, IDP from Luhansk region, killed in shelling of Viroliubivka. Suspilne Donbas, 15 September 2024: <https://suspilne.media/donbas/836869-zagiblij-pid-cas-obstrilu-virolubivki-pracivnik-mkch-pereselenec-z-lugansini-denis-gorodeckij/>



Viktoria Roshchyna

#Journalist

Russia, exact place of death unknown

On 10 October 2024, it became known that journalist Viktoria Roshchyna had been killed in Russian captivity¹³¹. Petro Yatsenko, the head of the press service of the Coordination Headquarters, reported this on the air of the United News telethon.

The document given by the Russian Ministry of Defense to the journalist's father, Volodymyr Roshchyn, indicates the date of death as 19 September. Her body had not been returned at the time of preparation of this report¹³².

Andriy Yusov, a representative of Ukraine's Main Directorate of Intelligence, stated in a comment to Suspilne that Roshchyna had been on the exchange lists, her return had been agreed upon and she had been transferred to the Lefortovo detention center to get ready for her return home. According to Yusov, the journalist had to be returned to Ukraine in the near future. The circumstances of her death are being investigated.

Yaroslav Yurchyshyn, the chairman of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Freedom of Speech, also reported that Roshchyna had gone on a hunger strike due to inhumane treatment.

Viktoria Roshchyna stopped contacting her family on 3 August 2023. According to her father, she left Ukraine for Poland on 27 July and was supposed to reach the occupied territories in eastern Ukraine in three days, planning to travel through Russia. According to her father, the SSU confirmed to the family that Viktoria had been captured by the Russians. On 27 May 2024, the Russian Ministry of Defense admitted that it was holding Roshchyna.

Employees of the Russian FSB had already detained Viktoria Roshchyna earlier – on 16 March 2022, she was in occupied Berdiansk¹³³. On 22 March, the Russian military released her, forcing her to record a video in which she said that she had no complaints about the Russian special services.

Roshchyna was the author of a series of reports for Radio Liberty, collaborated with Radio Liberty as a freelancer in 2022, was also a freelancer for the Ukrayinska Pravda online media outlet, and worked for Hromadske¹³⁴. In 2022, she received the International Women's Media Foundation award for Courage in Journalism.

131 Ukrainian journalist Viktoria Roshchyna was on the exchange list. She died while being transferred to Lefortovo. Human Rights Centre ZMINA, 10 October 2024: <https://zmina.info/news/ukrayinska-zhurnalistka-viktoriya-roshchyna-bula-u-spyskah-na-obmin-yusov/>

132 Death of Viktoria Roshchyna: What happened to captured journalist? Radio Liberty, 12 October 2024: <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/viktoriya-roshchyna-smert-u-poloni/33156337.html>

133 Repatriation on November 29: Russia again fails to return the body of journalist Roshchyna to Ukraine. Suspilne News, 29 November 2024: <https://suspilne.media/891377-rosia-vcergove-ne-viddala-ukraini-tilo-zurnalistki-rosinoi-aka-pomerla-u-rosijskomu-poloni/>

134 Journalist Viktoria Roshchyna dies in Russian captivity – Coordination Headquarters. Radio Liberty, 10 October 2024: <https://www.radiosvoboda.org/a/news-viktoria-roshchyna-pomerla/33154078.html>

The Main Investigation Department of the SSU investigates the disappearance and death of the journalist under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine (the violation of the laws and customs of war). The Prosecutor General's Office provides the procedural guidance¹³⁵.



Leonid Loboyko

#Volunteer

Kozacha Lopan village, Kharkiv region

On 28 September 2024, Leonid Loboyko, a judge of the Criminal Cassation Court of the Supreme Court, was killed in the village of Kozacha Lopan, Kharkiv region¹³⁶. He was delivering humanitarian aid to local residents.

A Russian FPV drone hit a civilian car driven by Loboyko, after which the car crashed into the wall of a house. Three women who, according to preliminary data, were in this car were also injured. They were hospitalized.

A pre-trial investigation was launched into the violation of the laws and customs of war under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine.

October 2024



Tyhran Halustian

#Volunteer

Illinka village, Donetsk region

Tyhran Halustian, a volunteer from the search and rescue unit of the NGO "Rose on the Hand", was killed with a Russian FPV drone near the village of Illinka, Pokrovsk district, Donetsk region, on 6 October 2024¹³⁷. The volunteers worked in Selydove and were traveling to Hirnyk to evacuate local residents. As the head of the search and rescue unit, Oleksandr Humaniuk, said, Halustian is the first volunteer of the organization killed dur-

135 In connection with information about the death of Ukrainian journalist Viktoriya Roshchyna in the Russian Federation, the criminal case opened into her disappearance reclassified as war crime combined with premeditated murder. Prosecutor General's Office, 11 October 2024: <https://gp.gov.ua/ua/posts/uzvyazku-z-informacijeyu-pro-smert-ukrayinskoyi-zurnalistki-viktoriyi-roshhinoyi-v-rf-kriminalne-provazdennya-vidkrite-za-faktom-yiyi-zniknennya-dokvalifikovano-vojennii-zlocin-pojednanii-z-umisnim-vbivstvom>

136 Russians hit village in Kharkiv region with KABs: Three people killed, three more injured. Human Rights Centre ZMINA, 28 October 2024: <https://zmina.info/news/rosiyany-vdaryly-kabamy-po-selyshhu-na-harkivshhyni-zagynuly-troye-lyudej-shhe-troye-zaznaly-poranen/>

137 On the way to Hirnyk for evacuation. Volunteer from Kharkiv killed in strike on car in Donetsk region. Suspilne Donbas, 7 October 2024: <https://suspilne.media/donbas/852599-ihali-na-evakuaciu-u-girnik-pid-cas-obstrilu-avtivki-na-doneccini-zaginuv-harkivskij-volonter/>

ing a mission¹³⁸. According to him, Tyhran's colleague, Danylo, received a concussion but refused hospitalization.

A pre-trial investigation into the violation of the laws and customs of war under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine was initiated under the procedural guidance of the Donetsk Regional Prosecutor's Office¹³⁹.

December 2024



Rymma Baranenko

#Volunteer

Kherson city

On 1 December 2024, volunteer Rymma Baranenko was killed in Kherson when the Russians dropped an explosive device from a drone on a city bus. The woman was one of the passengers on the bus. Her death was reported by Head of the Kherson RMA Oleksandr Prokudin, who noted that he had personally known the volunteer for more than ten years, they had cooperated on various projects. That day, as a result of a Russian drone attack on public transport, three people were killed and seven more were injured.

According to her friend Olena Nazarchuk, the woman was killed on the way to church¹⁴⁰. During the occupation of Kherson and after its liberation, the volunteer helped residents of Antonivka and Kherson and took care of homeless animals.

A pre-trial investigation into the violation of the laws and customs of war under Part 2 of Article 438 of the CC of Ukraine was initiated under the procedural guidance of the Kherson Regional Prosecutor's Office¹⁴¹.

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