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# **5 years of work of the prosecutor's office**

## **National and international dimensions**

### **Vision of the future**



**Prosecutor's Office of  
the Autonomous  
Republic of Crimea and  
the City of Sevastopol**

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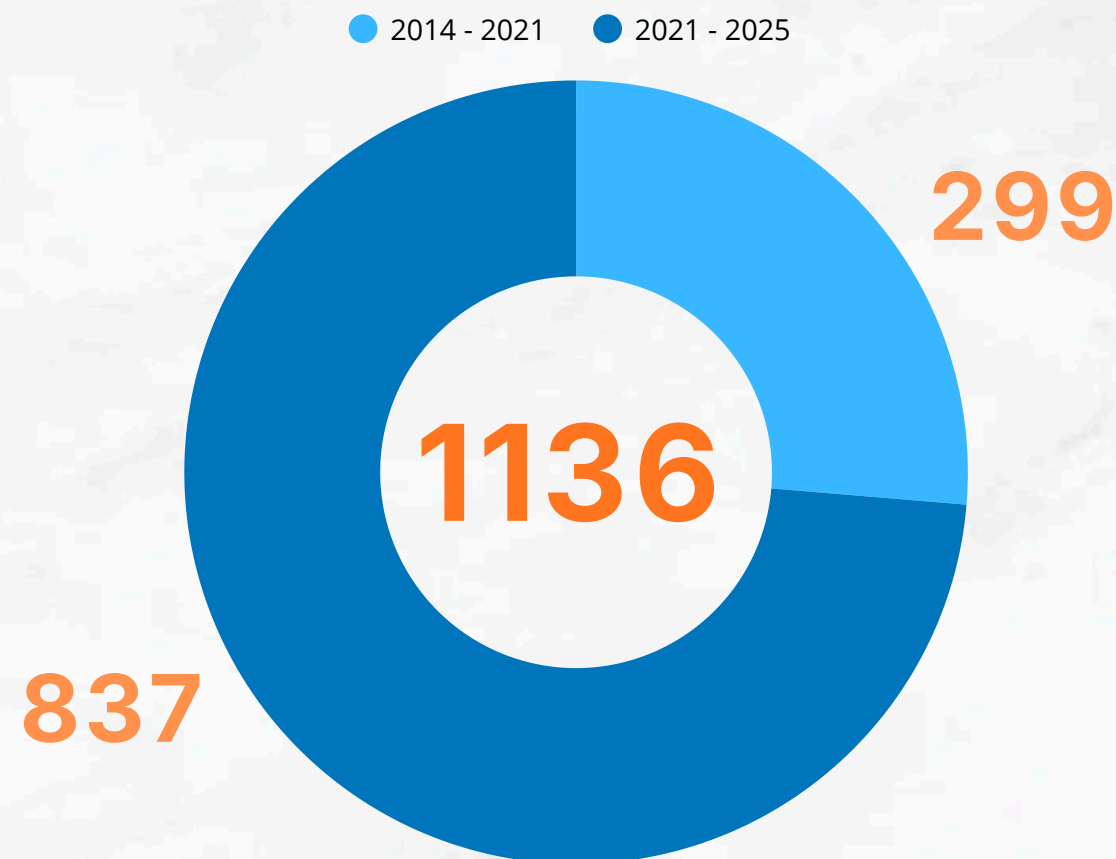


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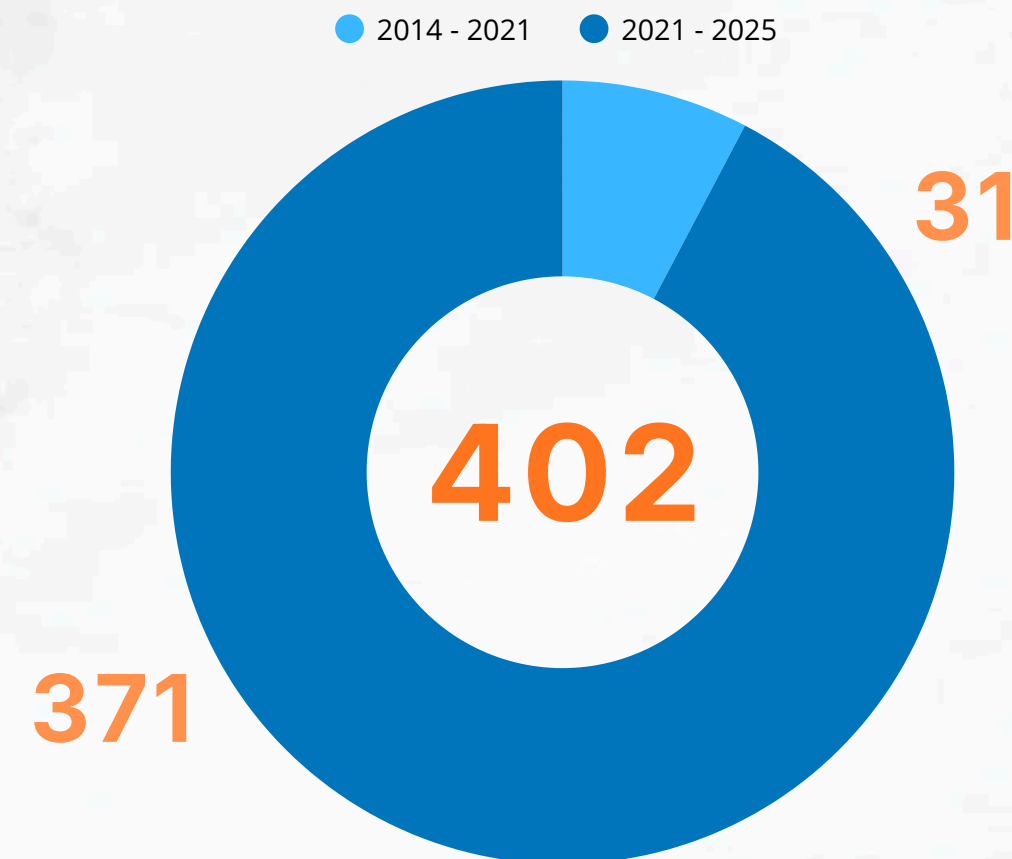
Commissioner for the European Court of  
Human Rights

We work to ensure that **everyone who contributed to the occupation and violated the law is held accountable**, and that crimes against the people of Ukraine become the basis for international justice. ...

## INDICTMENTS



## JUDGMENTS



*«Every sentence is a symbol of the restoration of justice and proof that crimes do not go unpunished, even in difficult conditions of occupation»*

# HIGH TREASON

**Investigating crimes against the foundations of Ukraine's national security and bringing to justice those who contributed to the occupation of Crimea**

Over these five years of work, we have managed to:

Convicted **230**  
former judges, prosecutors,  
law enforcement officers

Convicted **51**  
Minister, deputy and official of  
Crimea



# HIGH TREASON

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**Former military prosecutor**  
**sentenced to 12 years in prison**



**Former Deputy Head of the Main  
Directorate of the Ministry of  
Internal Affairs of Ukraine in the  
Autonomous Republic of Crimea**  
**sentenced to 12 years in prison**



**Former judge**  
**sentenced to 13 years in prison**

# **COLLABORATIONISM, AIDING AND ABETTING, PROPAGANDA**

## **Our priorities are the activities of individuals who strengthen the enemy**

- Collaboration in top positions
- So-called "volunteering"
- Propaganda

# COLLABORATIONISM, AIDING AND ABETTING, PROPAGANDA

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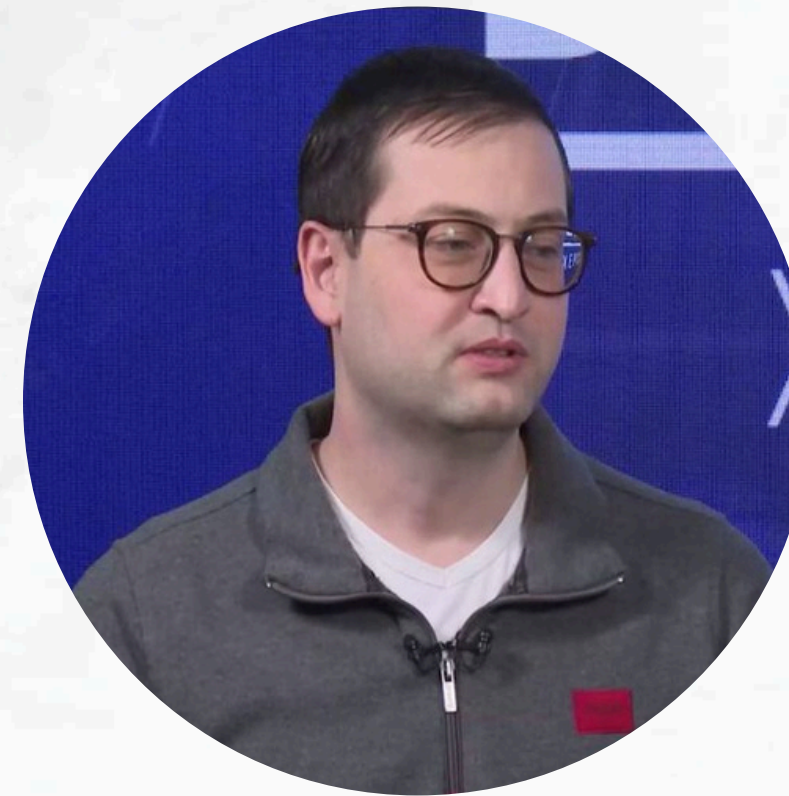
Brought to justice **458** persons



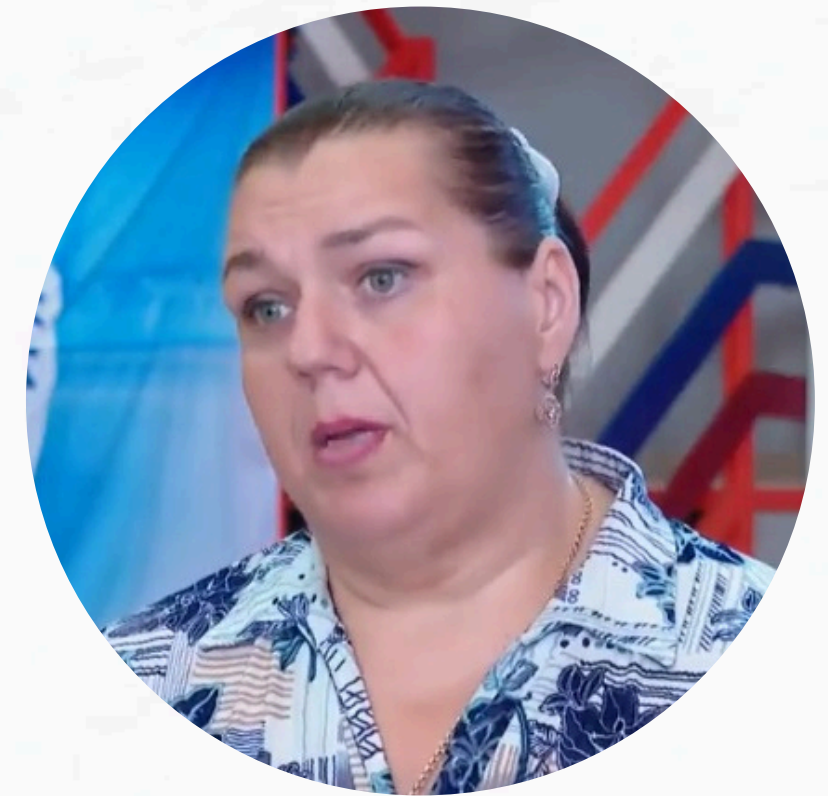
**"Senator" of Crimea**  
**sentenced to 11 years in prison**



**General Director of the Crimean Television and Radio Company**  
**sentenced to 12 years in prison**



**former advisor to the President of the Republic of Crimea**  
**sentenced to 10 years in prison**



**multiple European and world champion**  
**sentenced to 12 years in prison**

# WAR CRIMES

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# Special attention is paid to war crimes that have become an integral part of the policy of the occupying power.



**Deportation**



**Conscription  
and mobilization  
into the armed  
forces of the  
Russian  
Federation**



**Militarization of  
education and  
military-patriotic  
upbringing of  
children**



**Wide-  
misappropriation  
of property**

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One of the key elements of the Russian Federation's policy is to change the demographic composition of the peninsula's population, including through the deportation of the civilian population from the Crimean peninsula. According to unofficial data, Russia has deported 200,000 people who are not loyal to the occupation administration, including not only citizens of Ukraine



**Prosecutors have issued about 13.5 thousand court decisions on the expulsion of citizens of 12 countries**

- Azerbaijan
- Armenia
- Greece
- Georgia
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Moldova
- Tajikistan
- Turkey
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan
- Ukraine

**An important legal result has been achieved: ...**

**In 2023, the first verdict in Ukraine was passed on the illegal deportation of civilians from the territory of the Crimean Peninsula**

**18 people have been held accountable so far**

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# **ILLEGAL CONSCRIPTION AND MOBILIZATION INTO THE ARMED FORCES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

About 45,000 residents of Crimea were illegally recruited for military service in the Russian army  
Nearly 1,200 dead identified after full-scale invasion  
16% of those taken prisoner are residents of temporarily occupied territories\*

(according to the Coordination Headquarters for the Treatment of Prisoners of War)



Prosecutors identify 11  
occupation military  
commissars involved in  
organizing illegal  
recruitment campaigns

*The first war crime  
case in Ukraine,  
considered by the  
Supreme Court,  
against a "military  
commissar"*

# MILITARIZATION OF EDUCATION AND MILITARY-PATRIOTIC UPBRINGING OF CHILDREN

# The functioning of military-patriotic clubs

- «Eagles of Russia» involved over **38,000** children
- «Young Army» involved over **32,000** children
- The «First Movement» has involved over **24,000** children



The first verdict in Ukraine for propaganda of service in the army of an occupying country among children was passed against the "head of the regional headquarters of the "Young Army" of Sevastopol"



## THE FOLLOWING WERE HELD RESPONSIBLE:

Director of the Crimean Patriot Center

"Head of the regional branch of DOSAAF of Russia in the Republic of Crimea"

head of the military-patriotic club "Varyag"

Head of the "regional headquarters of the "Youth Army" of the Republic of Crimea"

- Chairman of the Board of the Regional Public Organization "Union of Border Guards of Crimea"

# **LARGE-SCALE MISAPPROPRIATION OF PROPERTY**

## THE MOST COMMON WAYS OF LOSING OWNERSHIP:

### **Nationalization of property**

*a resolution of the occupation administration with a list of property on 1,700 pages*

### **Deprivation of ownership of land plots**

*about 11,400 objects*

In 2020, the Russian authorities passed a law according to which foreign citizens in “border regions” do not have the right to own land plots.

At least 11,500 land plots fell under the ban, which effectively meant the forced deprivation of property not only of Ukrainian citizens

## The victims of deprivation of property rights are citizens of the following countries: ...

- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Great Britain
- Armenia
- Greece
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Israel
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Moldova
- Netherlands
- Germany
- Norway
- USA
- Turkey
- Uzbekistan
- France

# CULTURAL HERITAGE

The Russian occupation of Crimea has led to the systematic destruction and plunder of Ukrainian cultural heritage, through illegal archaeological excavations and the destruction of historical monuments:

- **Ancient city of Myrmecium**
- **Cembalo Fortress**
- **Ancient settlement of Kitei**
- **The ancient city of Accra**
- **Settlement Palace - Burun**
- **Swallow's nest**
- **Artesian settlement**
- **Tauric Chersonese**
- **Khan's Palace**

Seven representatives of the occupation "authority" structures, museum institutions, and "archaeologists", including the Russian State Hermitage, who participated in these crimes, have been brought to justice.

# COUNTERACTION TO THE RUSSIAN "SHADOW FLEET"

Since 2014, all seaports of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol have been officially closed by Ukraine to international shipping.

- **68** vessels were arrested
- 3 vessels were actually arrested
- Two vessels, ANKA and USKO MFU, were transferred to ARMA.
- Sanctions were applied to 17 vessels





# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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**The activities of the Prosecutor's Office are closely linked to international partners, judicial institutions and human rights organizations**



**Between 2021 and 2025**

**7 information reports about crimes committed by the occupation authorities in Crimea were sent to the ICC Prosecutor's Office**

**In 2020, ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda reported in her report that the preliminary investigation into the "Situation in Ukraine" case had been completed.**

*"the situation in the temporarily occupied territory of Crimea and Sevastopol, recognized as an international armed conflict between Ukraine and the Russian Federation, which began no later than February 26, 2014"*

## Between 2021 and 2025

The decision of the European Court of Human Rights of 25.06.2024 (regarding Crimea), by which it recognized that Russia is responsible for systematic human rights violations on the occupied peninsula since 27 February 2014

Information provided to the Commissioner for the European Court of Human Rights regarding the consideration of individual disputes of 66 individuals in the ECHR

## **Amsterdam Court of Appeal rules to return Scythian Gold to Ukraine** ...

*The exposition "Crimean Gold" with 565 museum items was returned to Ukraine*

## **UN Arbitral Tribunal on the Law of the Sea on the Detention of Ukrainian Sailors and Ships in the Kerch Strait**

## **UN International Court of Justice on Russia's violation of the Conventions on the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism and Racial Discrimination**

## **Dutch Prosecutor's Office on Violation of EU Sanctions Against Russia by Dutch Companies During the Construction of the Crimean Bridge**

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# **PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION DIPLOMACY**

## In order to draw the attention of the international community<sup>...</sup> to the problems related to human rights violations and international crimes committed by the Russian Federation in Crimea

- Systematic informing of international organizations
  - UN Monitoring Mission
  - UN Commission of Inquiry into Violations in Ukraine
  - The Council of Europe
  - UNESCO
  - OSCE
- Participation in annual Ukraine-EU consultations
  - Participation in the Crimean Platform forums
  - Interaction with international media: Bellingcat, BFMTV, ARTE, Memento French National TV Production Company, FRANCE-5, Institute for War & Peace Reporting (IWPR)

# THE VISION OF RETURNING TO THE DEOCCUPIED TERRITORY OF THE CRIMEAN PENINSULA

On the basis of the Prosecutor's Office of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, the Prosecutor General established a working group, which included prosecutors, judges, lawyers, scientists and experts, who worked on creating a model for restoring criminal justice in the deoccupied territories.

# THE CONCEPT OF RETURNING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO THE DEOCCUPIED TERRITORY INCLUDES:

- Lost and unfinished Ukrainian criminal proceedings (initiated before the occupation)
- Criminal cases initiated by the occupation authorities
- Court cases and serving sentences
- Human resources, financial and logistical support

**The de-occupation of Crimea is not just about restoring control over the territory. It is about restoring truth, security, and trust.**

**Working Group of the Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the Development of National Policies on Reintegration, Restoration of Power and Ukrainian Identity in Temporarily Occupied Territories**

**Interdepartmental working group on coordination of measures to preserve documentary evidence of the events of the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine**

**Council on the Cognitive Deoccupation of Crimea**



# RIGHT TO JUSTICE

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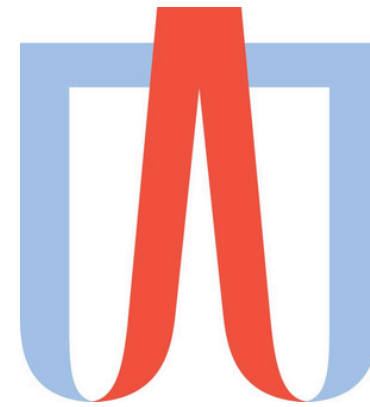
## Media project - "WITNESSES"

*"Its goal is to help Crimeans understand that what they experienced may constitute a war crime, and to explain how to protect their rights."*

## Virtual Museum of Russian Aggression

*"Currently contains information systematized and verified by the prosecutor's office of the autonomy about key events since the beginning of the occupation of Crimea in February 2014"*

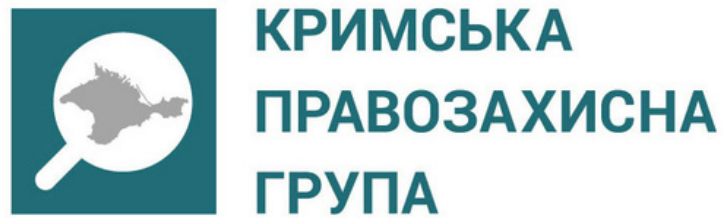
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