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5 years of work of the prosecutor's office

National and international dimensions

Vision of the future



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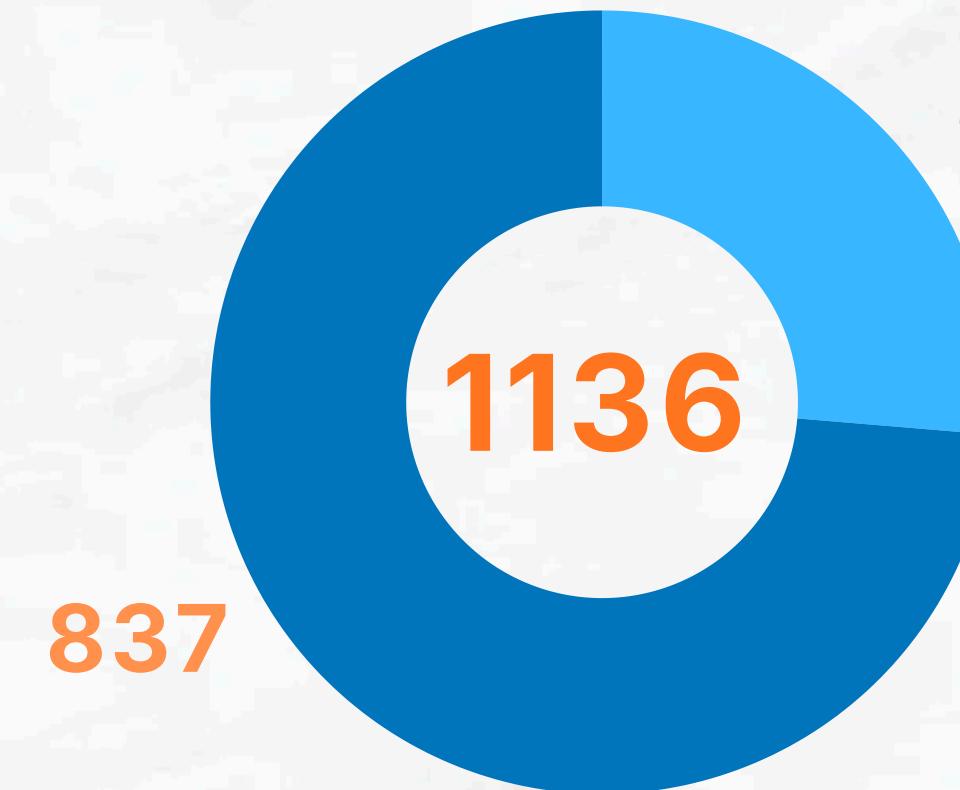
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We work to ensure that **everyone who contributed to the occupation and violated the law is held accountable**, and that crimes against the people of Ukraine become the basis for international justice.

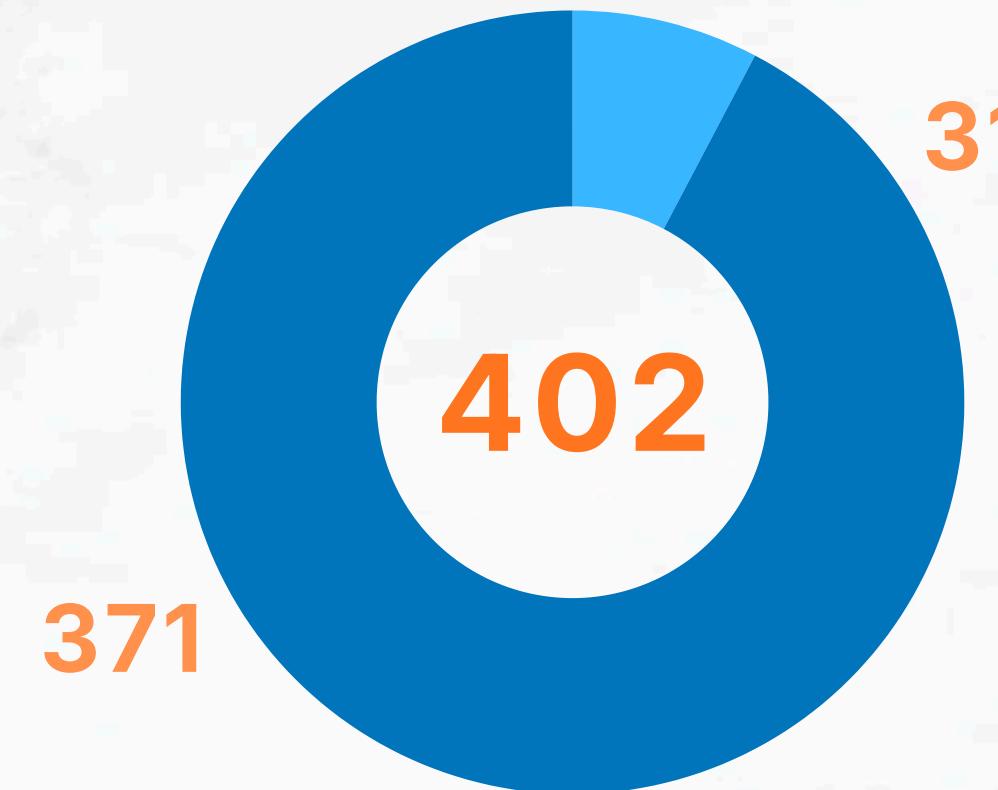
INDICTMENTS

● 2014 - 2021 ● 2021 - 2025



JUDGMENTS

● 2014 - 2021 ● 2021 - 2025



«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

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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



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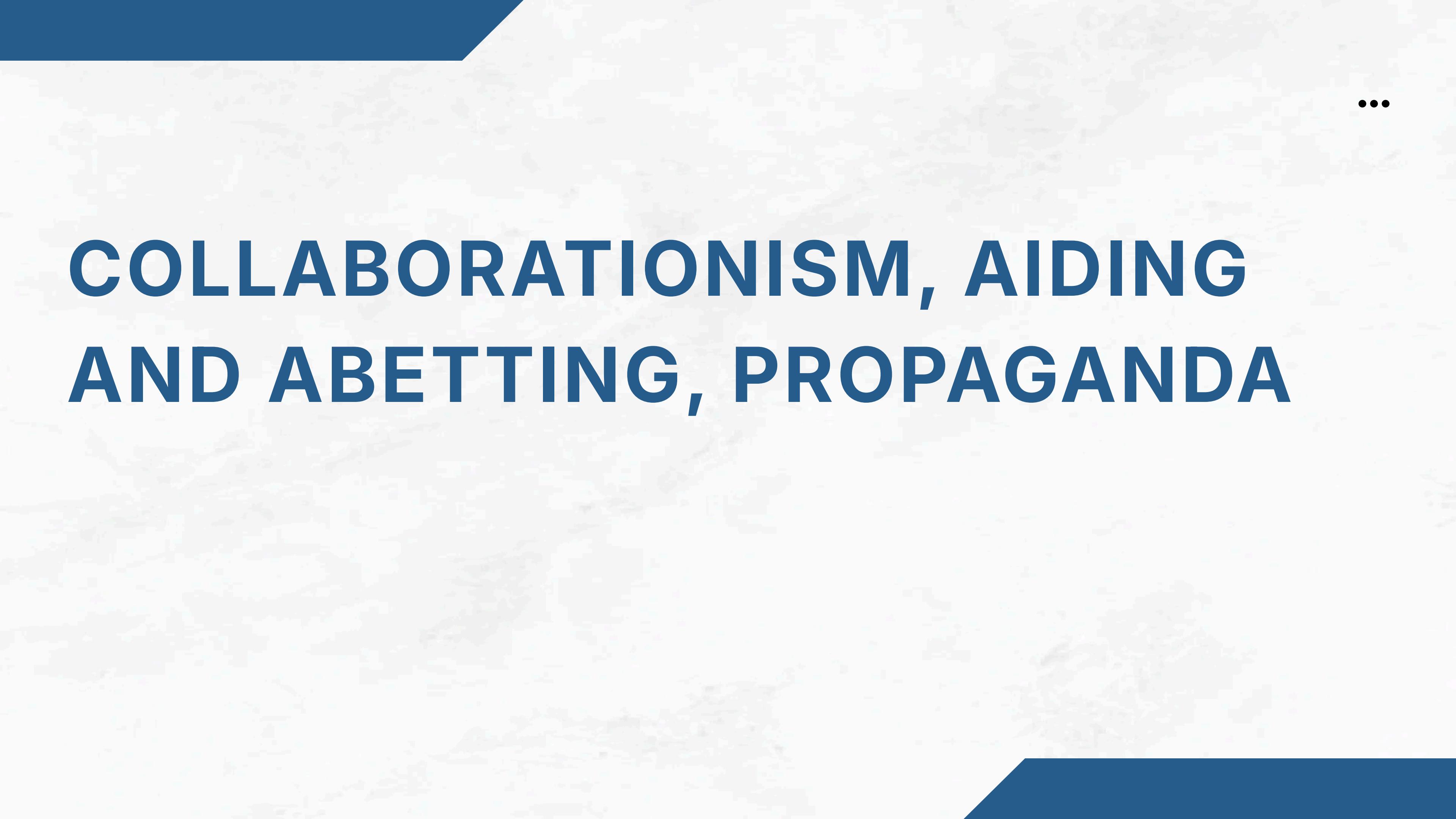
Former military prosecutor
sentenced to 12 years in prison



**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



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COLLABORATIONISM, AIDING AND ABETTING, PROPAGANDA

Our priorities are the activities of individuals who strengthen the enemy

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

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**



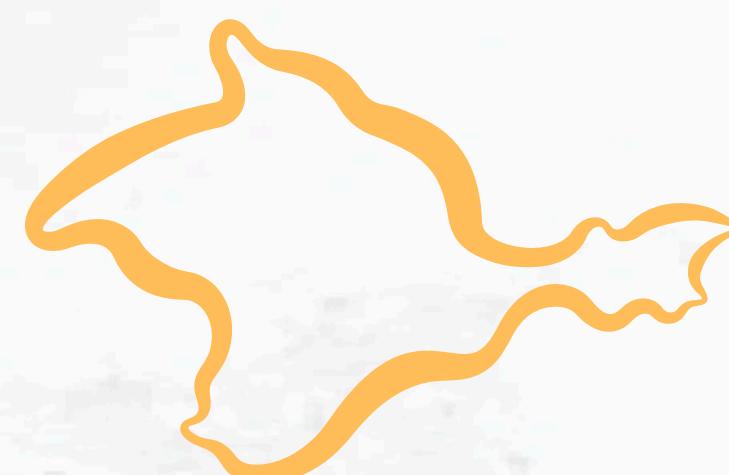
**Militarization of
education and
military-patriotic
upbringing of
children**



**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

ILLEGAL DEPORTATION

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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

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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”

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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

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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

LARGE-SCALE MISAPPROPRIATION OF PROPERTY

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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

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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.

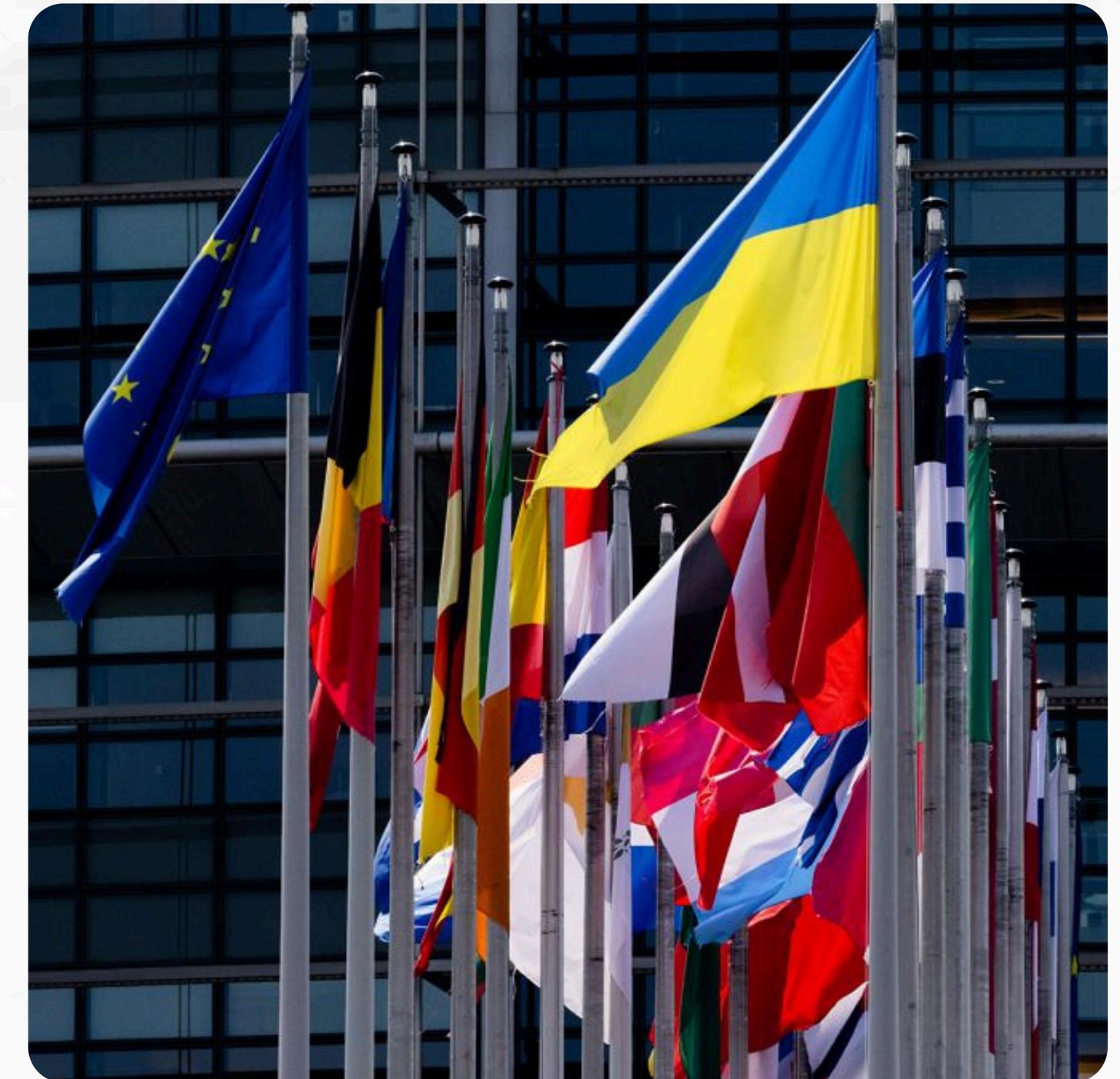
- **68** vessels were arrested
- 3 vessels were actually arrested
- Two vessels, ANKA and USKO MFU, were transferred to ARMA.
- Sanctions were applied to 17 vessels



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



PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION DIPLOMACY

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In order to draw the attention of the international community^{...} 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)

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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



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RIGHT TO JUSTICE

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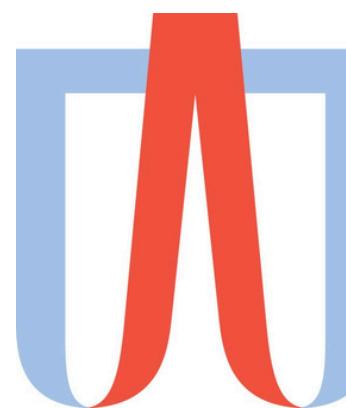
Media project - "WITNESSES"

"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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