



AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE OF THE RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THE CRIMES COMMITTED BY THE KIEV REGIME THE MOST HEINOUS CRIMES OF THE KIEV REGIME

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* Photos from the cover: by Grigory Kubatyan (on the left: journalist Nikita Tsitsagi, killed by the AFU on 16 June 2024); SHOT Telegram channel (on the right: cameraman Valery Kozhin, killed by the AFU on 13 June 2024).

COMMENT

According to the data we have collected and verified¹, from 1 June to 30 June 2024, at least 634 civilians suffered from the actions of the Ukrainian regime, prone to taking out its anger on them. As many as 97 civilians, including 9 children, were killed. At least 537 civilians, including 46 children, were wounded.

The facts on the crimes, committed in June 2024 by the Kiev regime against civilians of the Russian Federation, allow us to draw the following conclusions.

There has been an increasing trend in the numbers of civilian victims who get either killed or injured as a result of the Armed Forces of Ukraine (AFU) striking the civil infrastructure facilities with more and more powerful explosive ammunition.

Over January-March 2024, there were at least 1,012 victims (either killed or wounded) among the civilians, while in the second quarter of the year there were no less than 1,535 of them. Thus, **the number of victims has grown by a third** compared to the three previous months.

Since the beginning of 2024, the total number of civilian victims of the Kiev regime has reached at least 2,547 - 2,082 people have sustained injuries of varying severity while 465 have been killed.

The increase in the numbers of civilian victims is the direct outcome of the recent boost in supply of Western weapons to the Armed Forces of Ukraine with their further deliberate use to attack Russian civil facilities.

¹ As of 1 July 2024.

Over the last months, Kiev has in large quantities received foreign weapons together with the official permission to use them against Russian regions, which was understood as guarantees of impunity from the West for the crimes it commits and the norms and principles of the international humanitarian law it violates.

Minors, women, elderly people – civilians, who have no relation to armed forces or security, defence and law enforcement agencies, become victims of the crimes committed by Ukrainian militants.

Over the last weeks of June, schools, universities and other educational institutions were fired at with particular ferocity. Tragic consequences were avoided solely due to the fact that children and students had been transferred to distance learning and the educational institutions located in frontline zone had decided against setting the exams and tests with personal attendance.

The number of shells that were fired by the Ukrainian militants at Russian purely civil facilities in 11 Russian territories adjacent to the frontline over half a year approaches the mark of 42,000 – there were 41,706 of them, 230 per day – all of them aimed at residential buildings, hospitals, kindergartens, social aid centres, etc. As of June 2024, their number amounted to 5,606.

Ranking first in the numbers of killed and injured civilians and damaged civil facilities **are the shells of NATO's 155 mm caliber** that the Armed Forces of Ukraine use to this end. These are the very shells that the Czech Republic is so diligently collecting across the world right now, allegedly to enhance Ukraine's defence.

Second place in terms of frequency of use for attacking civilians goes to various combat drones assembled from foreign-made components brought to the territory of Ukraine. From 1 January to 30 June 2024, at least 486 civilians, including 17 children, were injured due to the deployment of UAVs. 98 civilians, including 7 children, were killed.

The Ukrainian Nazis actively use UAVs to attack ambulances having arrived on call to the rescue of the wounded, farming equipment working in the fields of Russian agricultural regions, as well as construction vehicles repairing civilian infrastructure after shelling.

A new "entertainment" of the Nazis is hunting down civil vehicles with drones. They track down private civil cars, commuter buses and vehicles belonging to utility services on the roads, pursue them and after overtaking the vehicle deliver a deadly strike. Entire families with children, working crews, emergency and repair teams become the targets while a UAV's video monitoring equipment allows operators to accurately determine the civilian nature of the target.

The third most used for criminal attacks against civilians are multiple rocket launchers, mostly Western-manufactured, such as Czech MLRS *Vampir*, US *HIMARS*, *GMLRS* and others.

In the territory of the Russian Federation adjacent to the frontline zone **there has been a significant increase in the use of more powerful long-range missiles, often with cluster warheads, to strike the civil facilities.**

Generously supplied by the West, shells and ammunition, UAVs and their components, American, British and French long-range weapons – having been handed over to Ukrainian executioners – are openly used for strikes on sleeping quarters, beaches and public spaces.

UAV STRIKING AN AMBULANCE IN TAVRIYSK, KHERSON REGION

A recent incident in the town of Tavriysk, Kherson Region, continued the series of deliberate attacks on employees and vehicles of the Russian emergency services.

On June 3, in the morning, a Ukrainian drone relentlessly pursued an ambulance. The driver, seeing the UAV, tried to get away from it. Despite the driver's maneuvers, the Ukrainian drone caught up with the medical team and dropped a munition.

As a result of the explosion, the driver of the medical vehicle was injured. The ambulance was completely burned down.



MASSIVE ATACMS MISSILE STRIKE ON LUGANSK, LPR: 6 KILLED, 60 WOUNDED

On 7 June, the AFU attacked Lugansk with US-manufactured ATACMS high-precision long-range ballistic missiles. The district named after Nikolai Vatutin suffered the most. This is one of the sleeping quarters of Lugansk with no military facilities there. However, it was exactly this district that was hit by the missile strike at 11:00. One of the ATACMS missiles got a multi-storeyed residential building in Vatutin Street, 22. As a result, a block of flats from the fifth to the first floor collapsed. Six civilians died, 7 were rescued from under the debris. Search and rescue operations lasted through the night.

The missile strike damaged at least 30 civil facilities, including multi-storeyed apartment buildings in Vatutin Street and Budyonny Street, as well as Lugansk Information Technology and Entrepreneurship College, two schools, three kindergartens. Due to the nearby detonation of a shell, fractures appeared on the façade of the building of secondary school No. 8.

All in all, as a result of the attack on Lugansk that day 60 civilians were wounded, including three children -8, 15 and 16-year-old boys. The people that were in the streets during the attack, suffered from the scattered fragments, shattered window glass, stones and debris from metal constructions. Two people ended up in a critical condition, 7 more in severe condition and 30 received wounds of medium severity.



Date: 7 June Source: Ministry of Emergency of the Russian Federation

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A STRIKE ON A GROCERY STORE IN SADOVOYE VILLAGE IN THE KHERSON REGION WITH MLRS HIMARS: 22 KILLED, 15 WOUNDED

On 7 June, in the evening, the Ukrainian fighters shelled the village of Sadovoye in the Golaya Pristan district with MLRS HIMARS. As a result, a grocery store was destroyed. Many customers and staff members were inside at the moment of the attack.

Shortly after the attack local residents arrived on the scene of the tragedy to help the victims. After prompt arrival of the emergency services, the AFU executed a deliberate second strike to ensure as many casualties as possible.

The strike of the missile artillery complex claimed the lives of 22 civilians, 15 people sustained injuries of varying severity. Among the killed, there are two children. The majority of the wounded are in severe condition.



ATTACK ON A CAMERA CREW OF NTV TV CHANNEL

On 13 June, a Russian camera crew got under a targeted cannon artillery strike in Nikitovsky District of Gorlovka. As a result of the shelling, NTV TV channel journalist A. Ivliyev and cameraman V. Kozhin were severely wounded. The village of Golmovsky is violently bombarded by the AFU on a regular basis. Fulfilling their professional duty, the journalists have arrived to film a report on Ukrainian fighters' constant attacks on the civilians.

A. Ivliyev and V. Kozhin received severe mine-blast traumas. Valery Kozhin did not survive – he died in the hospital. He was 46 years old, he had been working on the NTV channel since 2006 and was honoured with a Medal "For Courage". He had filmed footage in many hotspots before dying at the hands of the AFU.

Alexey Ivliyev was severely injured and is currently in serious condition, he lost his arm.



A STRIKE ON A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN SHEBEKINO IN THE BELGOROD REGION: 5 KILLED, 6 WOUNDED

On 14 June, the AFU landed a strike on a residential building in Zheleznodorozhnaya Street in the city of Shebekino. A block of flats crumbled as a result of the strike.

Four civilians were rescued from under the debris, a woman dying later in the hospital despite medics' best efforts. Another six residents of the building were saved by the rescue service workers from the rooftop of the half-destroyed building.

All in all, five civilians were killed. Six people were wounded.



Date: 14 June Source: Vyacheslav Gladkov's Telegram channel

YET ANOTHER MURDER OF A JOURNALIST: NIKITA TSITSAGI

On 16 June, photojournalist Nikita Tsitsagi from the News.ru news portal was killed while performing his professional duty in the vicinity of Nikolsky Monastery near Ugledar, preparing his photo report. The Ukrainian UAV operators have once again proved their murderous reputation.

Due to their reconnaissance capabilities they managed to detect a Russian camera crew and delivered an aimed strike with a drone. The video control features of such equipment allow its operators to accurately determine the nature of the target.

Nikita Tsitsagi became another victim of V. Zelensky's butchers.

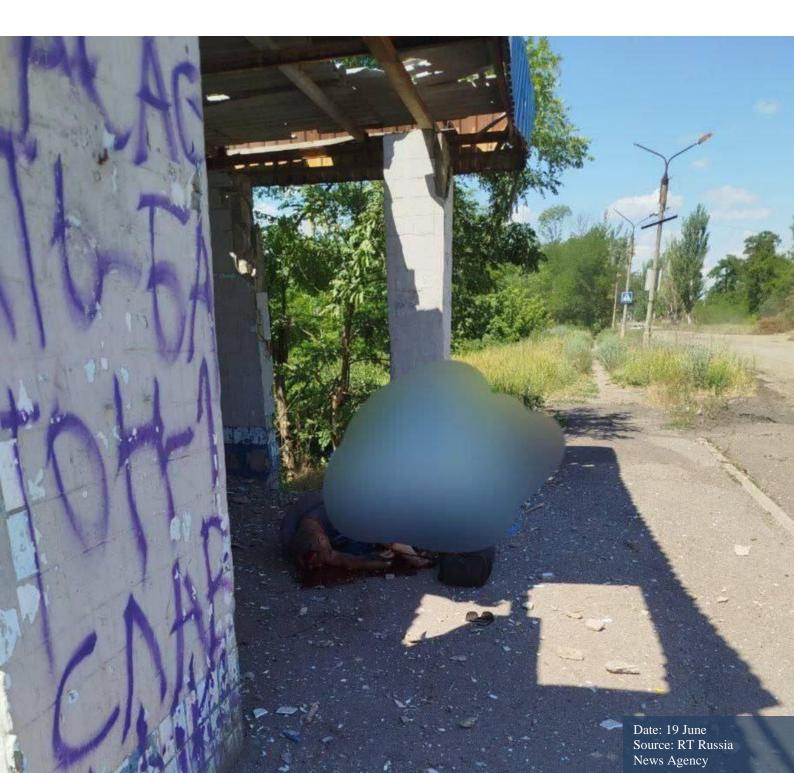


ARTILLERY STRIKES ON DONETSK: 2 KILLED, 3 WOUNDED

On 19 June, 5 civilians at the public transport stop "School No. 106" in Petrovksy District, Donetsk, suffered from a shelling with 155mm artillery.

A man was killed on the spot, one of the women died afterwards in the hospital of the wounds she had received.

Three more civilians, including a girl born in 2007, were injured.



WEEKEND ATACMS ATTACK ON THE BEACH IN SEVASTOPOL: 4 KILLED, 153 WOUNDED

On Sunday, 23 June, in midday, the AFU attacked Sevastopol with US ATACMS ballistic missiles equipped with cluster warheads. Four missiles were launched from the vicinity of the city of Nikolayev. A direct strike was aimed at the beach zone of Sevastopol – Uchkuyevka and Lyubimovka.

As a result of fragment dispersion and detonation of submunitions, large swathes of the city beach ended up within blast range.

One hundred fifty three civilians, including 27 children, were wounded as a result of the attack. Five children were brought to hospital in severe condition.

Four civilians were killed, including three-year-old Liza and nine-year-old Sophia.

All the victims were either peaceful civilians relaxing on the beach with their families or walking around nearby. There are no military facilities in the vicinity of the beach, which proves that the attack on civilians was both targeted and deliberate.





Date: 23 June Source: Service 112

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ATTACK ON A NUCLEAR SECURITY FACILITY

On 25 June a UAV hit one of the radiation monitoring posts of the Zaporozhye nuclear power plant located in the village of Velikaya Znamenka. The venue was used for measuring the radiation level of the environment. As a result of the strike, the facility was completely disabled.

