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IRINA DOVGAN SPEECH 3min

Hello. My name is Irina Dovgan, I am a resident of a small town near Donetsk. Prior to the events occurred, I had a private beauty salon, where I was worked as a beautician.

When in my city began an active Russian propaganda on how well healed Donbas, if Russia will come here, I have made it clear that adhere to pro-Ukrainian views. But adverse events developed rapidly in the city there were people in camouflage uniforms and with weapons. It was dangerous to express his opinion, this has led to arrests or beatings. Donetsk filled with armed men, were checkpoints that separate the city from my free territory. It became quite dangerous to gather or organize some actions.

One day, riding on the territory controlled by Ukrainian military forces, I have seen the problems faced by the Ukrainian military and decided to organize some help to them. To me and other friends joined the women, with a large number of which I have communicated the nature of their activities. We brought to the Ukrainian military clothing, bedding, food, medicines almost every day. Lots of people passed me money. Returning from a recent trip, I came under serious fire in my yard hit by a shell and the house was seriously damaged. The city was stuck with a huge number of armed men, dug trenches, installed artillery. It was very scary. At some point, I decided to transfer with friend the tablet with records and photos from the danger zone, to my husband, who was in Mariupol. This person was stopped at a roadblock by the so-called representatives of the Donetsk People's Republic, beaten, and he, to save himself, gave away my things and told them that I was helping the army. It was near to 10 armed men arrived to arrest me by two cars. They broke into the house, beat me, forced to tell them the safe code, from which all taken away, searched the house, immediately took all the computers, valuables, jewelry. None of them did not explain how the same law I violated and they arrested me. Later, they found two binoculars owned by my husband and I immediately called me the fire spotter and took in handcuffs to Donetsk. Neither the police nor the prosecutor, nor to any more bodies, I refer to no avail. No legal protection does not exist there.

In Donetsk, on the basis of Vostok battalion I was interrogated, beaten, demanded to call addresses of the people who helped the Ukrainian army with me. I told them that do not know their names or addresses. They fired a pistol at the ear, I was stripped, threatened with rape, beaten with rifle butts on the legs and thighs. I told them the amount of its contribution in the bank PIN-codes of my bank cards, and more. When it became clear that I don't know nothing else, I was taken to the Donetsk area, set in the post with a sign around his neck: "accomplice punitive, she kills children." I beat by passers-by, drove a jeep with the words "Allah Akbar" armed men with a pronounced Russian accent. This horror was when I saw the man in white shirt took a picture of me, as it turned out - a foreign journalist. This saved my life. A little later, I was returned to the battalion Vostok base. There I was put into a narrow chamber filled with armed men in a room, often kept chained to a battery. I occasionally kicked, mocked, I sprayed the gas spray in the face. In this room, I saw many other detained people when I was beaten and taken away in the other chamber. In such circumstances, I was still almost three days until I was freed by foreign journalists who were able to negotiate with the so-called head of the republic. All five days I did not eat and hardly drink.

On the territory of Russia created artificial republics - there is no law and any legal protection against arbitrariness of people with guns. That is why people in the territory are living in an atmosphere of total fear and terror.