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The data that has been accumulated since the first report by the Foundation for Democracy Studies provides ground to conclude that torture and inhumane treatment inflicted by the Security Forces of Ukraine (SBU), by the Ukrainian armed forces, the National Guard and other formations within the Interior Ministry of Ukraine have not only continued but are gaining in scale and are becoming systematic.

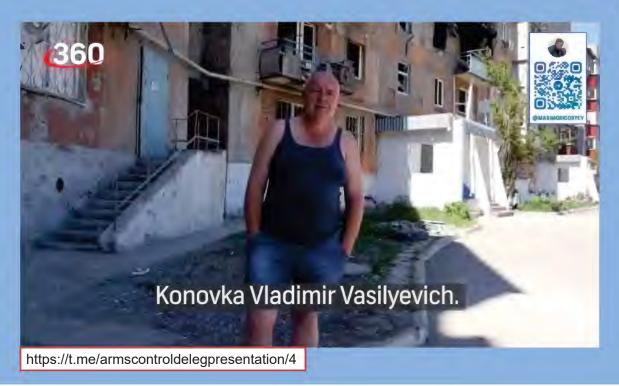
The prisoners were electrocuted, beaten cruelly and for multiple days in a row with different objects (iron bars, baseball bats, sticks, rifle butts, bayonet knives, rubber batons). Techniques widely used by the Ukrainian armed forces and security forces include waterboarding, strangling with a 'Banderist garrotte' and other types of strangling. In some cases prisoners, for the purposes of intimidation, were sent to minefields and run over with military vehicles, which led to their death. Other torture methods used by the Ukrainian armed forces and security forces include bone-crashing, stabbing and cutting with a knife, branding with red-hot objects, shooting different body parts with small arms. The prisoners taken captive by the Ukrainian armed forces and security forces are kept for days at freezing temperatures, with no access to food or medical assistance, and are often forced to take psychotropic substances that cause agony. An absolute majority of prisoners are put through mock firing squads and suffer death and rape threats to their families.

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Intentional killing of civilians



Anton Baitrakov, a prisoner of war from the 501st Marines Battalion of the Ukrainian Armed Forces:

"At one intersection, two civilians were walking. The leader, the senior one, said, "Stop, come here. He opened fire on the ground, then they stopped. He did not like these people, he asked how to pronounce the word "Palianytsia." Three times he asked one guy to say "Palianytsia." There was no answer, he took him for a Russian, and I heard him fire a shot at him."

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Lyudmila Alexandrovna Sysoeva, a resident of Mariupol:

"My husband and I were already walking home from the technical school. No one was there. We were the only ones walking. A Ukrainian sniper started shooting at us. I was immediately burned, my hand went numb, and my fingers still don't work. I told my husband that I was shot. My husband leaned towards me. If he hadn't, he would have been killed. A sniper shot him. His back was slashed, the bullet was tangential. We fell down. The sniper's mistake was that he thought he had killed us. We lay down for a while. He must have been distracted. When we ran, he started shooting at us again. We hid behind a container. The man was running after us. He didn't get up anymore. He was killed."

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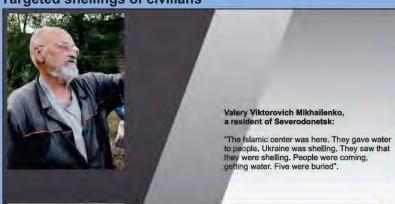


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Targeted shellings of civilians



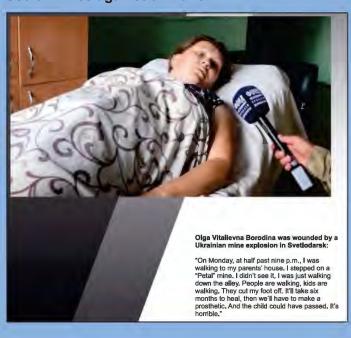


"Ukraine is shelling because they want to leave no one alive. They understand that they can't obetter for themselves, but in general, what can I say, everyone understands this, everyone esses this. Bastards... A shell hit, a shrapnel flew off and hit a child. Heavily wounded her. When I saw it, I was frightened. She was bleedings he had lost a lot of blood. We have a tractor in our yard. If it hadn't been for it, she would have gotten a lot more."

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Use of mines against civilians





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Attacks on Hospitals and Peaceful Buildings



Skidan Raisa Georgievna, Volnovakha resident:

"I've been living in Volnovakha for all my life, 75 years. The Ukrainian military shelled everything, both that hospital and this one. There is nothing alive. Residents were left without homes. Look at Petrovsky Street and the hospital. Our employee's apartment is here, you can see, it is not inhabited at all. There is a house with "Children" written on it, and they, the animals, shot on purpose."

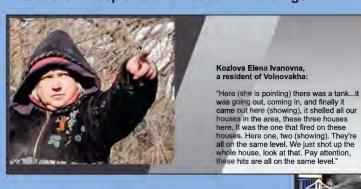
Tamara Nikolaevna Davidenko, a resident of Mariupol, 24 Khmelnitsky Boulevard:

"Ukrainian tank came out and purposefully, I stood watching through the window, purposefully it was aiming at my window. I still had a window not damaged. It was not damaged for a long time. I quickly ran out into the corridor. I just ran away - he - bang, bang — didn't hit... Bang, bang, hit, again bang, bang, ...left, came back. Second window, third window. Then it drove around to the other side and targeted all the windows, all the balconies. It seems as if this is not a war, but a special destruction of homes, destruction of people. I am a pensioner, where will I live now? Where? I'm left on the street."

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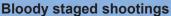
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Buntsev Andrey, resident of Mariupol:

"Grandma comes out, there are Ukrainian Armed Forces soldiers there. This old dandelion lady can barely walk, she's about 80 years old, very old. And she says to them: "You are defenders." And he (the Ukrainian military man) turns around with such anger (and says): "We will make meat out of you.." And went away. In the Hummer, they drive in and there's the gas line bang, bang, bang... just shooting at the gas lines. Then he turns around, takes this grenade launcher on his shoulder and shoots right into the house - bang. And everything exploded, it was on fire. The fire came on us, and we started extinguishing our house."

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Bloody staged shootings

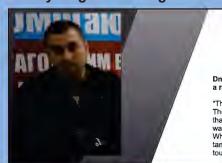


French journalist Adrien Bocquet:

"I saw with my own eyes how the corpses were taken out of the cars and laid out. My colleague saw them being transported from another city to Bucha. It had been raining in Bucha for two days and the corpses that were lying there were very, very dirty, their hands were not tied. Then they showed me a picture that the corpses had their hands tied with very, very clean rags, which I didn't see when I was in Bucha."

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Dmitry Valeryevich, a resident of Severodonetsk:

"The press came from France, channel TF-1. Their correspondent enthusiastically told us that a Russian column had been bombed. He wanted us to support it and shout "hurrah." When he was told to take pictures of Ukrainian tanks near peaceful houses and started asking tough questions, he quickly left".



Tatiana Vladimirovna Lukovenko, resident of Lisichansk:

"Ukrainian Nazis were shooting at our houses. From a mortar. Three houses in a row. They drove down the road and shot. And immediately, from out of nowhere, they immediately took pictures. The fire brigade was there, ambulance was there, although no one needed it. It was just all being photographed and filmed. There were no the LPR or the Russians nearby".

