## 13 March 2022

On March 11, 2022, the Coordination Headquarters for the Treatment of Prisoners of War was established by a resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

On March 12, 2022, in Trostyanets, **Sumy region**, during the evacuation of civilians, the Russian military attacked an ambulance station. Three ambulances, emergency drugs and equipment were stolen. Medical facilities are protected by international humanitarian law and cannot be attacked (Article 12 of Additional Protocol (I) to the 1949 Geneva Conventions).

The northern districts of **Kyiv region** remain occupied. Without electricity, there is still the city of **Slavutych**, which is isolated, there is a need for food and medicine. Enemy vehicles are moving in the settlements of **Brovary district**, villages are left without electricity and communications. During the attempt to evacuate from the village of **Peremoha**, Kyiv region, a column of civilians was shot dead (7 women and one child were killed). There is no connection in the neighboring villages, it is impossible to provide medical or humanitarian aid, as the occupiers have surrounded the settlements. Under the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 1949, intentional attacks on civilians are classified as war crimes.

In the evening of March 12, 2022, due to the rupture of the explosive device and the blast wave, the premises of the Svyatogorsk Lavra of the 16th century were damaged. in the **Donetsk region**, where there were monks and 520 migrants (including 200 children). P. a) Art. 53 of Additional Protocol (I) to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 "prohibits any hostile acts directed against historical monuments, works of art or places of worship which are the cultural or spiritual heritage of peoples".

Prohibited phosphorus munitions containing poisonous white phosphorus were used in Popasna (**Luhansk region**). Lysychansk (gas pipeline and houses damaged), Severodonetsk (four houses caught fire) and Rubizhne are also under fire.

Activists and journalists are being persecuted in **Kherson**. The mayor of Dniprorudny Maveev Yevhen was abducted in the **Zaporizhia region**. There were 50 artillery and mortar shellings in residential areas of **Kharkiv** (one woman died), Izyum, Chuguev. In **Mykolayiv** (9 people died), **Chernihiv** (a nine-year-old girl died) shelling of residential buildings continues. Air strikes were carried out on apartment houses of Bashtanka of the **Mykolaiv region**. Such actions violate the provisions of paragraph 2 of Art. 51 of Additional Protocol (I) to the Geneva Conventions of 1949, according to which "civilians as such, as well as individual civilians, shall not be the object of attacks. Acts of violence or threats of violence with the main purpose of terrorizing the civilian population are prohibited." In addition, in accordance with Art. 57 of the 1977 Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions of 1949, military operations must be a constant concern for the protection of civilians, civilians and civilian objects. St. 48 of Additional Protocol (I) to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 stipulates that

"in order to ensure respect for and protection of civilians and civilian objects, the parties to the conflict must always distinguish between civilians and combatants, as well as civilian and military and accordingly direct their actions only against military facilities."

Air strikes by 30 cruise missiles on the International Center for Peacekeeping and Security, known as the Yavoriv Proving Ground in the **Lviv region**, 20 km from the Polish border, killed 35 people and injured 134. An air strike was also carried out at the airport in **Ivano-Frankivsk**.

American videographer Brent Renaud, a correspondent for the New York Times, was shot dead in **Irpen.** Another journalist was injured. Such actions run counter to the provisions of the Geneva Conventions, which classify journalists as non-combatants, ie those who are involved in an armed conflict but do not carry weapons and cannot be attacked.

<sup>\*</sup> The facts described in the analytical information are confirmed by the materials of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine