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Russia continues to grossly violate the laws and customs of war. The shelling of peaceful cities, the destruction of houses and schools, hospitals, shops, and the starvation of civilians living in occupied or besieged cities are the forbidden methods of warfare applied by the aggressor country.

At night, the Russian Federation struck in the city of **Kyiv** on the shopping center "Retroville" using a hypersonic missile "Dagger". Six neighbouring houses were also damaged, three of which are no longer habitable. 8 people died. The premises of two schools and two kindergartens were also damaged. Due to explosions and shelling, the air quality in the capital has significantly deteriorated, the concentration of pollutants exceeds the norm by 12 times. The city is currently ranked ninth in the world in terms of pollution by cities.

Fighting continues in **Kyiv region** in Bucha, Makariv, Irpin and Borodyanka districts. An air strike was carried out in the direction of the village of Zabuyannia. It is also reported that looting of residential buildings in the city of Gostomel.

The town of **Slavutych** remains isolated from the supply of food and medicine. On March 20, a partial rotation and evacuation of **Chernobyl NPP** personnel was carried out. The staff was at their jobs for 600 hours. 64 people were taken out of the station and replaced by 46 volunteers.

There has been no electricity, water or heat in **Chernihiv** for two weeks now. There is almost no connection. The city is under fire all the time.

The situation in **Mariupol** remains the most critical. Russian planes drop bombs on the city every 15 minutes. The enemy continues to destroy civilian infrastructure, in particular the Azovstal metallurgical plant. Night shelling of Lysychansk and Rubizhne destroyed 3 high-rise buildings and 9 private houses.

Night shelling of the suburbs of **Sumy**. In the morning it became known that ammonia was leaking at the Sumykhimprom plant due to damage to tanks. The affected area was 5 km around the source.

There have been 8 fires in **Kharkiv** over the past 24 hours. 972 buildings were destroyed, of which 778 are residential buildings.

Russia fired two missiles in the **Rivne** region.

Zhytomyr Region was shelled for the first time from 'Grad', killing 4 people.

Today they also fired on houses near **Odessa**.

In **Kherson**, the occupiers began to replace military units with units of the Russian Guard and Police. Russian occupiers threw light and noise grenades at protesters against Russia.

** The facts described in the analytical information are confirmed by the materials of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine*