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Missile and bomb strikes on infrastructure facilities, residential buildings, artillery and rocket-propelled grenade launches of civilian columns during evacuations, recruitment of civilians, looting are the main means and methods of waging an aggressive war of the Russian Federation in Ukraine. Night artillery and missile strikes continued in the cities of Kyiv, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, and Sumy.

In the evening of March 16, 2022, a heavy bomb was dropped on the **Mariupol** Drama Theater. The central part of the building was destroyed, the entrance to the bombs was blocked, hundreds of peaceful cities escaped the shelling, and women and children who were not were evacuated. The Neptune swimming pool, where people were hiding, were also fired upon. On March 16, 11,000 people left Mariupol. In Mariupol, Ukrainian paramedic, volunteer Yulia Payevska was taken prisoner. 90% of the city was destroyed, every buildings were damaged, and humanitarian aid was not delivered to the city.

The mayor of **Melitopol** Ivan Fedorov was released from Russian captivity. He was exchanged for nine Russian soldiers.

The shelling of the capital of Ukraine, the city of **Kyiv**, continues. Several private houses in Podilskyi district were damaged. There was a fire in a high-rise building due to the fall of many remnants of the downed missile. As a result of the missile strike, two high-rise residential buildings in the Darnytskyi district were damaged (one person was killed). Humanitarian catastrophe in **Vyshhorod** and **Bucha** districts of Kyiv region: there is no electricity supply, communication, it is impossible to deliver food and medicine. In the Bucha district, the occupiers fired at evacuation columns with tanks. The town of Slavutych remains completely isolated.

In **Chernihiv**, rescuers found the bodies of 5 people during the dismantling of the dormitory rubble. As a result of the shelling of Chernihiv on March 16, 53 people died. On the morning of March 17, a line of civilians for water was shot dead in the city center.

On March 16, a rocket attack was launched on the town of Sarny in the **Rivne** region. In the **Sumy** region, the occupiers are entering the villages, looting the local population.

As a result of the shelling, a two-storey school and a house of culture, residential buildings in the town of Meref, **Kharkiv** region, were partially destroyed. 21 people were killed and 25 were injured. Barabashov's market, one of the largest in Europe, caught fire today in Kharkiv.

As a result of the night shelling, at least 27 residential buildings in Rubizhne, **Luhansk Oblast**, were damaged. Five houses caught fire in Popasna, one - in Severodonetsk.

The Russian Federation refuses to comply with the **UN International Court of Justice's** order on interim measures.

The **European Court of Human Rights** has decided to suspend all complaints against the Russian Federation due to the fact that it ceases to be a member of the Council of Europe on March 16, 2022.

On March 17, 2022, the **Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court Karim Khan** sent an official request to Russia to meet and discuss the situation in Ukraine.

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