

**April 19, 2022 (55 day)**

In the south of Ukraine, in the Kherson and Mykolaiv regions, the occupiers are preparing for a so-called referendum, the declaration of independence of the republics and their accession to Russia.

During the day on April 18, the Russian military destroyed 12 houses in the **Luhansk region**, the most destroyed was Kreminna. Due to constant shelling, it is impossible to evacuate people from this city. Due to the shelling of the occupying forces in the region, the high-voltage line was damaged, as a result of which 215 settlements were left without electricity.

In the **Donetsk region**, three people died and 5 were injured in the shelling in Kramatorsk, Avdiivka and Blagodatny.

In **Mykolaiv** because of night attacks on April 19 the electric resistance was damaged and two people were wounded. The day before, Ochakiv was fired upon with banned cluster shells. Chaotically fire the majority of areas of Mykolaiv.

Critical infrastructure cannot be used in accordance with the provisions of international humanitarian law, as it does not provide a military advantage, but only leads to excessive civilian suffering.

The abduction of 155 civilians has been confirmed in **Zaporizhia Oblast**. Thefts of agricultural machinery by the military are also reported.

More than 1,000 civilians have been killed in the Russian aggression in the **Kyiv region**, and the bodies are still being found.

The total amount of direct damage to Ukraine's infrastructure due to Russian aggression is **\$ 84.8 billion**. In Ukraine, 30% of infrastructure is damaged.

The Russian military is shelling residential areas of **Kharkiv** with rocket-propelled grenades from a distance of 35-40 km, 16 wounded and 3 dead.

In **Mariupol**, the occupiers are chaotically shelling residential neighborhoods. There are at least 1,000 civilians in the underground shelters of the Mariupol Metallurgical Plant. The occupiers began storming Azoavstal, dropping a powerful bomb on a hospital near the plant. The occupiers abducted 98 children from Mariupol.

In the **Kherson region**, the occupiers mined fields and dirt roads along the Kherson-Snihurivka highway.

In the **Dnipropetrovsk region**, the Zelenodolsk community was shelled from hail and houses were destroyed.

According to **UNICEF**, more than 6 million people in Ukraine seek drinking water every day.

The fifth official **exchange of prisoners** took place today: 60 servicemen and 16 civilians returned home.

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