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In Ukraine, 934 settlements have already been liberated, and the police have resumed work in 435 settlements. Access to medical and educational facilities, electricity, gas and water supply is gradually being restored.

Ukrainian intelligence has intercepted conversations between the occupiers about the order to kill all prisoners of war in Popasna, **Luhansk region**. Such orders contradict the generally accepted norms of international humanitarian law, the provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War of 1949, and the order not to leave anyone alive is a prohibited method of war. In **Severodonetsk**, all food warehouses were destroyed, the population receives food exclusively from humanitarian goods.

It is reported that several hundred civilians are hiding in the Azovstal plant in **Mariupol**. Intensive shelling of this territory took place today. In the village of Mangush there are several mass graves 300 m long, where the bodies of the killed inhabitants of the city are taken.

Last night (April 20), the Russian military fired from a system of volley fire at the cities of Zelenodolsk and Velyka Kostromka in the **Dnipropetrovsk region**, leaving no injuries.

Partial blockade and shelling of **Kharkiv** continues. In Kharkiv, after the shelling of one of the districts, two high-rise buildings were occupied. Active battles are being fought in the direction of Izyum. The Russian military shot dead volunteers traveling from Shevchenko.

As a result of night missile strikes of **Mykolaiv** one person was lost, two more are wounded. The blows were inflicted on the city center, where only residential buildings are located.

Two mass graves with the bodies of 9 civilians were found in Borodyanka, **Kyiv Region**. The Russian military in the city completely destroyed 8 high-rise buildings, 32 more houses were partially damaged.

In the afternoon, the Russian military launched two missile strikes on **Zaporizhia**.

In the village of Zolota Balka, **Kherson region**, the occupiers are threatening the civilian population with shelling and conducting searches of houses. A so-called referendum is planned for May 1 in the Kherson region. The infrastructure of the region has been destroyed, information about the wounded and dead is not available. Mobilization has been announced in the temporarily occupied territory of the region. The Russian military is taking away the property of agricultural enterprises, exporting products from warehouses. The situation in the region is perhaps **the most difficult in Ukraine**, evacuation of the population is not possible due to enemy shelling.

The Russian side did not support the proposal of the **UN Secretary General** to establish a four-day Easter truce in Ukraine.

An **exchange of prisoners** took place today: 10 servicemen and 9 civilians were returned home.

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