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The most difficult situation remains in Luhansk and Donetsk regions. Due to night shelling by the Russian military in Severodonetsk, **Luhansk region**, four high-rise buildings caught fire. Enemy troops opened fire on downtown **Zolote**, killing two people and wounding four, damaging several homes. In **Popasna**, the city's residents have been living in bomb shelters for more than 50 days, evacuation is impossible due to daily shelling, and the city is virtually destroyed. In **Lysychansk**, a patrol police station was shelled, and six officers were hospitalized. In **Kreminna**, the Olymp sports complex was destroyed by artillery shelling, and 7 residential buildings caught fire. In accordance with the provisions of Art. 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 projects and accordingly direct their actions only against military facilities. ”*

Today, it was announced that the power supply of the Centralized Spent Fuel Storage Facility in the **Chornobyl** Exclusion Zone was restored.

Today, the occupying forces shelled **Kharkiv**, killing 5 people and injuring 13. The city is under partial blockade. The Russian military is striking at critical infrastructure. The city of **Izium** is forcibly mobilizing men, which contradicts the norms of international humanitarian law, as the population in the occupied territories cannot be forced to fight on the side of the enemy. In total, 24 people were injured and 5 died in **Kharkiv region** during the day.

A missile strike on **Kramatorsk** was launched in the **Donetsk region**. Rocket and bomb strikes on **Mariupol** continue. On the territory of the Azovstal plant, women and children are hiding in shelters from the shelling, there is no food, medicine or water.

In **Dnipropetrovsk region**, the railway infrastructure was damaged, two people were injured.

Near Vasylivka, **Zaporizhia region**, the Russian military is hoisting Ukrainian flags on its vehicles to carry out provocations.

Preparations for the so-called referendum and the creation of the Kherson People's Republic under the control of the Russian Federation continue in the **Kherson region**.

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