

16 March 2022 (21 day)

The Russian military continues to strike at the infrastructure and residential areas of densely populated Ukrainian cities.

A curfew has been imposed in **Kyiv and the region** for almost a day and a half, starting at 20:00 on March 15 and until 07:00 on March 17. The rocket attack on the capital of Ukraine continues: in the evening of March 15, an attack was made on the Vynohradar district, in the morning of March 16 - in the Shevchenkivskyi district, near the children's hospital "Okhmatdyt". 3 residential high-rise buildings were damaged. The city council building in Bucha was destroyed, six employees and volunteers were taken prisoner, but were later released.

On the evening of March 15, FoxNews cameraman Pierre Zakrzewski was killed. The occupiers attempted to seize the South Ukrainian nuclear power plant, but were stopped.

The blockade of the cities of Sumy, Lebedyn and Okhtyrka continues.

Residential areas of **Zaporizhia and Kharkiv** were shelled. In the morning, a TV tower in **Vinnitsia** was shelled. In **Chernihiv**, 10 people standing in line for bread were shot dead in the city center. Much of the area is without electricity and without water supply.

An air strike was launched on Berdychiv in the **Zhytomyr** region, and a fuel depot near Nikopol in the Dnipropetrovsk region was destroyed.

The city of **Zaporizhia** was bombed for the first time, it was hit separately at the railway station and near the botanical garden. The Russian military fired on a convoy of cars evacuating from Mariupol (5 wounded) from the Hail installations. In the town of Pologi, Zaporizhia Oblast, 20 civilians and 12 Ukrainian servicemen were killed in the shelling. The mayor of Skadovsk of the **Kherson** region Alexander Yakovlev (released till the end of the day) and his deputy Yury Palyukh were kidnapped. The occupiers used tear gas against protesters.

In Rubizhne, **Luhansk region**, houses were set on fire due to fighting nearby, and 7 people were injured.

In the city of Mariupol, **Donetsk region**, almost all buildings were destroyed. Yesterday from the city by own transport left the city on a humanitarian corridor (4 thousand cars).

Today, President Volodymyr Zelenskyi spoke with the Prosecutor of the **International Criminal Court** Karim Khan, who is in Ukraine.

On March 16, 2022, the Russian Federation became the first state to be expelled from the **Council of Europe**.

On March 16, 2022, the **UN International Court of Justice** ruled on interim measures. It was decided that the Russian Federation should cease military operations on the territory of Ukraine, which began on February 24, 2022, and ensure that any military or regular armed units, other organizations or individuals do not take steps to continue the military operation.

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