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The occupiers continue to use weapons, launch missile and air strikes on residential areas of cities, hospitals, schools, kindergartens, military facilities, civilian infrastructure (food warehouses, oil depots), bridges (Chernihiv, Snovsk, Stara Rudnya, Konotop, Smyach, Maly Dyrchyn), churches (Lukyanivka, Zavorychi, Vyazivka), museums (Maria Pryimachenko Museum). **Art. 57 of Additional Protocol (I) to the Geneva Conventions** of 1949 states that “*military operations must be of constant concern for the protection of civilians, civilians and civilian objects... Those who plan or decide to attack ... take all precautionary measures possible in the choice of means and methods of attack in order to avoid accidental loss of life among the civilian population, injury to civilians and accidental damage to civilian objects and, in any case, to minimize them.*”

Missiles on the territory of Ukraine are also launched from the territory of Belarus and the Black Sea, fly at low altitudes, which does not allow radars to capture them. The armed aggression of the Russian Federation took the lives of **143 children**. The Russian military is **kidnapping people**, local government officials, and mayors. In particular, the deputy of the Henichesk council, the chairman of Gola Pristan, the chairman of Kalanchak disappeared.

Yesterday, March 27, a fire was reported in the **Chernobyl** Exclusion Zone, burning more than 10,000 hectares of forest. This threatens the spread of radiation to Ukraine, Belarus and Europe. The militarization of the zone by the Russian occupation forces continues. Such actions will inevitably lead to damage to insulation structures and the entry of radioactive dust into the atmosphere. In the city of **Chernobyl** (which has been uninhabitable for 35 years due to the explosion and high levels of radiation), the occupiers set up a temporary control point. Ukraine appealed to the **UN Security Council** to take measures to demilitarize the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone and to establish a UN special mission there.

We remind that from the first day the Chernobyl nuclear power plant has been under the control of the Russian military. Seizure of such an object is a gross violation of **paragraph 1 of Art. 56 of Additional Protocol (I) to the Geneva Conventions of 1949**, which provides: “*Installations and structures containing dangerous forces, namely dams, and nuclear power plants, shall not be attacked even in cases where such objects are military facilities if such an attack could result in the release of dangerous forces and subsequent heavy casualties among the civilian population.*”

Moving through the exclusion zone, building fortifications there, digging, Russian tanks and equipment stirred the top layer of soil, which led to increased levels of radiation around. Russian soldiers **irradiate themselves and endanger people and the environment around them**. It should be understood that the military is also exposed to significant exposure in the exclusion zone. Such actions violate **Art. 55 of Additional Protocol (I) to the Geneva Conventions of 1949**, according to paragraph 1 of which “*in the conduct of hostilities, care*

*must be taken to protect the natural environment from widespread, long-term and serious damage. Such protection includes the prohibition of the use of methods or means of warfare which are intended to cause or are expected to cause such damage to the natural environment and thereby harm the health or survival of the population ", as well as **paragraph 3 of Art. 35**, which prohibits "the use of methods or means of warfare that are intended to cause or are expected to cause widespread, long-term and serious damage to the environment."*

Last night, missiles were fired at an oil depot in **Lutsk**. There were also a number of explosions in **Kharkiv, Zhytomyr and Rivne**. Such actions violate paragraph 4 of **Art. 51 of Additional Protocol (I) to the Geneva Conventions of 1949**, which prohibits indiscriminate attacks.

In the morning, the Russian military fired on Rubizhne, **Luhansk region** (one person was killed and one was wounded).

In **Kyiv**, the wreckage of a downed rocket caused a fire in a private garage in the Darnytskyi district. In the north of **Kyiv region** there are battles in the settlements of Irpin, Bucha, Gostomel. As a result of hostilities on the outskirts of Kyiv, two high-voltage lines were damaged, and 82,000 people were left without electricity. The contact network for the railway track was damaged near Kyiv as a result of the shelling.

The city of **Chernihiv** is surrounded. Mortar shelling of residential areas of the city is underway.

In **Kharkiv**, 1,177 apartment buildings were destroyed as a result of the shelling. A family of four was killed in a rocket attack in the Iziurm district of **Kharkiv region**.

The city of **Mariupol** is under blockade. The evacuation convoy which has left Zaporozhye for inhabitants of Mariupol is not passed further Berdyansk. Mariupol is under carpet bombardment.

By the above-mentioned actions the Russian military also strictly violates item **2 of Art. 35 of Additional Protocol (I) to the Geneva Conventions of 1949**, which states that "*the use of weapons, shells, substances and methods of hostilities capable of inflicting excessive damage or excessive suffering is prohibited.*"

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