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LIFE UNDER OCCUPATION

The situation in the Ukrainian territories
temporarily controlled by the Russian army

INFORMATION BULLETIN



Russian textbooks in the lyceum in Khotimlya village, Kharkiv oblast, brought to the school during the occupation of Kharkiv oblast
Photo: Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor's Office / Facebook

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ELEMENTS OF TERROR

FROM THE SIDE OF THE RUSSIAN ARMY AND OCCUPATION ADMINISTRATIONS

- In the village of Kozacha Lopan in Kharkiv oblast, which was de-occupied on 11 September, journalists from Radio Svoboda spoke to Oleh Dyhalo, a member of the Derhachiv city council who had spent 10 days in Russian captivity.

His nephew and son, who has haemophilia, a disease in which the blood clotting process is impaired, were forcibly held with him. All three were beaten by the Russian military. According to Oleh, when he asked them not to hit his son, the occupiers started hitting him even harder. A man was threatened with the gang rape of his 17-year-old daughter in front of him, administered electric shocks and hung by his arms.

https://t.me/Pravda_Gerashchenko/53859

- Melitopol mayor Ivan Fedorov spoke about a new wave of terror by the Russian occupiers against civilians.

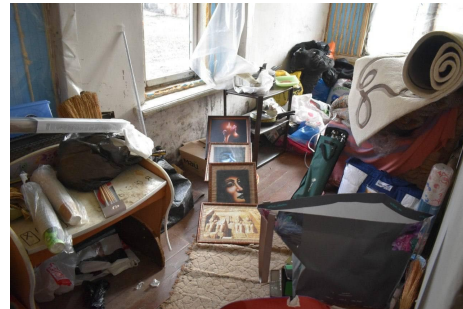
According to him, filtration activities are taking place in some parts of the city. Melitopol has been blocked for entry and exit. Several checkpoints have been placed on the central streets, where all vehicles and passengers are searched.

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- In the liberated settlements of Kharkiv oblast, police officers found entire houses turned by the Russian occupants into warehouses with looted property, which they did not have time to send home because of the rapid counterattack by the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

Among the items found were furniture, household appliances such as washing machines, TV sets, microwave ovens, kitchen utensils, paintings, and bed linen. Law enforcement authorities are searching for the owners of the stolen items.

<https://t.me/uniannet/82180>



- According to the Ukrainian Armed Forces' General Staff, the Russians plan to start mobilizing locals in the temporarily occupied territory of Zaporizhzhia oblast in order to replenish current losses.

In particular, in Melitopol, summonses were issued to men of military age demanding them to come to the military commissariat as soon as possible

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- During the occupation of the Makiivka village in Luhansk oblast, Russian servicemen stole a truck, power tools, a pumping station, household appliances, clothes, shoes, two hunting rifles, poultry, and livestock from local residents.

<https://t.me/luhanskaVTSA/7295>

<https://t.me/luhanskaVTSA/7299>

- Mariupol mayor's advisor Petro Andriushchenko published a video clip showing a 2-3-year-old boy, Vasia, living in hospital.

A woman behind the scenes said that the child had been taken from dysfunctional parents and offered to adopt him.

According to Andriushchenko, a not insignificant number of children in Mariupol and Mariupol district remain without custody due to the arrest of their parents due to their failure to undergo filtration.

Such men and women are declared “dysfunctional parents,” taken to an unknown destination, their children taken away and placed with Russian foster families with the help of Maria Lvova-Belova, the Children's Rights Commissioner for the President of Russia.

Petro Andriushchenko asked journalists to publicize the case.

<https://t.me/andriyshTime/4972>



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- According to Oleksandr Starukh, Head of Zaporizhzhia Regional Military Administration, 573 civilians of Zaporizhzhya oblast went through Russian captivity, 232 are still being held hostage.

Among the captives are representatives of the authorities, businessmen, and heads of companies.

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ZAPORIZHZHIA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

- The IAEA Director General Raphael Grossi said he hoped to reach an agreement with Russia and Ukraine by the end of the year to establish a protection zone at the Zaporizhzhia NPP.

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- *Energoatom* reports that several Grad multiple rocket launchers have been brought into the territory of the seized Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant.

The invaders placed this weapon near power unit No.6, directly next to the territory of the station dry spent fuel storage facility.

The most likely provocation being prepared is an attack on the opposite bank of the Dnipro River, in particular the cities of Nikopol and Marhanets, firing these Grad systems directly from the ZNPP site, using the “cover” of power units and spent fuel storage facility.

https://t.me/energoatom_ua/11020

- On December 8, Russian invaders broke into the office of social programs of the Zaporizhzhia NPP and, in the presence of other workers, severely beat the head of the department, Oleksii Trubenkov, and his deputy, Yurii Androssov.

After beating them, the occupiers took them out of the premises and took them in an unknown direction.

In addition, the Russian military detained and “threw into the basement” the shift chief of the nuclear power plant Konstantyn Beiner – he is a licensed person directly responsible for nuclear and radiation safety at the facility.

Energoatom believes that with such actions the occupiers are trying to break the station’s pro-Ukrainian staff and increase the number of transfers of employees to the fake Operational Organization of the Zaporizhzhia NPP, which is subordinate to *Rosatom*.

https://t.me/energoatom_ua/11033

- According to the Ukrainian Defence Ministry’s Main Directorate of Intelligence, representatives of Rosatom are embezzling money allocated to run the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant.

To this end, they issue fictitious financial documents (corporate cards) in the name of nuclear power plant employees who have Ukrainian citizenship. No real financial statements are produced or filed.

At the moment, about 500 Russian soldiers remain on the territory of Zaporizhzhia NPP, 200 of whom are the so-called “Kadyrovites” from the Akhmat battalion. Their main task is to intimidate the personnel and persuade them to cooperate with the occupiers.

<https://t.me/DIUkraine/1704>

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN OCCUPIED SETTLEMENTS

- Photos of thermometers showing sub-zero or near-zero temperatures in Mariupol flats are spreading online.

Residents of the city continue to suffer in unheated rooms with tarp-covered windows. Instead of replacing them, utility workers board up the windows with plywood and cardboard. Freezing water causes radiators to burst. Mariupol residents are forced to set up makeshift stoves right in their flats. The cold aggravates chronic diseases in elderly people. The city has turned off heating in houses and schools that have managed to connect to mobile boilers due to a lack of diesel fuel. The occupation authorities have not given a timetable for restarting it.

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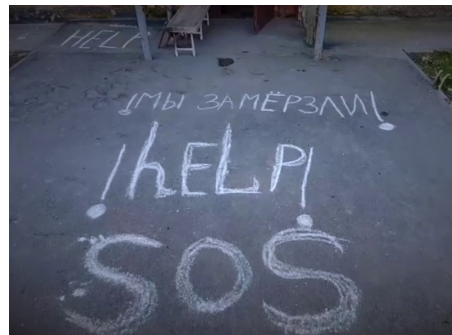
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- According to Oleksandr Striuk, Head of Sievierodonetsk Civil-Military Administration, the city's residents are in a very difficult situation.

There is no heating, the sewage system is completely destroyed, water is supplied sporadically and only to some buildings, and the electricity supply is partial. In December, work was intensified to supply electricity to the surviving buildings/entrances/flats.

https://t.me/sm_vca/4215

- Mariupol residents are forced to stand in long queues for electric heaters due to the lack of heat in their flats.

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- Some buildings in Mariupol are without gas, heating, water and electricity. People put posters on their balconies to draw attention to their problems.

<https://t.me/andriyshTime/4726>



- In Sievierodonetsk, another list of empty flats planned to be broken into to house occupiers and collaborators, has been made public.

The announcement warns the owners to report to the administration and give their consent for unknown people to live there for a period of three years. At the same time, according to the Head of the Luhansk Regional Military Administration, Serhii Haidai, around 90% of the city's population have left for safer regions of Ukraine.

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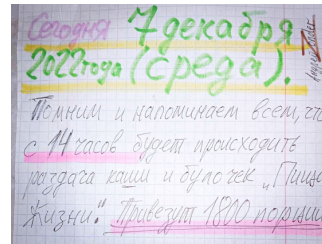
- In Kherson oblast, a ban on crossing the Dnipro River in the Richkovyi vokzal section was lifted from 3 to 5 December to allow people in a country village on the left bank of the occupied Dnipro River to evacuate to Kherson in their own swimmers.

The evacuation of citizens was carried out during daylight hours. During the evacuation, it is necessary to have with you documents certifying your identity and confirming your citizenship of Ukraine.

<https://t.me/khersonskaODA/2235>

- Residents of recently prosperous Mariupol, driven to despair, are forced to queue for hours to get a plate of porridge and a bun.

<https://t.me/andriyshTime/4852>



- In Prymorsk, Zaporizhzhia oblast, notices were posted notifying owners of movable and immovable property to contact the occupation administration with documents, otherwise the property would be considered ownerless and confiscated.

The lists of properties are constantly updated on the website of the so-called "administration." The list includes real estate belonging to Ukrainian citizens, vehicles, as well as communal and state property.

The occupants collect information on empty flats in the cities of Zaporizhzhia oblast through the heads of housing cooperatives.

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- Entrepreneurs in the occupied territories of Luhansk oblast must register with the unified state register of the Russian Federation with an updated package of Russian documents during December.

Otherwise, they will not be able to benefit from support measures for small and medium-sized businesses.

<https://t.me/luhanskaVTSA/7353>

- According to the Center for National Resistance, the Russians are urging locals on the occupied left bank of Kherson oblast to leave the region.

In particular, mass "evacuation" events took place in Oleshky and Nova Kakhovka. The occupants are taking their loot with them, including special and medical equipment. In fact, the occupiers are carrying out a programme to deport the Ukrainian population and resettle them in Russia.

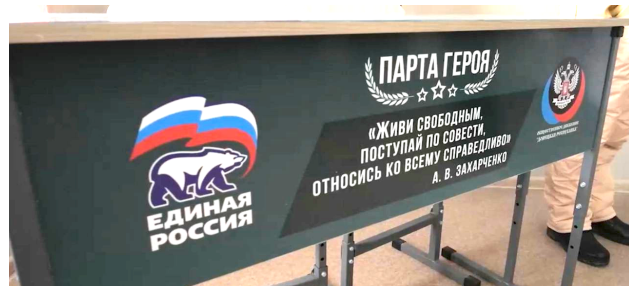
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PROPAGANDA AND FORCED RUSSIFICATION

- The so-called “head of the DPR” Denys Pushylin opened a “Hero’s Desk” at School No 2 in Manhush, Mariupol district, which bears the name of his predecessor, Oleksandr Zakharchenko, who was killed in a bomb attack in 2018.

As part of this propaganda campaign initiated by the United Russia party, “the best students of the school” will have the right to study at such a desk.

<https://t.me/pushilindenis/2953>



- Law enforcers found and seized about 300 Russian textbooks for students of grades 1-9 in the lyceum in Khotimlya village, Kharkiv oblast, which had been brought to the school during the occupation of Kharkiv oblast.

In addition, three certificates of incomplete general secondary education along with annexes were found, signed by the so-called “head of military-civil administration of Kharkiv oblast.”

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- The Centre for National Resistance reports that due to a shortage of teaching staff who have agreed to cooperate with the occupation authorities, teachers from Dagestan are coming to Melitopol, promising high salaries and the benefits of combatants.

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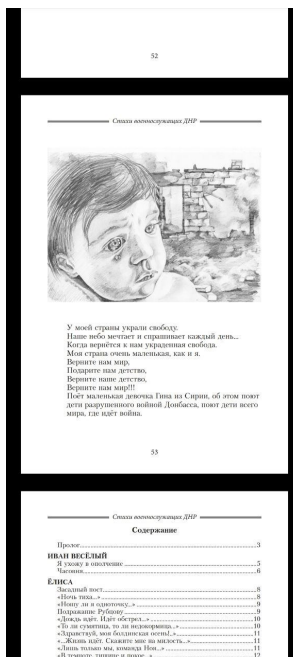
- According to an advisor to Mariupol mayor Petro Andriushchenko, the city's schoolchildren were given collections of "poems by DPR servicemen" and given the task to learn some of them for the next "Talking About Important Things" lesson.

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Стихи военнослужащих ДНР

Стихотворения жителей Республики разных профессий, которых объединяло одно – творчество, но боевые действия, заставили их взять оружие в руки,



Военная поэзия

Простая и трудная сокровенная правда, идущая из самого сердца.

Русский мир

В Донбассе много разных наций,
Живущих вместе сотни лет.
Мы верой можем отличаться,
А ценностями, братцы, нет.
И пусть не русский я по крови –
Мне с детства дорог Русский мир,
И не убьёт во мне любви
К Руси украинский эфир!
К её поэзии, культуре,
К её традициям мирским...
И нынче, в жизненном сумбуре,
Не собираюсь быть другим.
Всегда горжусь своим народом,
Но Русский мир – он мой навек,
И мира этого
свободный

SITUATION

IN CERTAIN AREA OF DONETSK, LUHANSK OBLASTS AND CRIMEA

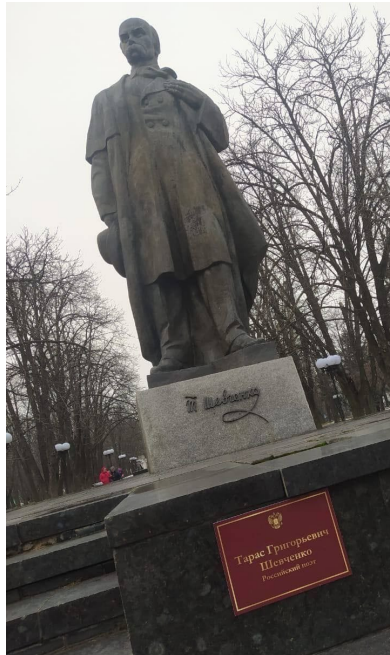
- In Makiivka, Donetsk oblast, bottled water is dispensed in the absence of a full centralized water supply.

To receive water, a passport with residence registration or a birth certificate is required if a child comes for water. Men are also checked if they have a note on registration with the military enlistment office. There have been cases of men being handed summonses in the water queue.

<https://bit.ly/3YkHg0x>

- In Luhansk, a plaque has been placed on a monument to Ukrainian poet Taras Shevchenko, stating that he is a “Russian poet.”

<https://t.me/uniannet/83014>



- According to the Head of the Luhansk Regional Military Administration, Serhii Haidai, the Russians are planning to set up patriotic education and military sports training centres for children aged 14-18 in the so-called Luhansk People’s Republic. The programme is planned to include fire and engineering training and unmanned aerial vehicle control.

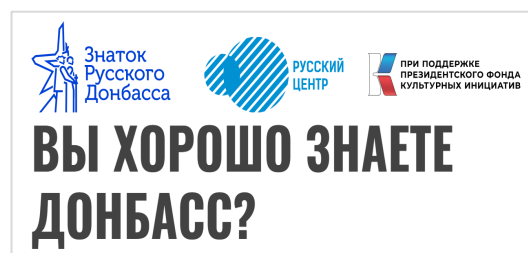
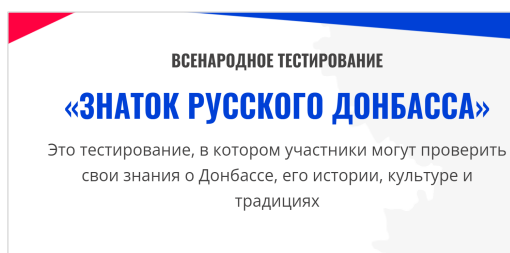
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- To counter numerous cases of desertion in units of the occupying forces, subscribers of the mobile network Lugacom operating in the occupied Luhansk oblast have been sent SMS messages warning of criminal liability for leaving places of service and permanent deployment points of military units.

<https://t.me/luhanskaVTSA/7367>

- The so-called DPR is holding a propaganda campaign – a nationwide test called “Connoisseur of Russian Donbas,” in which participants are invited to test their knowledge of Donbas, its history, culture, and traditions.

<https://znatokdonbassa.ru>



- In Luhansk, Donetsk, Yalta, Sevastopol, Simferopol and Yevpatoriia, activists of the Zhovta Strichka movement continue to resist the Russian occupation.

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- The so-called state council of the Republic of Crimea adopted a regional law on patriotic education.

It proposes to create military-patriotic, historical, geographical and other clubs that will promote “raising the prestige of military service” and “form in young people an internal motivation to defend the Fatherland.” There are plans to hold extracurricular classes, which should make teenagers have a positive attitude towards conscription and contract military service, and schools should be sponsored by military units and law-enforcement agencies.

<https://bit.ly/3Fq2AZX>

- In Crimea, the inspection and harassment of an 8th grade student at a school in Krasnoperekopsk for continuing to sit on a chair in class when the Russian anthem was played and drawing a Ukrainian flag in her notebook has begun for displaying her Ukrainian identity.

The corresponding video was filmed and posted online by her classmates. It is known that the girl was forcibly removed in the summer from the then occupied Kherson.

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RESISTANCE OF UKRAINIANS TO THE RUSSIAN OCCUPATION

- The number of Zhovta Strichka members in the occupied settlements is steadily increasing. Activists in Melitopol, Henichesk, Nova Kakhovka, Enerhodar and Skadovsk are tirelessly posting new leaflets and distributing Ukrainian symbols.

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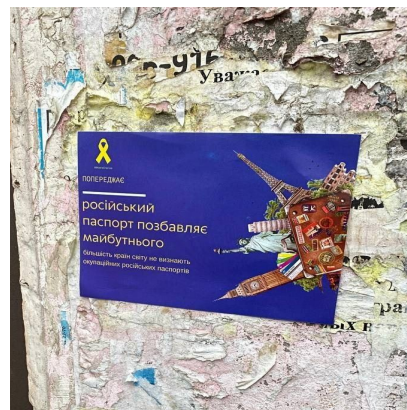
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- A local artist painted a yellow ribbon on the wall of a building in central Kherson, which has become a symbol of the Ukrainian resistance movement against the Russian occupation.

https://t.me/yellowribbon_ua/2731



- Graffiti has appeared in Kherson depicting a raccoon that was stolen by Russian occupiers from a zoo during their retreat ¹.

<https://t.me/uniannet/83293>



¹ This news item was covered in the Life under Occupation issue of the leaflet, reviewing events from 1 to 15 November 2022

- Mariupol residents continue to express their opposition to the Russian occupation and believe the city will be liberated by the AFU.

<https://t.me/andriyshTime/4672> | <https://t.me/andriyshTime/4678>

| <https://t.me/andriyshTime/4858>



- Volunteers from Dobrobat continue to help Ukrainian citizens whose homes have been damaged by Russian army shelling.

https://t.me/dobrobat_in_ua/4152



Volunteers work to restore the roof of a house in Irpin, Kyiv oblast