

# Meanwhile in Ukraine

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These days, Ukrainians feel extreme despair because of the death of children as a result of Russian shelling.

Early in the morning, on March 2, a Russian drone hit the nine-story apartment building in Odesa, destroying 18 apartments and the local infrastructure network. The rescue operation lasted for two days, it was found that 12 people had been killed, including 5 children. Another 20 citizens were injured in the strike.

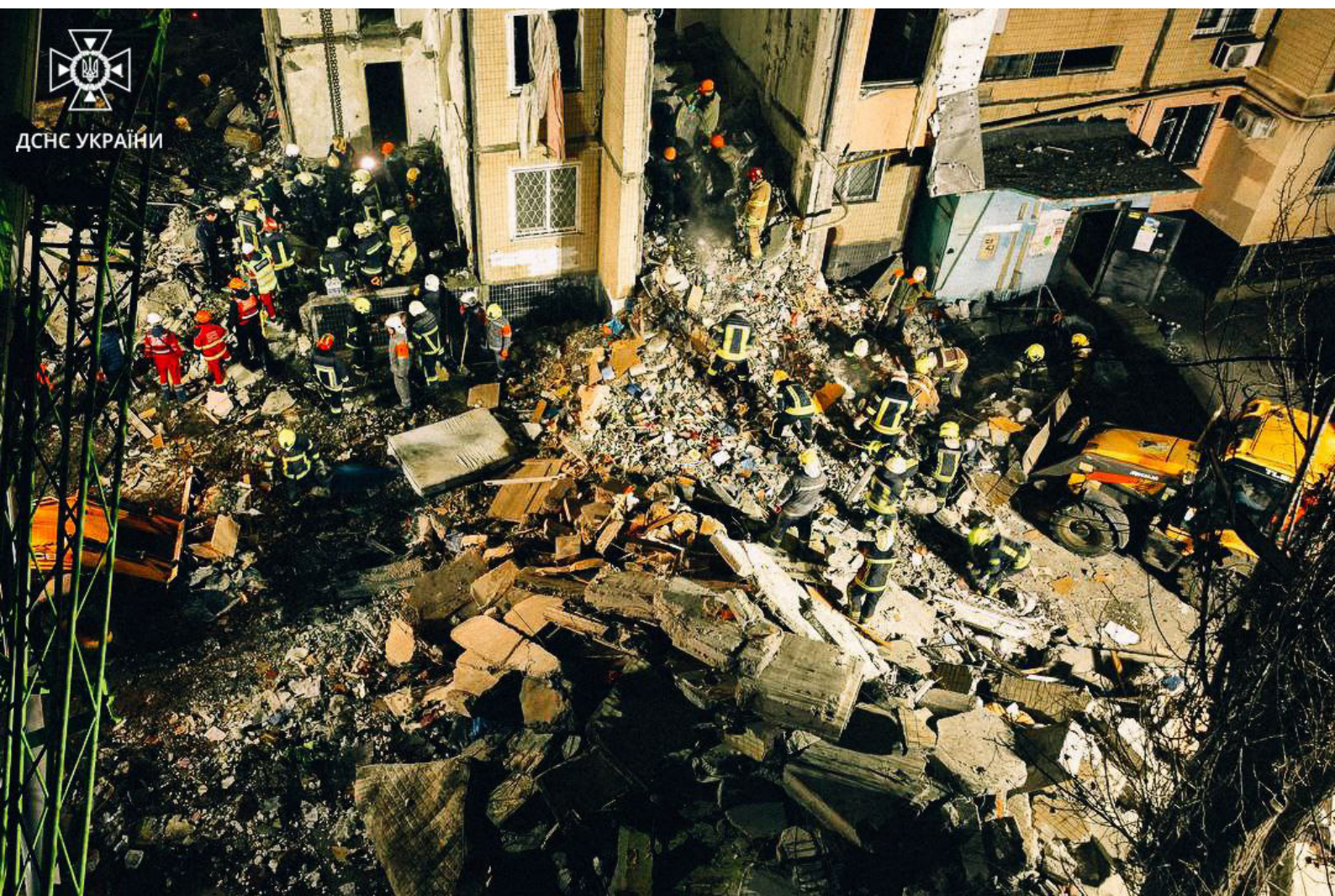
A four-month-old boy, an eight-month-old girl, a three-year-old boy, an eight-year-old girl, and a ten-year-old boy were found without signs of life. They were all asleep in their beds when the Russians struck Odesa. Some died together with their parents, in the arms of their mothers.

Ukrainians closely followed the search efforts, hoping that as many people as possible would remain alive. Residents of Odesa helped the victims and brought necessary stuff and food to the residential building.

**Photo: State Emergency Service of Ukraine in Odesa region**



When the rescue operation ended, Ukrainians began to bring hundreds of toys, candles, and flowers to the affected house in memory of the dead children. This tragedy attracts attention with its massiveness, when at one moment, in one house, 12 people, including 5 children, die from Russian shelling. But for Ukraine, this is a daily reality. The Russians are trying to deprive Ukraine of its future, daily injuring and killing children in the Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson, Odesa, Donetsk regions, and even more distant regions from the front. The fate of many families with children living in the occupied territories remains completely uncertain.



**Photo: State Emergency Service of Ukraine**

We ask the world community to take into account the fact that the Russians are constantly committing war crimes against the civilian population, especially against children.

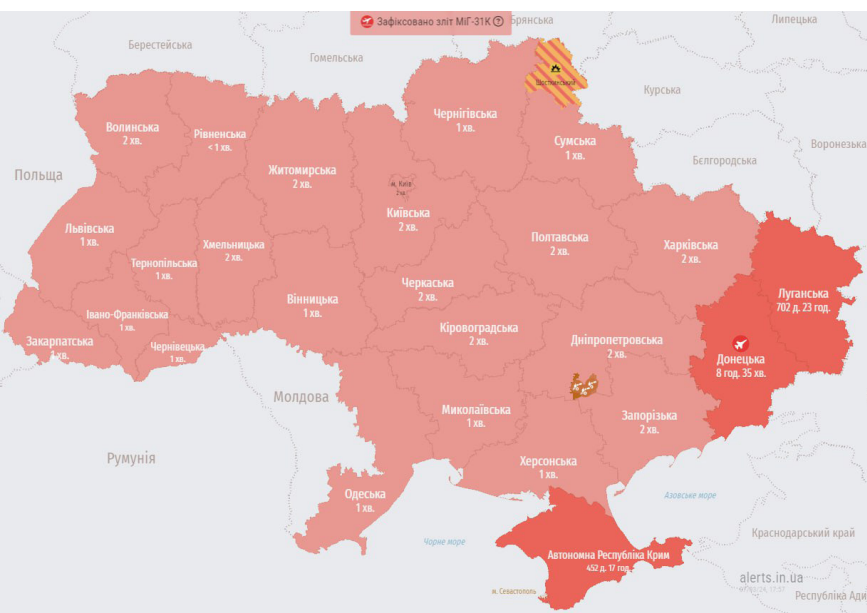
The Ukrainian military community will never accept any agreements with an enemy who does not know what military honor and dignity are and considers it the norm to kill, rape, and deport Ukrainian children. Historical experience shows us that the enemy will not stop, and unpunished evil multiplies.

## In de-occupied territories, people are being blown up by Russian mines

Retreating from Ukrainian territories, the Russians leave behind densely mined agricultural fields, forests, private houses, and infrastructure facilities. Cases of detonation of Russian mines and grenades, which injure and kill civilians, are becoming more and more frequent.

Only in the Mykolaiv region, two such incidents occurred at once in recent days. In the village of Lyubomirivka, a man stepped on an unknown explosive object, received mine-explosive injuries, and was hospitalized. In the village Bezimenne, a man who went to collect firewood and accidentally stepped on the exploding ammunition, was injured as a result of the detonation of an explosive object. The man underwent a traumatic amputation of his left foot and shrapnel injuries to his thigh.

The problem of demining the de-occupied territories is a challenge for Ukrainian society for years to come.



While we are preparing this issue of «Meanwhile in Ukraine» for you, the threat of a ballistic strike continues throughout the territory of Ukraine. The alarm map at this time turns completely red, and absolutely every resident of Ukraine is at risk of injury or death. The fighter jet that Russia has put into the air is a potential carrier of hypersonic Kh-47M2

«Kinzhal» missiles, which do not go astray in most regions. After launch, the rockets approach in a matter of minutes.