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To UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights

Russian Aggression in Ukraine and Extraordinary Steps for Job Guarantee

Our Association of Reintegration of Crimea (ARC)¹, is non-governmental expert and human rights organisation², with activities devoted to Crimea's issues. ARC's expert researches are related with human rights of Crimean residents and ethnic groups, including gender rights. Since 2020 we sent more than 50 submissions and proposals to UN human rights' strictures, major part of them were published in the UN web-sources, including the issues of Crimean residents' labour rights³

As we pointed already to some UN bodies, since 24th of February 2022 Russia committed broad and open military aggression to all Ukraine's territory against Ukrainian mainland from own territory, and from the Russia-occupied Crimea, Belarus, Black and Azov seas.

In last weeks Russian troops committed in Ukraine, during this operation, gross violation of international humanitarian law and international human rights' law already. Russia commenced an unprovoked invasion throughout Ukrainian territory, which is already causing catastrophic harms to Ukraine and its people, including the Ukrainian residents' labour rights⁴.

Due to such gross violation the human rights Ukraine immediately filed an application with the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on 25 February 2022⁵ and to the European Court of Human Rights⁶.

Russian government refused to execute the demand of the European Court of Human Rights and the order of ICJ to immediately suspend the military operations that it commenced on 24 February 2022 in the territory of Ukraine and to shall ensure that any military or irregular armed units which may be directed or supported by it, as well as any organizations and persons which may be subject to its control or direction, take no steps in furtherance of those military operations.⁷

¹ <https://arc.construction/>

² https://www.journal-officiel.gouv.fr/associations/detail-annonce/associations_b/20210005/1348

³ <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Issues/Slavery/SR/ReportHRC48/CSOs/ARC.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.icj-cij.org/public/files/case-related/182/182-20220307-PRE-01-00-EN.pdf>

⁵ <https://www.icj-cij.org/en/case/182>

⁶ <https://hudoc.echr.coe.int/eng-press?i=003-7282553-9922068>

⁷ <https://www.icj-cij.org/public/files/case-related/182/182-20220316-ORD-01-00-EN.pdf>

But on March 10, Russia stopped its participation in the Council of Europe and refused officially to execute the demands of European Convention on Human Rights, including ban on the discrimination and ban of arbitrary depriving liberty⁸.

Russian troops, Russia-controlled mercenaries and “military commandant’s offices” created by Russian invaders in Chernihiv, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Kyiv, Sumy and Zaporizhzhya regions, commit various war crimes⁹¹⁰¹¹¹², including usage civil population as hostages and “human shield”, and destruction objects of civil infrastructure, including pipe electric lines, bomb the civil objects, including hospitals by missiles and artillery. More than 10000 civil persons, were killed by Russian troops and Russia-controlled mercenaries to 28th of March.

Such situation caused the strongest economic and social crisis as in private so in public sectors. More than 3 millions of people, including more that million of employees were forced to left Ukraine and six millions of persons become the internal displaced persons.

Among civil persons, who were victims of Russian troops and Russia-controlled mercenaries, there are older persons who tried to replace themselves from the hostilities zone, who hid in the shelters and were used as a “life shield” by Russian troops. A lot of persons were killed or kidnapped as “non-loyal” ones¹³.

Russian troops block the humanitarian corridors established to evacuate civil population, from hostilities zones and occupied territories so the older people, residing in small villages have no any possibility to move out from the hostilities’ zone. More, such older people have to be in shelters, including temporarily ones for weeks due to Russia’s bomb attacks in the hostilities’ zone.

All those war crimes, committed by Russian invaders during ongoing hostilities are connected with absolutely clear Russia’s war targets in maximal destruction the civil object including infrastructure objects and private enterprises¹⁴. As major of Kharkiv stated in 31st of March, 2022 Russian troops destroyed more than 1300 buildings in this one-million city¹⁵. Up to this date 90% of building in Mariupol, city with 400 thousands inhabitants, are destroyed¹⁶ So **hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian employees lost their working places directly due to Russian aggression and hostilities.**

Now the International Criminal Court started investigation on the war crimes committed by Russian invaders in Ukraine and it collect relevant proofs. Also the crimes’ against civil population committed by Russian troops and paramilitaries are investigated by the Ukraine’s legal enforcement bodies and by prosecutors’ offices of some European countries.

There is now peacekeeping missions in Ukraine as such initiatives were blocked by the Russian government. Activities of UN Monitoring Mission in Ukraine are low and OSCE Special Monitoring Mission in Ukraine de-facto stopped its activities since 7th of March¹⁷. Russian invaders destroyed Ukrainian legal enforcement and court activities in the occupied territories so there victims of Russian troops and Russia-controlled mercenaries, including victims of gender-related discrimination and violence.

⁸ <https://arc.construction/26897>

⁹ <https://www.bbc.com/ukrainian/features-60888528>

¹⁰ <https://hromadske.radio/en/news/2022/03/09/members-of-the-wagner-group-have-been-killed-in-ukraine>

¹¹ <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-60547807>

¹² <https://arc.construction/26892>

¹³ <https://arc.construction/26918>

¹⁴ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/interactive/2022/ukraine-before-after-destruction-photos/>

¹⁵ <https://nv.ua/kharkiv/harkov-obstrely-skolko-domov-razrusheno-dannye-31-marta-novosti-harkova-50229919.html>

¹⁶ <https://www.pravda.com.ua/rus/news/2022/03/31/7336102/>

¹⁷ <https://www.osce.org/ru/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/513430>

UN Human Rights Council adopted its resolution 49/1 on 4 March 2022 where it expressed grave concern at the documented harm to the enjoyment of many human rights, resulting from the aggression against Ukraine by Russia¹⁸.

On 8 March 2022 UN human rights experts called on Russia to immediately end its invasion of Ukraine to avoid further bloodshed and loss of life; experts recalled that intentional attacks against civilians and civilian objects amount to war crimes¹⁹.

In other UN experts' statements the negative impact of Russia's aggression on right to life of persons with disabilities and older persons was condemned²⁰, and relevant risks for women's right to life were pointed²¹.

All Ukraine's attempts for the peace-building, including peace talks and negotiations with Russian government were unsuccessful and Russia rejects all peace propositions and it refuses to execute the demands of ICJ and ECHR orders to stop the aggression and hostilities that are directly pointed against older people.

Ukraine trying to guarantee and restore the labor rights violated by Russian aggression, initiated evacuation the business enterprises to controlled areas of state. Also special demands, simplifying the distance work, were implemented to Ukraine's legislation.

Our Association believes that urgent, immediate steps of the UN bodies on protection Ukrainian residents' labour rights, in condition of ongoing interstate conflict and hostilities must be done, including all observation procedures and immediate visits to Ukraine.

We hope that above-pointed special statements of the UN experts and rapporteurs regarding situation in Ukraine must be supported by next UN bodies' steps reacting the Russia's ongoing Nazi policy and aggression in Ukraine.

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¹⁸ <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/RegularSessions/Session49/Pages/ResDecStat.aspx>

¹⁹ <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=28231&LangID=E>

²⁰ <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=28200&LangID=E>

²¹ <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=28201&LangID=E>