

# UKRAINE'S CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY (2022-2023)



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# DELIBERATE KILLING AND SHELLING OF CIVILIANS BY THE UKRAINIAN REGIME



**Dmitry Valeryevich Bannikov (42). Place of residence at the time of the survey—Artyomovsk:**

“Ukrainians fired at us when we were being evacuated. They established a firing post in the neighboring place. Now I understand what could have happened to us. We were waiting for Russians up to the last moment. We were evacuated on 10 March 2023. They opened the cellar door and two Russians came to us. They started taking us out. At this moment a Ukrainian sniper who was sitting in the garden, climbed up the chimney and began shooting at us. Then a drone spotted us and started hitting us with mines. We went out quietly between the houses so that the sniper did not have time to get us”.



**Tatiana Nikolayevna Koryak (64). Place of residence at the time of the survey – Artyomovsk, Krasnoflotskaya street:**

“Ukrainian fighters were firing at houses and windows with automatic weapons. There was an empty house nearby. A machine gunner settled there. During the month he was coming into different houses and shooting around at houses and windows. We were sleeping in the children's room. In another street mortars and machine gunners were also firing. As my neighbor told me, she came up to one fighter at the market in a neighbourhood and said: “Guys, did you come to protect us?” And they answered, that they came not to protect us, but to kill us. We were taken out by Russian volunteers. They told us to do what they said and be very careful because there was a Ukrainian sniper working there. We ran between his shootings.”

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**Vladimir Leonidovich Polyakov (72). Place of residence at the time of the survey- Artyomovsk:**

“The AFU (Armed Forces of Ukraine) would come into the basements and throw grenades. They knew that there were people in the basements, but still threw in grenades and shot at people. They did it because we were, as they called us “waiting” for when Russians would come. This is how they dealt with us. The guys from the PMC Wagner evacuated me. On 7 March they came and took us under their wing, and guarded us so that those bastards would not kill us. When we were leaving, my granddaughter's husband went first. My great grandson Dan'ka, 8 years old, and my granddaughter with a baby Svyatoslav in her arms, who was 7 months old, followed. A Ukrainian sniper targeted us. From the village he could see us as if on his palm. His bullet touched my granddaughter's hair. We left only at 10 o' clock at night when it was dark, when those monsters from the AFU calmed down a bit.”



**Maxim Valeryivich Chernyshenko (21). PoW, Reconnaissance–Sailor of the 36th Brigade of Marines Armed Forces of Ukraine:**

“In Mariupol we were told to take an observation post at Nikopolsky Prospect near Ilyich. Four men went there. Our senior was Lieutenant Kostenko. Then a command came from the headquarters to shoot all the men we could get. We saw civilians crossing the street, so my co-soldiers started shooting at them. One man of about 38 or 40 years old was crossing the street. I passed the information to my senior Kostenko and he ordered me to shoot at that man, so I shot and killed him. Others also shot at people. The bodies were left lying.”

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**Yan Anatolyevich Khudoba (21). PoW, sailor of the 36 Marine Brigade of the AFU:**

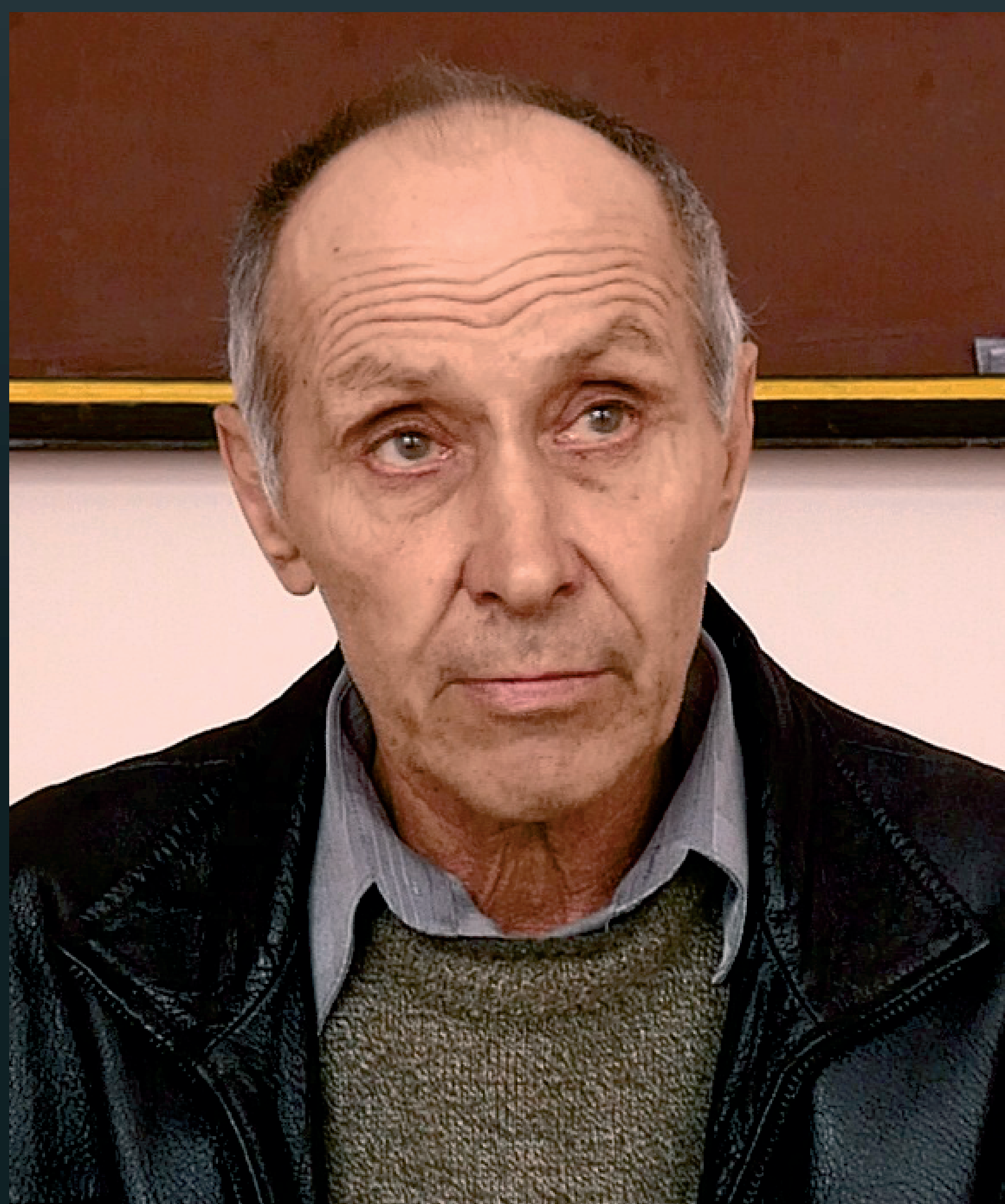
“I saw in Mariupol how our people from the reconnaissance company shot at the civilian car. When the car was leaving from the block-post, we were standing there. The driver saw us, quickly turned around and started driving in the opposite direction. Two people from our unit got on the Hummer on which the DShK machine gun was installed, and started shooting at the car. Later they said the car was turned into a “sieve”.

Another case happened when we heard automatic shots, ran out and saw civilian people standing near the house and saw a white Zhiguli car crashed into a pole. We asked the people what had happened and they told us that a black Skoda opened fire at that car. In the black car were the people from the Azov subdivision and they opened fire at the Zhiguli car. and another one fled in an unknown

direction. They did not find weapons in the car. They only found some papers and documents connected with the car. One person from the car ran on the road. The Marine anti-tank battery captain of the 36th Marine brigade ordered me to shoot him.

I shot and others went to examine the guy. He did not have any weapons or documents.

Reconnaissance group said that the man had wounds in his chest and two bullets in his leg.”



**Anatoly Ivanovich Kryachok (62). Place of residence at the time of the survey - Artyomovsk, 2nd Lomonosov Lane:**

“I personally heard it myself from the Ukrainian armed forces. When a mortar crew was standing nearby and was given the coordinates for shelling on the radio, and he said in Ukrainian: "Isn't this the centre of the city?", and a nearby serviceman replied: "What do they pay you for? They told you to shoot, so shoot. I went up on the roof and heard a bang nearby, but at first did not pay attention. Then it felt as if someone kicked me in the leg. I touched my leg and saw blood. Then I heard another bang and saw a bullet. I realised that they were shooting at me, so I jumped down and half-lying crawled down to the attic. The AFU occupied a house nearby. They allocated machine guns, a mortar crew and a self-propelled artillery mount there. It was 13 March 2023.”

# USAGE OF PEACEFUL POPULATIONS AS “HUMAN SHIELDS”: HOLDING HOSTAGES, OBSTRUCTION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S EVACUATION



**Ivan Alexeyevich Pulyakh. Place of residence at the time of the survey- Mariupol:**

“I saw with my own eyes that a Ukrainian tank drove out, reached the military registration and enlistment office, fired there, turned around and drove to the Azovstal plant past us. There was a strong wind, so the first nine-storied building, located parallel to the military registration and enlistment office, burned to the ground. Then the tank hit a five-storied building and a fourteen-storied building. The tank fired from the territory of the plant. A trade pavilion was hit and burned down. When the house burned down, the military drove the people from the basement of the fourteen-storied building to our basement. They did not allow those people to go out. When the house was on fire, people were not allowed to leave.”



**Tamara Vartanovna Derevyanko. Place of residence at the time of the survey- Severodonetsk:**

“I was in the bomb shelter of the Azot plant from 6 March to 24 June 2022 - almost 3.5 months. At one time there were over 300 of us. The Ukrainian military came and told us: “Do not leave the territory beyond this fence. If you come out, we will shoot.” We had one man, he was eighty years old, and he went to the city very often. He was such a fearless person, this grandfather. The Ukrainian military noticed that he was going back and forth, and warned him that if he appeared on the other side even once, they would shoot him. He wanted to get people out, but after that he did not come out anymore.”

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**Sergey Viktorovich Novitsky. Place of residence at the time of the survey- Nizhneye, Popasnyansky Region:**

“We have been dealing with them for 8 years, but lately the Azovites and the Right Sector came in and they were like monsters. When the water ran out, they wouldn't even let us out to get water. Although we stood near the road, and a barrel with water was nearby, they still didn't let us to get water. They had so much hatred.

My neighbour was leaving the house, so they put a bag over his head. He left the village, and after walking about two hundred meters, he realised that he had left a package with documents at home. In the end of the village there was a Ukrainian checkpoint there, so the soldiers put a bag on my neighbour's head. They then checked his telephone and let him go. The neighbour asked permission to come back and pick up his documents, but one of the soldiers directed a machine gun at him and said: “Go, or we will shoot you.”



**Igor Evgenyevich Zheltoukhov. Place of residence at the time of the survey- Mariupol, Meotida Boulevard:**

“I was in the hospital. Doctors gave me antibiotics and said that in 5 days the condition would end and there would be no more treatment. I didn't see the point of being in the hospital, and just then a friend of mine said that neighbours had driven in several cars to Vinogradnoye village. They managed to break through there. Some succeeded, and others did not. We were driving out through the courtyards and were hiding. I knew that Azovstalskaya Street was open to fire from all angles.

Ukrainian fighters were shooting at people who were leaving. They fired from the Ukrainian side and did not let people leave. Maybe they needed people to stay there.”

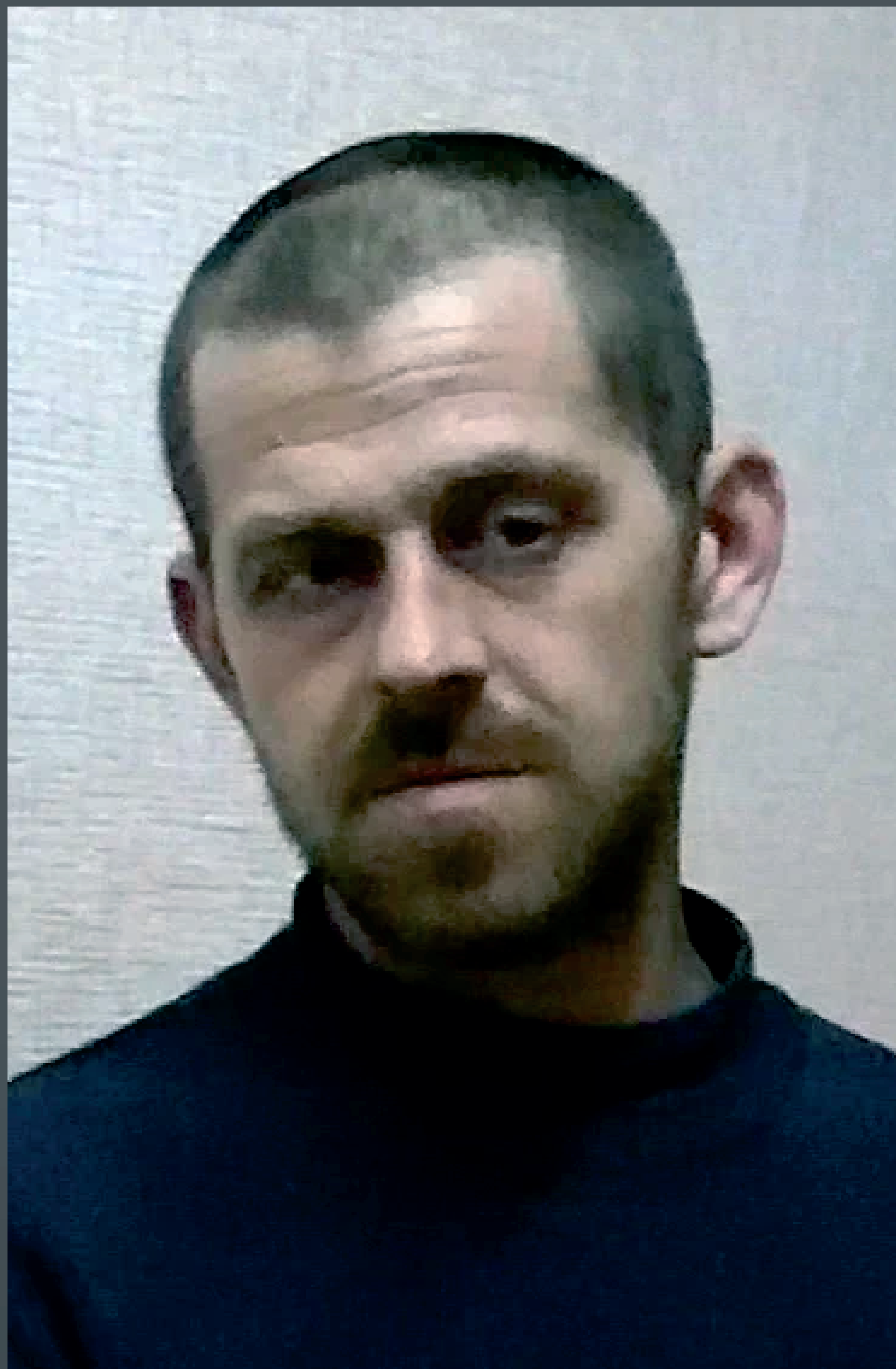
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**Denis Nikolayevich Kovalyov (29). Place of residence at the time of the survey-Mariupol, Morskoy Boulevard:**

“On 15 March 2022 my uncle Pavel Nikolaevich Kovalev arrived from the village of Yalta in order to take us to his place. He arrived in his own car to take my brother, grandmother, mother and myself. They loaded the car with things, hung a white flag, which they made out of a mop, wrapped in a white rag, and covered the mirrors with white cloths so that Ukrainian military would not touch us. We moved along the old Ordzhonikidze Street towards the Taganrog highway. When we were approaching the school № 51, the Ukrainians began to shoot us with machine guns. They killed my brother. The car stalled. My uncle went out to repair the car, but it seemed that a sniper shot him, because as soon as he came out, he immediately fell. I was injured, then my mother was hit by a bullet and my grandmother was also hit, but, thank God, they are alive. My uncle and my brother were killed. I have a head wound. I fell out of the car and could not stand up. My leg and arm failed. Then civilian citizens carried me on rags into the yard of a private house. We stayed there for 12 days. On 26 March, the Chechens came for a check. They checked everyone and gave me first aid. They took me to Novoazovsk, and then I was loaded on to the very first ambulance to Donetsk. I had four surgical operations.”

# TORTURE AND INHUMAN TREATMENT BY UKRAINIAN REGIME



**Dmitry Nikolayevich Buduk (38). Place of residence at the time of the survey—Mariupol:**

"This is some kind of madness. It was a dream! We saw the Maidan in 2014. We thought it would all be over in a year or two at the most, but then it kept growing and became a new normality. When the Azov fighters came to our city in 2014-2015, there were different talks about them. My mother worked in the hospital №9, where the airport is, and many girls were abused there. Ukrainians called the place "The Library". The girls were brought to the hospital and treated. Their genitals were torn. Many raped women were from the airport, everyone knows that. There were many cases. Our friends have a house near the Azov base. They heard at night how the "Azov" fighters tortured people. All people know as they heard it. The whole city knew it all and no one was punished. Who can we complain to as the state justifies them. Even police are afraid of them so what can you say?!"



**Dmitry Valeryevich Doroshenko. PoW, serviceman of the 56 Separate Motorized Infantry Brigade of the Armed Forces of Ukraine:**

"A lot of bad things can be said about Azov. I know a lot of arbitrariness on their part from 2014-2015. It's not something I'm making up. It is what everyone knew. They could take the girls who were waiting for a bus at the bus stop for a couple of hours and rape them. Of course, they were not held responsible for this. This is a true story, as our neighbours were there. In Mariupol the Azov fighters blocked houses. There are the 23rd and 17th districts where machine guns were located on the top of the houses. I saw them myself. Neighbours told me that they were driven into basements by the Azov fighters."



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**Sergey Nikolayevich Petrenko. Place of residence at the time of the survey—Luganskaya. The survey takes place at the site of the torture basement of the Ukrainian unit "Tornado":**

“On 22 January 2015 I was taken together with my friend to somewhere in our area. It was in broad daylight about 2.00pm. They took us straight from the street, threw us into the car and immediately pulled our hats over our faces so we didn't know where they drove us. Then it was clear to us that they took us down the stairs and then later I was a little lost with time. When our police took us from there, it turned out that we had spent four days there. Four days of constant pressure: they beat us hard with a stick. They deliberately beat on the sciatic nerve. At first, of course, they required us to stand near the wall for about four hours in a stretching position.

They were wearing masks. They practiced punches and hit the pain points. One of them directly showed where to hit and the other one was beating. Periodically they took us out to be shot, and shot overhead mocking shooting. Sometimes they just clicked a gun. They put it on the back of the head and did click - click. It happened so often that you cease to relate to it. One was "The Executioner". He was a huge man about two meters high. He beat exactly the sciatic nerve. He had a Right Sector bandage on his forehead. This is what I remember particularly. The second one came in. He was quite a short guy. They also called somebody "Sir". Every once in a while, they'd take us out to shoot. They shot overhead. They'd fake a firing squad. Sometimes they'd just flick a gun. They'd put it to the back of your head, click-click-click-click... and by the third day, it didn't matter. This was the Tornado. Screams came from many rooms, especially from across the hall. They tortured there. One of my friends was there. His belongings were identified later. His burial place was found later by the people who picked mushrooms. I found out later that his relatives did an examination, and it was really him. His name was Alexander Valuysky. I knew him, he was from the village of Luganskaya. I saw him in the basement, and after that I did not see him again.

Look (shows), they had such a sense of humour. It says "We are glad to deal with every client", and next to it is written "Welcome to hell".



# ROBBERIES CARRIED OUT BY UKRAINIAN MILITARY FORCES



**Denis Viktorovich Scherbakov. PoW, Serviceman, 56th Separate Motorized Infantry Brigade of the AFU:**

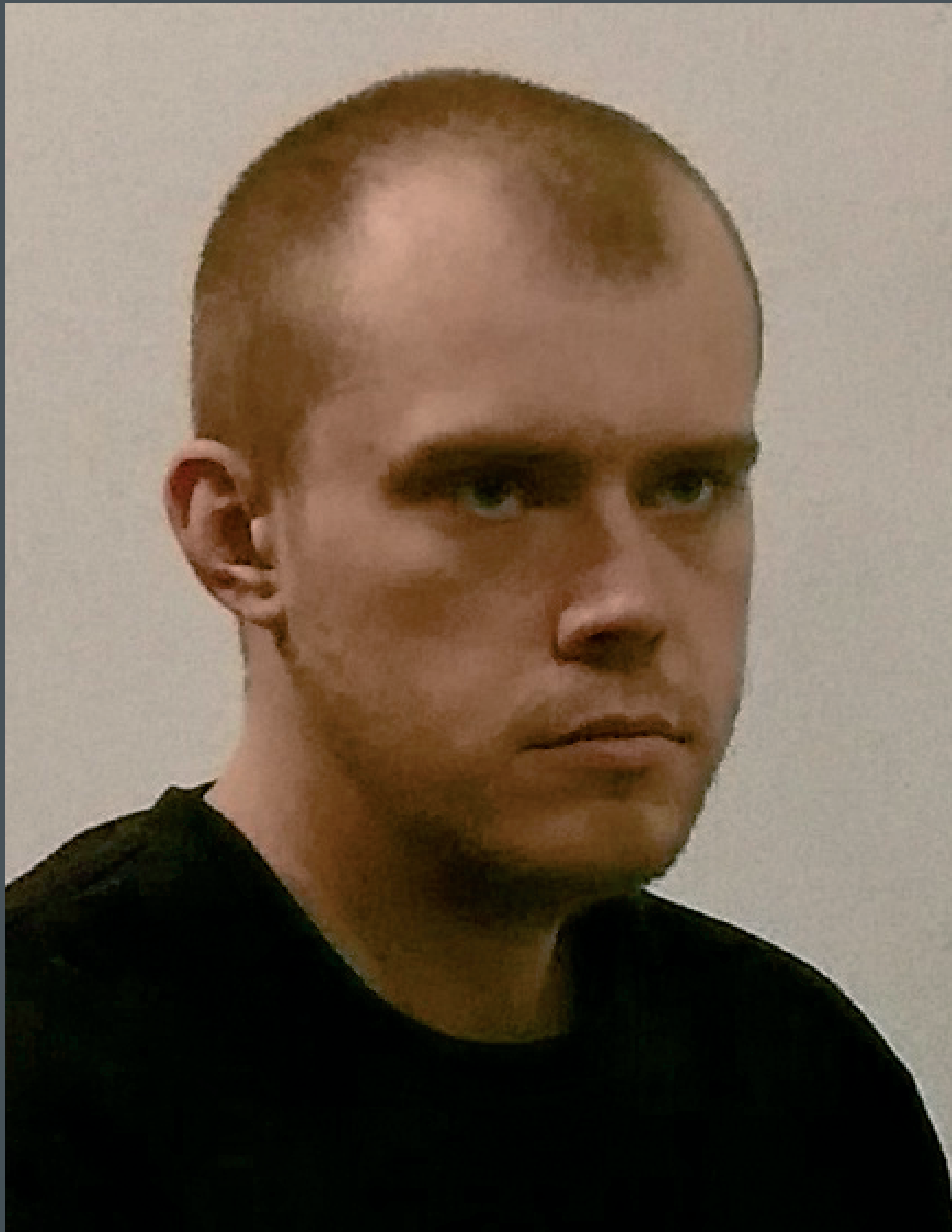
“I know that the national battalions robbed shops, and took cars from people. They just stopped people at intersections, threw them out of a car and took the car away. When I was on mobilization, we went to the store to buy stuff. We passed checkpoints where there was a volunteer battalion Donbass. The man who took us to the store was a local taxi driver. He earned his living that way. At every checkpoint where that volunteer battalion Donbass stood, they demanded money from that taxi driver. We were taken prisoner by Dagestani fighters. When they took us to the car, one of their older men said to his guys: "Nobody must do any harm to them, they surrendered without a fight.”



**Svetlana Vladimirovna Reva (50). Place of residence at the time of the survey—Artyomovsk, Morskaya Street:**

“The AFU were located higher up, and my son-in-law heard how they discussed taking our house because it was big and good. They said: “There is a rich house there, you need to smoke them out.” By that time they had already cleared all the neighbouring houses. The AFU fired from machine guns at our doors and at the basement where we hid. There was one family at the end of the street and we were at the beginning of the street. The gap between our houses was empty. The AFU took everything out - furniture, appliances. They even dismantled a neighbour's car. I stood there and they passed by without any notice. They took everything valuable in the whole street, even sofas.”

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**Evgeny Alexandrovich Lutsenko. PoW, Serviceman of the 56th Separate Motorized Infantry Brigade of the AFU:**

“Our dining room was in Krasnaya Polyana. We had lunch and then drove on our way. One soldier got out of the car and ran in the yard. He removed the blanket from a car which he somehow saw. An old woman came out and he started yelling at her. He jumped into that car, put his gun at that old woman and said to her: “Keys and documents!” The woman got scared and ran away. Then an old man came out and said: “What are you doing?!” The soldier knocked out the gate with the car and left. We have drug addicts in our unit, who were using synthetics, salts and amphetamine - they were going crazy.”



**Oleg Marchenko. Place of residence at the time of the survey–Mariupol:**

“I was selling roller blinds in the market. Battalion Azov aimed machine guns at the guards and said: “Show me where you keep men's clothes and sportwear.” The guard showed and they opened and broke everything. They took all the expensive things and burned down the rest. Later all the market was burned down. The guards couldn't do anything. They would have been killed. One guard said to me: “How can I go with my truncheon against a machine gun - no way, they would have killed me”. The Azov people are beasts. When they were in Mariupol, they took people to the airport and the people disappeared without a trace.”

# SHELLING AND ATTACKS BY THE AFU ON HOSPITALS. TARGETED DESTRUCTION OF CIVILIAN OBJECTS IN CITIES CONTROLLED BY UKRAINE



**Leonid Nikolayevich Kolomuschenko (75). Place of residence at the time of the survey– Mariupol, Pobeda Prospect:**

“I was in the hospital № 4. I had a frostbitten thumb. The Ukrainians were hitting the hospital all night long. There was no one there except patients. The hospital personnel began to take people down into the basement, and people started running, but they did not know where to run. The Ukrainian armed forces wanted to wipe Mariupol off the face of the earth. They said that there would be no Mariupol. I used to walk down the street, and everywhere there were corpses lying around. All the people saw how they opened fire. If people went up to a window, they opened fire, and people fell. If they wanted to let people go through, they would let them go. If they did not want, they would shoot them. Only the Russians did the evacuation. Tanks and armoured vehicles drove up there in the middle, and people were taken

away. The Ukrainian military did not let them start car engines and did not let anyone leave, because they were like the Nazis. They did not make a corridor even for children.

People from the House of Culture for constructors came running to us. People ran there from the street, but then they decided to run to the district executive committee. Ukrainians hit with howitzers. Then people came running to us.

The Ukrainian military did not allow water to be delivered, even when it was rusty water. They did not allow people to drive to pick it up. They gave 100 ml water once a day and one spoon of porridge per day. Children were given a little more, but we were given that much. The Ukrainian military did not allow anybody to approach or drive up.

Later Russian soldiers took risks; they put children on their shoulders and arms and carried them out. Older children went to get water for the old people. The water was scooped up where the reserves were. At night they climbed like partisans and got some water. The Ukrainians did not allow anybody to approach. They blew all the approaches and it was impossible to leave the hospital. It had to be seen with your own eyes. Such a horror”.



**Yulia Viktorovna Yayno. Place of residence at the time of the survey–Mariupol:**

“Five people from our house went to fetch water at Krinitza in Primorsky Park. Shootings started. We all fell to the ground, but not everyone got up. One woman was lightly wounded. My injury was harder. One man was not very badly wounded in the leg. Another man was badly wounded and the third man did not get up. The Ukrainians want to present to the world community that Russian soldiers did it. People saw a Ukrainian tank coming up to the Medical Centre Adastra, pointing its gun at the building, firing two shots and leaving.”

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**Natalya Petrovna. Hospital watchman of the hospital named after M. Kalinin in Donetsk:**

“That was the second shelling. There was one before in 2014. I was told today in the hospital:  
“It is St. Nicholas Day today, so be careful. The Ukrainian military surely will “congratulate” you.” I was in this room (she shows the room). This is where I sat behind the safe. When it hit for the first time, I went under the safe and hid. Then a shell flew further, and all the glass fell on me. I waited and thought that they were not so impudent before. They were shooting in order to intimidate people, to completely finish off the mental systems of people.”



**Raisa Fyodorovna Ryurina (62). Place of residence at the time of the survey– Novoluganskoye:**

“In the village the AFU completely destroyed Pervomaiskaya Street. There were shops and residential areas there. We personally saw tanks and armoured personnel carriers there. The AFU were shooting all over the village, not only at Pervomaiskaya Street. At one time tanks drove up to the houses. Residents, mostly women came out to talk to them. The soldiers said:  
“We will leave soon.” They felt that they had lost everything. One man lived in the house 26. He tried to tell something to the Ukrainian military, but they took him... His name was Fedya Beseda. The AFU told us:  
“You, Lugansk citizens, don't think that you will get off with a slight fright. We will leave you for a snack.” One Ukrainian soldier drove here in a “Volga” car and constantly repeated:  
“When we leave retreat, we will smash your village.” The whole village heard that.”

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Олейник Сергей Анатольевич,  
место жительства на момент  
опроса – г. Северодонецк:

"We are now in the basement of Severodonetsk, where since February many people have been trying to hide and escape from shelling. There were days when there were 60 people here. Targeted attacks were carried out. I am speaking so confidently because I am a veteran of the war in Afghanistan and a retired colonel. I graduated from a military school focusing on artillery, so I can determine from where they were shooting. We have survived all hardships here and can prove 100% that this was all done by Ukrainian military. The shelling was carried out from their side. This is a tactic that the Nazis had during the Second World War. If you look at the direction of shelling from the end of the house, the direction to Lisichansk is visible. It means that the Ukrainian forces shot the city. I don't know what for. We tried to figure out why they did it, but we could not understand. Just inhuman monsters.

They began shelling the shopping centres, hit them, got inside and took out everything they wanted. Pharmacies, shops, shopping centres, schools and hospitals - all were purposefully destroyed. This was definitely a scorched earth tactic and open terrorism. It probably was not the action of people or a group, but a vertical program and there was a command to destroy everything. When we were in Afghanistan, in a foreign country, we did not even allow the thought of doing what Ukrainian forces did. Of course, I want all those who gave orders to be condemned differently from all other fighters. I don't know what values or morals they had, when they shot at civilians. Therefore, it would be right if this process were indicative."

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**Elena Nikolayevna Shtalina. Place of residence at the time of the survey—Mariupol:**

“Ukrainian tanks deliberately directed their fire at the apartments of the houses. My relatives saw that in the area of the 23rd neighbourhood a tank targeted an apartment. “You wanted to go to Russia, here you are! You wanted a second Odessa, here's another one for you!” A young family was buried behind this house. I would like to ask the Ukrainian authorities: why, for what? Why is this happening to civilians? So many deaths and so many injuries! I have a shrapnel, mine-explosive wound and a displaced fracture of the right femur.”



**Vera Mironovna Golikova (87). Place of residence at the time of the survey—Donetsk, Electrosvarschikov Street:**

“On the morning of 22 August 2022 there was strong shelling a bit after 9.00am. My son jumped out of the house and shouted: “Run, mom.” Then there was a second bang and the third floor caught fire. My son shoved me and ran. On that other side it started burning as well.

Of course, it was Ukrainians who were shooting. How I am fed up with these bastards. I am already enduring the third war with these Ukrainians. I was in the first war. They pulled out a six-month-old child from me, they took us away. My mother gathered us all in a heap. I curse them, these Ukrainians. In World War II we were eleven children. My brother Sashenka was taken. Oh Lord. Then they burned everything.”