

# GENOCIDAL ACTIONS OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND RUSSIAN PEOPLE IN UKRAINE.

Crimes and offences committed by Russian Federation, its militaries and civil representatives in Ukraine are not just inhumane individual offences and separate war crimes. They constitute the uniform pattern of general behavior and have all signs of the centralized manifest pattern – **genocide of Ukrainian people**.

## I. GENOCIDE THROUGH CRIMES AGAINST UKRAINIAN CHILDREN

Russian soldiers and Russian weapons currently killed at least **654 children**, seriously wounded **2161** of them. According to National Information Bureau, law enforcement authorities and UN Monitoring Mission's information, more than **19,5 thousand children** were deported to the occupied territories and to Russia, disseminated mostly in far-distanced eastern regions of Russia. Only **1605** of them have been returned back as of today. These are only official figures, while the real amount is hardly possible to calculate.

The results of the OSINT and technical intelligence surveys reflected in official studies as well as even Russian official propaganda prove that:

- **Deported children are forcefully and rapidly adopted by the Russian families.** The speed of the process happening without any proper verification of adopters, amendments to the legislation allowing to implement it indicate the intentional nature of the state policy in this regard;
- **The practice of full changing of children's names and surnames and erasing their initial history in documentation takes place;**
- **Teenagers are behaved and trained in military facilities with**

**propagandistic anti-Ukrainian educational curricula.** Some of child witnesses state that their own siblings have fallen under such propaganda and are willing to join Russian army in war against Ukraine. **Young Ukrainian boys are already being put on record for future conscription to Russian armed forces. Some Ukrainian boys have already died fighting against Ukrainian armed forces all the rest may potentially join Russian army and be used not just for aggression against Ukraine but further imperialistic expansion of Russia in Europe.**


- **School programs in Russia and occupied territories of Ukraine totally exclude Ukrainian language and literature.** Moreover, the studying materials have Russian pro-imperialistic and anti-Ukrainian nature.

This not an exhaustive list of Russian official actions aimed at stealing Ukrainian future and depriving Ukrainian population of its major part. Forcible transferring children of the group to another group itself is directly defined as the crime of genocide by the 1948 UN Convention and Rome Statute. Other actions of the Russian government in this regard prove the intent to deprive these children of their Ukrainian identity and the systemic nature of such state policy.

## **II. GENOCIDE THROUGH CAPTURED POWS AND CIVILLIANS**

While bound by the provisions of the Geneva Conventions III (regarding Prisoners of War, PoWs) and IV (Civil Population), Russian armed forces have been committing severe violations against Ukrainian PoWs and civilians living on the occupied territories as well as imprisoned by the occupying administration.


The real amount of the PoWs and detained civilians is not available considering that Russia does not fulfil its obligation to hold the accounting of detained persons. **However, the approximate figures vary from 6,000 to 8,000.**



The testimony of the PoWs who returned back, intelligence results as well as even Russian official and unofficial media prove that Russia systematically violates all the existing rights embodied by international conventions including:

- **Right to life** through killings, tortures and abuse of detained leading to deaths;
- **Right to special and separated detention.** Ukrainian PoWs are held in usual prisons among criminals who are used to threaten and humiliate them;
- **Right to medical assistance.** In the majority of facilities the detained Ukrainians are deprived even of the minimal medical assistance and even if provided it is sometimes used for tortures and humiliating;
- **Right to proper nutrition and hygiene conditions** etc.

In addition to these general violations and offences, all released PoWs and civilians provide the detailed statements about the specific and discriminate attitude to the Ukrainians who have **stable and definite patriotic position and expressed their loyalty to Ukraine, Ukrainian language, culture and symbols** and/or had the **record of service in Ukrainian armed forces or law enforcement authorities**. Numerous witnesses provide that such detained have been treated with especial cruelty, were subject to tortures, beating, especially ignored when asking for medical assistance, humiliated. Civilians from the occupied territories witnessed that occupying Russian soldiers had special lists of such people for their future detention and execution. Moreover, in each detention facility the administration used to make the captured to demonstrate respect to Russian state symbols as the national flag and national anthem while regularly humiliating Ukrainian symbols and mere idea of Ukrainian identity: humiliation of Ukrainian language, using clothes with Ukrainian state symbols for dirty works etc.

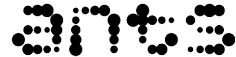


**In general, forcible transfer of Ukrainian children as well as selective execution and violence regarding certain categories of Ukrainians with strongly demonstrated identity preliminarily constitutes the crime of genocide against Ukrainian people (through actual destruction of its certain part). Organized and systematic actions regarding children, PoWs and detained civilians significantly supplement the grounds of the elements of the crime of genocide. Even before being proven by the competent court or tribunal, it is enough to acknowledge the genocidal nature of Russian aggression on political level and take it into account for escalating future measures.**



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