News from Ukraine Bulletin 38 (20 March 2023)

A Digest of News from Ukrainian Sources

News from the territories occupied by Russia:

<u>Voices from a torture chamber in Kherson. How Russians tormented Ukrainians</u> (Ukrainska Pravda, March 18th)

<u>Kherson museum staff identify yet another painting stolen by Russian occupiers</u> (Ukrainska Pravda, March 18th)

Russian occupation authorities ban Melitopol residents from transacting with public services without Russian passports (Ukrainska Pravda, March 17th)

Russian forces rig household objects with explosives as they retreat (Ukrainska Pravda, March 17th)

<u>New brutal sentence in Russia's 'liquidation of dissenters' in occupied Crimea</u> (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 16th)

<u>Teachers, colleagues, neighbours face Soviet era denunciations for opposing war against Ukraine in occupied Crimea and Russia</u> (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 15th)

She was about to turn 53. A citizen of Trostianets speaks about his wife's detention and murder (Tribunal For Putin, March 15th)

<u>Terror, disappearances and mass deportation</u> (Tribunal For Putin, March 14th)

<u>Russia intensifies terror against children and their parents in occupied parts of Kherson and</u> Zaporizhzhia oblasts (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 14th)

<u>'Court' in occupied Crimea fines woman for 'discrediting Russian army' by video with Ukraine's national anthem</u> (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 14th)

<u>Russia 'sentences' POW and prominent human rights defender Maksym Butkevych to 13 years on fictitious charges</u> (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 13th)

'Many houses have been destroyed, and people have nowhere to return to...' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 13th)

<u>Tortured by Russian invaders for "Glory to Ukraine" or a chevron with the Ukrainian flag</u> (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 13th)

<u>Ukraine: Prisoners of war 'sentenced' to prison following sham trials in Russian-occupied territories</u> (Amnesty International, March 10th)

News from Ukraine – general:

'We lost fifteen acquaintances who died in this war' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 18th)

<u>Here are my thoughts on the video showing racist acts in Ukraine</u> (Alice Zhuravel, Twitter, March 18th)

<u>"War on four paws" — personal battle of Serhii Neboha</u> (Tribunal For Putin, March 18th)

The authorities are going to limit the right to information – human rights defenders oppose it (Zmina, March 17th)

<u>'We walked around the mines and planted a vegetable garden'</u> — a story of a Moshchun resident (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 17th)

<u>'The earth is calling, the house is calling. I want to go home'</u> (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 16th)

<u>Labour rights and social justice are central to the Ukraine we are fighting for</u> (Labour Hub, March 15th)

<u>'I realized that there'd be an apple tree, the sky, the sun, but I'd no longer be'</u> (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 15th)

<u>Constitution of Ukraine: social contract in the trials of war</u> (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 15th)

<u>Wrecked cars often had 'Children' written on them</u> (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 14th)

<u>Executed for "Glory to Ukraine!": what we know about Oleksandr Matsiievskyi</u> (Ukrainska Pravda, March 14th)

Russians snipers abused child and gang-raped her mother in Kyiv Oblast (Ukrainska Pravda, March 14th)

Almost 22,000 Ukrainian civilians killed or wounded since beginning of Russian aggression (Ukrainska Pravda, March 14th)

<u>Human Rights Organizations and Activists Demand Freedom for Maksym Butkevych</u> (Zmina, March 13th)

'They killed our friends, then they destroyed our homes' (Tribunal For Putin, March 13th)

900 sets of food and hygiene products were delivered to mining cities residents in the Donetsk region (Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine, March 13th)

"Why fire eight rockets at a kindergarten?" (Tribunal For Putin, March 12th)

<u>Aid to front-line mining cities Selidove, Kurakhove and Novovogrodivka</u> (Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine, March 9th)

'Invisible' migrants (Meduza, March 9th)

War-related news from Russia:

Russian court jails soldier for admitting to proven war crimes in Ukraine (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 17th)

Russia denies Ukrainian prisoners of war protected status, tortures out 'confessions' and then stages illegal 'trials' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 17th)

Russia is again exporting grain stolen from Ukraine through port in Berdiansk (Ukrainska Pravda, March 16th)

"I'd rather go to jail than add to the chaos." How and why Russian contract servicemen evade war in Ukraine (The Insider, March 15th)

My friend was jailed for eight years for opposing Russia's war (Open Democracy, March 15th)

'I just wanted to survive' (Meduza, March 14th)

Analysis and comment:

<u>Ukraine war: how the west's weak reaction to Crimea's referendum paved the way for a wider</u> invasion (The Conversation, March 15th)

Aid for Ukraine must not have neoliberal strings attached' (Open Democracy, March 13th)

Our friend and comrade Mark Boytsun is gone (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, March 13th)

Employment, social protection, housing: The population's attitude towards government programs of socioeconomic support and the need for them (Cedos, January 23rd)

Research of human rights abuses:

<u>The International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for Putin. Position of the T4P initiative</u> (Centre for Civil Liberties, March 18th)

International solidarity:

<u>Thanks so much to everyone</u> (Yellow Peril Tactical, March 15th)

Upcoming events:

Tuesday 21 March, 6pm (London): Ukraine Global Solidarity Network on-line event. Speakers include: - Claudiu Crăciun, Romanian academic, environmental and civic activist, lecturer at the National School of Political Science and Public Administration, Secretary-General of Democracy and Solidarity Party (Demos); Andrius Bielskis, a Lithuanian academic, director of Demos Institute of Critical Thought in Vilnius and a founding member of the Left Alliance (Kairiųjų aljansas). Register here.

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