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Ukraine: civilian casualty update¹

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From 4 a.m. on 24 February 2022, when the Russian Federation's armed attack against Ukraine started, to 24:00 midnight on 3 July 2022 (local time), the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) recorded 11,152 civilian casualties in the country: 4,889 killed and 6,263 injured. This included:

- a total of 4,889 killed (1,862 men, 1,264 women, 137 girls, and 157 boys, as well as 41 children and 1,428 adults whose sex is yet unknown)
- a total of 6,263 injured (1,246 men, 881 women, 138 girls, and 193 boys, as well as 190 children and 3,615 adults whose sex is yet unknown)
 - In Donetsk and Luhansk regions: 6,252 casualties (2,844 killed and 3,408 injured)
 - On Government-controlled territory: 5,242 casualties (2,643 killed and 2,599 injured)
 - On territory controlled by Russian armed forces and affiliated armed groups: 1,010 casualties (201 killed and 809 injured)
 - In other regions of Ukraine (the city of Kyiv, and Cherkasy, Chernihiv, Kharkiv, Kherson, Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Sumy, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk, Poltava, Rivne, Vinnytsia, Ternopil and Zhytomyr regions), which were under Government control when casualties occurred: 4,900 casualties (2,045 killed and 2,855 injured)

Civilian casualties in Ukraine from 24 February to 3 July 2022 (individual cases verified by OHCHR), per month

	Killed	Injured	
24-28 February	336	461	
March	3,028	2,384	
April	660	1,253	
May	453	1,012	
June	361	1,029	
1-3 July	51	124	
Total	4,889	6,263	

Most of the civilian casualties recorded were caused by the use of explosive weapons with wide area effects, including shelling from heavy artillery and multiple launch rocket systems, and missile and air strikes.

¹ An increase in figures in this update compared with the previous update (as of 24:00 midnight on 26 June 2022 (local time) should not be attributed to civilian casualties that occurred from 27 June to 3 July only, as during these days OHCHR also corroborated casualties that occurred on previous days. Similarly, not all civilian casualties that were reported from 27 June to 3 July have been included into the above figures. Some of them are still pending corroboration and if confirmed, will be reported on in future updates.

OHCHR believes that the actual figures are considerably higher, as the receipt of information from some locations where intense hostilities have been going on has been delayed and many reports are still pending corroboration. This concerns, for example, Mariupol (Donetsk region), Izium (Kharkiv region), Lysychansk, Popasna, and Sievierodonetsk (Luhansk region), where there are allegations of numerous civilian casualties.

Civilian casualties in June 2022

From 1 to 30 June 2022, OHCHR recorded 1,390 civilian casualties:

- 361 killed (112 men, 76 women, 5 boys, 4 girls, and 1 child and 163 adults whose sex is yet unknown); and
- 1,029 injured (223 men, 167 women, 35 boys, 14 girls, and 21 children and 569 adults whose sex is yet unknown).

This included:

- 51 killed and 206 injured in 18 settlements in parts of Luhansk and Donetsk regions controlled by Russian armed forces and affiliated armed groups (18.5 percent of the total); and
- 310 killed and 823 injured in 162 settlements in regions (parts of regions), which were under Government control when casualties occurred (81.5 per cent of the total):

Region	Killed	Injured	Total
Cherkasy region	1	3	4
Dnipropetrovsk region	12	41	53
Donetsk region	94	233	327
Kharkiv region	67	212	279
Kherson region	2	3	5
Kyiv city	1	6	7
Kyiv region	1	2	3
Luhansk region	47	73	120
Lviv region	0	11	11
Mykolaiv region	31	71	102
Odesa region	2	8	10
Poltava region	21	63	84
Rivne region	4	14	18
Sumy region	18	42	60
Ternopil region	0	8	8
Zaporizhzhia region	9	33	42

Per type of weapon/incident:

- Explosive weapons with wide area effects: 353 killed and 1,011 injured (98 per cent);
- Mines and explosive remnants of war: 8 killed and 18 injured (2 per cent).

The UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine

Since 2014, OHCHR has been documenting civilian casualties in Ukraine. Reports are based on information that the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (HRMMU) collected through interviews with victims and their relatives; witnesses; analysis of corroborating material confidentially shared with HRMMU; official records; open-source documents, photo and video materials; forensic records and reports; criminal investigation materials; court documents; reports by international and national non-governmental organisations; public reports by law enforcement and military actors; data from medical facilities and local authorities. All sources and information are assessed for their relevance and credibility and cross-checked against other information. In some instances, corroboration may take time. This may mean that conclusions on civilian casualties may be revised as more information becomes available and numbers may change as new information emerges over time.

Since 24 February 2022, in the context of the Russian Federation's armed attack against Ukraine, HRMMU has been unable to visit places of incidents and interview victims and witnesses there. All other sources of information have been extensively used, including HRMMU contact persons and partners in places where civilian casualties occurred. Statistics presented in the current update are based on individual civilian casualty records where the "reasonable grounds to believe" standard of proof was met, namely where, based on a body of verified information, an ordinarily prudent observer would have reasonable grounds to believe that the casualty took place as described.

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