

Day After Recognition: Luhansk and Donetsk Republics Still Under Fire (Photos and Videos)

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*On February 21, Russian **President Vladimir Putin** announced recognition of the Donetsk and Luhansk People’s Republics as sovereign entities.*

An emergency meeting of the National Security and Defence Council was called in Kiev on this occasion. While the politicians were meeting in Kiev, the Ukrainian military equipment was seen moving towards Kharkiv.

Four civilians have been killed so far in Eastern Ukraine.

Since the morning of February 22, the territory of the LDPR has been under heavy artillery fire. Ukraine continued shelling despite the Russia’s decision to support the People’s Republics.

At noon only, the following UAF attacks were recorded in the DPR:

- 80 mines with 120 mm caliber were fired at the village of Dolomitnoye;
- 160 mines with 120 mm caliber were fired on the village of Sakhanka;
- 120 mines with 120 mm caliber were fired on the village of Ozyanovka;
- 130 mines with 120 mm caliber were fired on the village of Dokuchaevsk.

The Ukrainian armed forces carried out overnight shelling in the direction of the village of Leninskoye in the DPR. Twenty-eight mines were fired in violation of the ceasefire agreement, the DPR representative to the JCCC reported.

Seven civilian houses in the village of Aleksandrovsk were damaged as a result of the UAF shelling. This was reported by the LPR representative to the JCCC. A local gas pipeline was destroyed as a result of fire by the UAF, according to the press service of the LPR Emergencies Ministry.

The first footage of the aftermath of the shelling of Aleksandrovsk was published.



On the morning of February 22, an explosion took place on the Donetsk-Gorlovka road. Three civilians were killed.

The target of the Ukrainian armed forces' sabotage group on the Donetsk-Gorlovka highway was a military vehicle in which one of the DPR military commanders was travelling. According to a correspondent of the «DONBASS RESHAET» channel, the military vehicle managed to get through the explosive device. As a result, Ukrainian saboteurs blew up the civilian car that was following.

Special services are working on the scene. The explosive device on the highway had defeat elements and was wired.

Russian Investigations Committee Chairman Aleksandr Bastrykin has ordered an investigation of the incident.



On February 22, the Lugansk TPP located in the village of Shchastya, which is under the UAF control, was hit with a shell. A fire broke out. It is not clear yet who was behind the strike. According to local sources, the shelling was carried out by the UAF, who are destroy the infrastructure before retreating.

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As a result of the recorded violation of the ceasefire regime by the Ukrainian armed forces in the direction of Sloavyanoserbksk, a civilian was wounded and one house was damaged. This was reported by the Luhansk people's republic's mission to the JCCC.

On February 22, the UAF also shelled the villages of Ozeryanivka, Dzerzhynske and Staromykhailivka, using prohibited weapons.

According to the head of the DPR Denys Pushylin, the UAF continue to prepare for an offensive operation in the Donbass region. There is no information that the Kiev regime has abandoned the military option of resolving the crisis.

According to available information, Ukrainian Nazis from the Freikorps paramilitary nationalist organization were outraged by the behavior of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and announced their full mobilization.

In his turn, President of Ukraine Vladimir Zelensky claimed that Kiev will not consider the request of the DPR and the LPR to withdraw Ukrainian troops from the East of the country.

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