

Mounting Opposition to Conscription in Ukraine Armed Forces Spreads across the Country

Down With the Draft! A Protest in the Village of Voloka

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GR Editor's Note:

The village of Voloka, which is one among many locations in Ukraine where protests are occurring is in South-Western Ukraine within less than 50km North of Ukraine's border with Romania. It is located in the Chernivetska (Chernivitsi) oblast.

The Kiev regime has lost control of its armed forces.

There is a widespread movement against the draft.

Entire units have abandoned the battlefield in Donbass.

Many soldiers are seeking refuge in Russia.

Some have joined the Donbass militia. (M.Ch. Global Research Editor)

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Not at any price we will let them take our children. We will stand up for them now.

Village mayor (Voloka): Do not be afraid, the official stamp shall not be put on people's applications.

Video: Ukrainian and Russian with English subtitles.

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Reporter: A third [draft] mobilization wave has started: in Ukraine officers, sergeants in reserve and private soldiers who have military experience are called up on a mass scale for a military service. Currently tens of call-up papers have reached every village and city. Besides men, women doctors are called up as well. Fifty call-up papers came to Voloka

village (Glybotsky region), that made the citizens highly indignant. Mothers and wives tearstained, husbands and sons angered gathered together in order to find a solution. They said they never wanted war, so they will not let their sons to fight.

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Protestor: Mister Yatsenyuk bawled: "Put a bullet through a head!" – so let him go, why not?! ... Instead he wears a white-collar shirt and a tie.

Protestor: We did not want war. Let those, who were protesting at Maidan, go to fight. We did not seek for war. We all are one village, one big family, and we will let take neither my husband nor other's ones, neither sons nor fathers for war.

Protestor: They have started, let them sort out themselves and leave us alone. Over our dead bodies, we will lie on their way and not allow taking our children. Let them realize this and stop coming here with call-up papers.

Protestor: The citizens called a mayor to the meeting, but he didn't appear, and a military commissioner came instead of him. After a half an hour discussion, they agreed to write a petition to the Regional State Administration and to Verkhovna Rada. Everybody signed the petition.

Valentyn Glopin, a village mayor (Voloka): Do not be afraid, the official stamp shall not be put on people's applications.

Major Ivan Vanzar, a military commissioner of Glybotsky joint commissariat: I hope, that the people will be heard, because it is clear, that nobody wants now to go to the ATO zone, where the fights are held. So, we will see how the Verkhovna Rada and the President will hear them.

Reporter: The citizens of Voloka ensure they will not send their men to the army, and they expect the officials to support them.

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