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THE IMPORTANCE OF POLICE OFFICERS DURING THE WAR IN UKRAINE

Several months have passed since the National Police turned into a multi-purpose structure. After all, with the beginning of a full-scale war, its employees are engaged in many cases - from the maintenance of public order, which is customary for them, to the evacuation of the civilian population from the combat zone, the detection of saboteurs, and the investigation of Russian war crimes.

In the territories where active fighting is taking place, the following officers go to the scene: an investigator, a forensic expert who must document, package evidence. A forensic medical expert or a doctor and explosives experts who must first examine the place.

The police have now institute more than 3,200 criminal proceedings regarding more than 4,100 missing and wanted civilians. Recently, the police have found 675 our citizens alive.

Since the beginning of April, the National Police have operated a hotline to which citizens who have lost contact with their relatives and friends call. In total, there were 7,000 such appeals – about 3,000 people who were missing.

Since the start of the full-scale invasion, the police have documented more than 19,000 crimes, committed by the Russian army. Approximately 70 % of them are crimes related to violations of the laws and customs of war.

From the beginning of the full-scale war in Ukraine many police officers have been killed and have been seriously injured.

The entire personnel of the National Police of Ukraine stands around the clock to defend the state and the security of citizens. The police, together with military personnel, employees of other law enforcement agencies and territorial defense, are intensively protecting law and order in the regions, looking for saboteurs and counteracting looting.

In addition, law enforcement officers serve at checkpoints, conduct document checks and search vehicles, and help drivers on the roads.

Also, a special place in the war is occupied by the special purpose police «KORD». They serve in the hottest spots, detain saboteurs and neutralize armed criminal groups.

The police were given more powers during martial law, which they can now use freely and legally. These are such powers as:

- receiving information from state bodies and state-owned enterprises upon written request within clearly defined terms;
- the requirement that police officers were obliged to wear an identification number or a special token for their safety during the

performance of official duties with the use of personal protective equipment has been canceled;

- if it is necessary to repel an attack or to arrest a person who has committed an offense and/or is resisting a police officer, the police officer has the right to use both coercive measures and improvised means;

- within the scope of competence, the police conduct demining of an operational nature in terms of detection, neutralization and destruction of explosive objects;

- the police are allowed to collect biometric data of individuals, including fingerprinting.

Police officers are very helpful to the civilian population in the territories where active fighting is taking place. They deliver food, water and necessary medicine to civilians. Evacuation of the population from such areas is also very important. Every day, police officers risk their lives, serving at checkpoints or evacuating the wounded and civilians.

This is a great feat, because all the time before the war, the police were engaged in the investigation of offenses and service activities, which were aimed at preventive work with the population and assistance. Now, every policeman will slightly change his work direction and is ready to protect the civilian population from Russian aggression.

The policemen, who at the time of the attempted occupation and encirclement of Mariupol remained to the last in the city under the enemy's fire, deserve great attention and respect. At that time, they constantly helped the civilians of the city to survive. Risking their lives, they delivered water, food and medicine. They are the heroes of modern society.

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