

For them **it is not just a humanitarian crisis**. It is an **atmosphere of ultimate horror**, fear and terror, where you are happy not because of new toys, but because you got out of the basement, you sleep without air-raid siren and your parents are alive.

Since February 24th, almost 1,500 criminal proceedings regarding war crimes against children have been registered, among them:

É**sexual abuse** in the temporarily occupied territories. Many of those cases went public only after the deoccupation of Kyiv region and shocked the world.

É**forced and illegal deportation** of Ukrainian citizens to the Russian Federation. We are talking about approximately 3.5 million people, **including up to 600,000 children**.

Their fate is unknown. But **the aggressive terminology of the Russian Federation about "filtration camps" and "denazification"** does not give any chance of hope that they are safe. On the contrary, the **risks of such international crimes as human trafficking are increasing**.

Today, the **unified state portal "Children of War"** is operating in Ukraine. This is a collaborative platform for parents and law enforcement bodies aimed at collecting data on children who have been reported missing or deported in order to find them.

And now we have **new signs of terror from occupied Mariupol**: the occupiers are forcing children to attend captured and russified schools. Otherwise, they threaten to send them to boarding schools, and to deprive their parents of their parental rights. Under these circumstances no education is involved here at all. The Russian Federation seeks to fill children's consciousness with its propaganda.

The Russian Federation acts cynically and insidiously towards its own minor citizens. Children are either used to propagate murders and justify aggression or they are taught in cadet and junior army classes for active participation