



CRIMEA SITUATION REPORT

MAY 2023

New explosions were reported in Crimea. A map of military objects in Crimea has been created. New facts of war crimes, enforced disappearances, illegal detentions, pressure on Crimean Tatars, as well as politically motivated sentences were recorded. Numerous violations of the rights of political prisoners and property rights continue. Two political prisoners were released. The occupants seized a cathedral of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and arranged a check in a mosque. Russian troops create environmental threats in Crimea. Georgia committed an unfriendly act against Ukraine.

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About 40 explosions since the beginning of the year

Explosions were reported at the base of Russian border guards near Simferopol, on a railway in Simferopol district (details [here](#) and [here](#)), in Sevastopol (details [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)), near Yevpatoria and near Krasnohvardiiske. From January to April 2023, more than 30 explosions were recorded in Crimea.

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Military objects and war crimes

A map with 223 military objects in Crimea has been published. As part of the illegal autumn draft, the occupants sent 44 Crimeans to serve in the 126th separate guards coastal defence brigade. During the full-scale war, at least 351 servicemen of the Russian army were buried in Crimea, of whom 244 are probably citizens of Ukraine. Russian security forces conduct random checks of passengers at train and bus stations (details [here](#) and [here](#)).

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3 cases of enforced disappearance

The whereabouts of **Mambet Asan-Usta**, **Ruslan Liumanov** and **Ridvan Rustemov** remained unknown for a long time after their detention by Russian security forces. All three were later released. Physical force was used against Mambet Asan-Usta, there were threats, he was interrogated in connection with the sabotage on the railway on 18 May.

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4 illegal detentions

Illegally held **Leniie Umerova** was accused of espionage and transferred to a pre-trial detention facility in Moscow. After the search, Jehovah's Witness **Maksym Zinchenko** was detained. Russian security forces detained two brothers on charges of alleged participation in the Noman Çelebicihan Battalion.

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Pressure on Crimean Tatars

On the eve of the anniversary of the deportation, Russian security forces massively handed out warnings to Crimean Tatars about “the inadmissibility of violating the law”. Human rights activist **Abdureshyt Dzhepparov**, who had just served administrative arrest, was charged with two new administrative cases: on alleged discrediting of the Russian army and abuse of freedom of the media.

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Politically motivated sentences against 10 persons

A court in Rostov-on-Don sentenced **Oleksandr Sizikov** (a blind man with a disability), **Alim Sufianov**, **Seiran Khairedinov**, **Ernest Seitosmanov**, **Dzhebbbar Bekirov**, **Rustem Tairov**, **Rustem Murasov** and **Zavur Abdullaiev** to 12 to 18 years in prison for alleged involvement in Hizb ut-Tahrir. “Courts” in Crimea sentenced a citizen of Ukraine to 5 years in prison for alleged participation in the Noman Çelebicihan Battalion, a resident of Kerch – to 1.5 years suspended sentence for comments in social networks allegedly containing calls for the murder of Russian military.

Rustem Seitmemetov was transferred to a prison in Ulyanovsk region, brothers **Seitumer** and **Osman Seitumerov** were transferred to a prison in Vladimir. **Nariman Dzhelial**, **Ekrem Krosh**, **Refat Seidametov** and **Khalil Mambetov** were transferred to the pre-trial detention facility No. 2 in Simferopol, where conditions are more severe. **Teimur Abdullaiev** and **Muslim Aliiev** are still in the punishment cell, **Uzeir Abdullaiev** and **Emil Dzhemadenov** were there in April. **Server Zekiriaiev** was transferred to the cell-type premises. **Ekrem Krosh** was beaten in the rib area. **Amet Suleimanov**, **Rustem Emiruseinov**, **Tymur Yalkabov**, **Zekiria Muratov**, **Volodymyr Dudka**, **Arsen Abkhairov**, **Remzi Memetov**, **Nariman Dzhelial**, **Khalil Mambetov** and **Seiran Khairedinov** have health problems. The prison administration refuses to replace pork in the diet of **Lenur Seidametov** and **Ruslan Mesutov**.

Political prisoners **Edem Kadyrov** and **Aidyn Mamutov** were released after serving 4 years in prison.

The occupation authorities in Yalta take away real estate from citizens of Ukraine who refused to accept Russian citizenship, and settle Russian military personnel there. It became known that the occupation administration issued about 150 decrees on the allocation of land plots to the participants in the war and put up for sale 700 “nationalized” enterprises of “disloyal” owners. Ukrainian court arrested 5 vessels involved in the export of looted Ukrainian grain.

In Simferopol, the occupants seized a cathedral of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and came to a mosque during Friday prayer to check the documents of visitors.

More than a hundred dolphins died in April in the Black Sea, mainly due to the activity of Russian warships. The partisan movement Atesh reports that the occupants began mining the Crimean Titan plant.

Georgia issued a permission to fly to the Russian airline Red Wings, which flew to Crimea.

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Violations of the rights of political prisoners

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Violations of property rights

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Environmental threats