

# Mariupol, Donetsk, Frunza, Firing on The Civilian Population in East Ukraine. Poroshenko Responsible for Crimes Against Humanity

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A little over a week ago Petro Poroshenko ordered an all out assault on Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics. Faced with massive losses during the first few days the Poroshenko regime has resorted unsuccessfully to get both republic's listed as terrorist organizations by the EU and United Nations.

It started with the <u>Volonavaha bus attack after which the bus driver states in an</u> <u>interview</u> with the <u>Korrespondent</u> that a mine exploded and killed his passengers in Ukrainian controlled territory. <u>Images from the scene taken by the Ukrainian army shows a</u> <u>soldier carrying what appears to be a claymore mine</u>. Claymore mines are directional explosives that are set off remotely or by a trip wire.

<u>Kiev is engaging in a game of escalating crimes against humanity</u>. Each attack on civilian populations has been followed by an all out media blitz trying to place blame on the fledgling republics.

Frunza- The Example not the Exception

When Poroshenko's nationalist government ordered the new escalation Frunza was attacked again. Caught on video made by the Ukrainian army unit shelling the town, the world can no longer deny that Peter Poroshenko and the Ukrainian Rada are attacking civilian populations. The Ukrainian government and military are guilty of crimes against humanity.

The soldiers in this video are laughing and swearing "At Frunza!" and "F.. k Frunza!" as they fire on the civilian population. Soldiers don't attack targets without orders. These same orders are being carried out across the Donbass region.

In October I spent 3 days embedded with Commander <u>Alexey Moskovoy's</u> Prezrak<u>"Ghost</u> <u>Battalion."</u> I am one of the few western journalists to do invasive passport and weapon checks on soldiers and interview foreign volunteers with more than baseline questions.

During the time I was with Ghost Battalion we stopped in Frunza. It was a typical town with a vibrant market place so I could pick up a few things. There was no military targets or presence inside the city limits. Pictured below is the entry to Frunza market place. A few days after I left, Frunza was attacked by Ukrainian artillery and the market pictured below was destroyed.

### Prezrak- "Ghost Battalion" Answers

In the last few seconds of the Ukrainian army's video, the Ukrainian soldier with the artillery unit laments they were hit back by Prezrak and his artillery brigade was destroyed. Until Poroshenko started this offensive the armies of the DNR (Donetsk People's Republic) and LNR (Lugansk People's Republic) were forced to stand down unless directly attacked.

Poroshenko's Ukraine has never stopped attacking the cities and towns in Donbass. When the order for the counter offensive came, Kiev's nationalist army suffered massive losses. Because of the devastation they caused in Frunza, the entire artillery brigade that shelled the town were destroyed.

Mariupol! Crimes go beyond the Pale

Since May, Mariupol which is a city of 500,000 people, <u>has suffered under the hand of Azov</u> <u>Battalion</u>. Its been reported that at Women's prison #107 in Mariupol 15-20 women are <u>taken daily to the Azov Battalion military barracks to be raped and tortured</u>. Local citizen's disappear off the street on a daily basis. Andrei Biletsky, the founder and leader of Azov Battalion was rewarded with a seat in the Ukrainian Senate (Rada) for his efforts at Ukrainizing the city. Azov has been noted by Human Rights Watch as one of the Ukrainian governments most criminal battalions. Poroshenko and the Ukrainian Rada

This latest rocket and missile attack in which close to 30 casualties including 2 children is being reported. Currently the number of civilians wounded in the attack stands at 97, including at least 5 children.

Ukraine was quick to blame the DNR for the attack and large western media outlets have run that story with very little reliable information available at the time.

What Happened in Mariupol

Citizens of Mariupol report that  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before the attack utilities in the area including natural gas, water, and electricity were shut off.

Eye witnesses in the town of Starri Crim (Old Crim) have reported seeing the rockets launched from this location.

In the following video the direction/ trajectory of the missiles is shown based on which side of the buildings the missiles actually hit during the strikes.

The missile trajectory agrees with the eyewitness account. The missile launch is from Ukrainian territory, originating in the direction of Starri Crim.

In an attempt to gain media attention, Arsenii Yatsenyuk "Yatzi" is asking the UN to discus<u>s</u> the Ukrainian version of the Mariupol massacre.

Poroshenko has been attempting this since his government ordered the missile strike and subsequent mining of the bus at Volnovaha a little over one week ago. These types of military strikes can not happen without the orders to carry them out.

Donetsk Bus Attack

The bus and trolley attack in Donetsk by the Ukrainian army happened as they were forced to retreat and admit they lost Donetsk airport. Over 500 Ukrainian soldiers were killed in the fighting. The DNR army is showing large caches of American made weapons and technology including observation drones.

Like Poroshenko's attack on Volonovaha, the OSCE clearly shows the direction of the attack came from a Ukrainian position. At Volonovaha the bus driver confirmed the OSCE's forensics by locating the direction to the north (from his left) and not north-east (straight along the road [direction of DNR artillery]). <u>Human Rights Watch has been documenting</u> <u>Poroshenko's crimes against humanity since May.</u>

#### Is It Time to Draw Conclusions?

The governments of the EU and US have been staunchly supporting Poroshenko and the nationalists in Kiev this entire time. Regardless of the crimes committed, spokeswomen for the administration Marie Harf and Jen Psaki have stated <u>President Obama's unwavering</u> <u>support for the nazi junta</u>.

If the democratic governments of the western world can call Poroshenko's policies of rape, torture, and murder lawful, the question is not what do they think about Kiev or human rights in Eastern Europe. The real question is; If your government supports crimes against humanity in Donbas as Kiev's right- What does your government really think about YOU?

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