

## DISINFORMATION ABOUT THE RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN WAR: DEBUNKING MYTHS

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### FAKE

Russia does not aim to overthrow the current government in Ukraine.

The Ukrainian military destroyed bridges in vain, because the Russian army can move ahead without them.

Jews are being attacked en masse in Ukraine.

### REAL

Such a statement by the Spokesperson of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Zakharova is quoted by pro-Russian telegram channels.

However, this is manipulation, because even at the beginning of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the Russian authorities called it a process of so-called denazification and demilitarization, and the current leaders of Ukraine - a bunch of Nazis.

Pro-Russian telegram channels spread the idea that the Russian military can cross rivers without bridges, so the Ukrainian military destroyed them in vain. In such reports, the actions of the Ukrainian army are called the destruction of Ukraine, and the Russian military is praised, because, according to propagandists, they can cross the river on military equipment.

In fact, the Ukrainian military blocked bridges so that the occupiers could not advance and occupy new Ukrainian cities.

According to the Institute of Mass Media, according to the Chief Rabbi of Ukraine Asman Moshe Reuven, some Hebrew and English-language media spread the news that "local Ukrainians are attacking Jews en masse" in Zhytomyr. However, this is false. According to the Zhytomyr rabbi, there were no such incidents in the city.

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The shelling of the maternity hospital in Mariupol is a resolution.

In Ukraine, it is dangerous not only to express one's own opinion, but also to remain silent instead of supporting the "Nazi regime".

### REAL

Russian media and propagandists spread fake information that the shelling of a maternity hospital in Mariupol on March 9 was allegedly a resolution. Propagandists spread similar statements that there were no staff and women in labor at the maternity hospital, and Azov fighters were allegedly instead.

In particular, the Russian media refer to a fake report on the Russian website Lenta.Ru, published before the bombing of Mariupol, which stated that the city maternity hospital №2 in Mariupol was allegedly seized by "fighters of either the Armed Forces or Azov." Instead, Russia 1 reports that the maternity hospital was allegedly bombed by Right Sector fighters.

**In fact, the air raid on the maternity hospital by the Russian occupiers was confirmed by the President of Ukraine, local authorities and the police.** As a result of the air strike, 17 people (children, women, doctors) were injured, three died, including one child - a girl. The police have launched an investigation under Article 438 (violation of the laws or customs of war) of the Criminal Code of Ukraine.

There are no restrictions on freedom of speech in Ukraine, unlike Russia, which has restricted Russians' access to Facebook and Twitter.

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Zelenskyy is ready to recognize that Crimea is Russian and that the "republics" in Donbas are independent.

### REAL

Such information is spread by Russian propaganda media. In this way, the propaganda wants to show that Ukraine is ready to surrender and capitulate in the near future.

This fake was denied by fact checkers from StopFake. According to the report, President Zelenskyy did not speak about Ukraine's intention to recognize Crimea and the LDPR group as Russian, and the responsibility for the deaths of Ukrainians lies entirely with Russian terrorists and Putin personally.

Ukraine is preparing a provocation near Kharkiv with 80 tons of ammonia to accuse Russia of using chemical weapons.

This is not the first time since the beginning of the war that Russia has tried to accuse Ukraine of preparing provocations with the use of chemical weapons.

However, Ukraine, unlike Russia, does not use prohibited weapons and does not prepare sabotage and provocations.

If Russia says that Ukraine is preparing a provocation with ammonia, it means that such a provocation can be carried out by Russia.

The United Kingdom also fears that Russia may be preparing a propaganda base for the use of chemical weapons. This was reported by The Guardian, citing British officials.

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The United States wants Russian troops to destroy even more cities in Ukraine.

Ukraine has made no effort to evacuate civilians and establish humanitarian corridors.

Chornobyl NPP was attacked by Ukrainians.

### REAL

Messages of this content are disseminated in telegram channels controlled by the Russian secret services. In particular, this message was posted on the "Resident" telegram channel. Such reports add that the United States fears Putin and his threats.

In fact, this statement is manipulative and has no evidence. In this way, Russian propaganda probably wants to discredit Ukraine's ally and level out all the support Ukraine has received from the United States.

More than 3,000 people were evacuated from Irpin and Vorzel. In total, more than 40,000 women and children from all over Ukraine were deported in one day.

At the same time, **it is Russia that is blocking humanitarian corridors and aid and killing people who are trying to escape the occupation on their own.**

Power lines to the Chornobyl nuclear power plant were damaged by the aggressors. The world is on the verge of an ecological catastrophe if the invaders do not allow electricity to be restored to the nuclear power plant.

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Ukraine threatens the EU to stop gas transit.

Sanctions are ineffective, because the world's major producers are not cutting, but rather expanding supplies to Russia. Sanctions will not affect ordinary Russians either.

### REAL

This statement is spread in the Kremlin media with the emphasis that Ukraine is blackmailing the EU by stopping the transit of gas in order to obtain new arms supplies and air defense. As StopFake writes, this is not really the case.

"Officially, Ukrainian government officials say any restrictions on gas supplies should be part of a package of sanctions against Russia over the invasion of Ukraine," the fact-checkers said.

Only on 9 March, the EU imposed a new package of sanctions on Russia and Belarus. Russia is not on the verge of default, but some imported household goods, clothing, food and even cigarettes are no longer available to ordinary Russians.