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FAKE	REAL
Ukrainians are grateful to the invaders for providing humanitarian aid and "liberation"! According to the publication, "the Russian military provides civilians from liberated settlements with their "suhpai."	The Russian military do not provide any humanitarian aid to the civilians, and Ukrainians are not welcoming invaders "with smiles on their faces."
The Center for Combating Disinformation of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine prompts that Russia is preparing a disinformation campaign. For this purpose, the intruders captured a pilot. According to the Air Force Command, the pilot is put under pressure and threat of punishment in order to information about nationalists, the EU and NATO, where Ukraine should not go, but should be friends with the "brotherly" people.	Russian propaganda machine uses brutal tactics from 2014, when the occupiers forced captives to say what Russian television needed through torture. DO NOT BELIEVE! The pilot is OURS! Words - NOT! The Command of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine has no doubts about the patriotism and courage of the young pilot, who successfully completed many combat missions in a few days, defending the country from the Russian occupiers!
Belarusian pilots cannot fight in Ukraine because they have deceased long ago.	After the Ukrainian Intelligence published lists of the leadership of the Belarus Air Force involved in the shelling of Ukraine, agitprop immediately responded and said that this list includes Marfitsky and Zhuravlevich, who died long ago. According to StopFake, the propagandists claim that these people could not take part in the war against Ukraine because they allegedly died in 2009. But claims that Ukraine is creating fakes to accuse Belarusian pilots are not true.

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On 4 March, on Kherson Freedom Square, Russian invaders will raise the Russian flags and proclaim that Kherson is the "Kherson People's Republic." To do this, 2 large buses, 20 cars, 2 sprinters and 7 GAZelles are being brought to the city.	The Center for Counteracting Disinformation at the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine reports that a new wave of disinformation has been spread by Russian information terrorists. A mass performance of the occupants is being prepared in Kherson!
What the enemy says about its "achievements" in Ukraine. (More at: File) 	What the real map of active hostilities look like. (More at: File)
Currently, information is being actively spread on social networks that migrants from the east are behaving in the west not as refugees but as tourists.	Hotel owners reported that the settlers behaved modestly, signed up to join the Territorial Defense, and helped with the collection of humanitarian aid. The fake is spreading in order to split East and West.
Strategically important objects were bombarded in Dnipropetrovsk.	Fake voice messages are spread on social networks, in which employees of enterprises allegedly warn that "troops from the south plan to fire on infrastructure facilities in Dnipropetrovsk." The Dnipro authorities "Stop Fake Dnipro channel" disproved this information and reminded that Dnipropetrovsk does not exist since 2016.

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Zelenskyy called on Ukrainians to put down their arms.	The picture is being spread on social networks, allegedly with an address by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in which he "put down his arms and stopped fighting". Earlier, the Security Service of Ukraine warned that Russia was preparing a fake about the alleged capitulation of the Ukrainian leadership and government.
Kherson and Vinnytsia have surrendered and are asking to join Russia.	The network and pro-Kremlin media spread fakes that Kherson and Vinnytsia oblasts have surrendered and are being asked to join Russia. The head of the Kherson regional state administration Gennady Laguta denied reports of pro-Russian mass media that the Kherson region allegedly asks to join Russia. The Vinnytsia Regional State Administration also stated that Russia is trying to spread information that Ukraine had capitulated. "But Ukrainians do not give up! Ukrainians will not break," the Vinnytsia authorities added. The Kyiv Regional State Administration also warns of possible misinformation. The Center for Strategic Communications and Information Security urged not to believe the fakes of the occupiers.
The Ukrainian military intentionally do not release civilians from Mariupol.	Such fake is spread by the Russian media (sm.news, Channel One Russia, argumenti.ru, vz.ru, Moskovskij Komsomolets, TASS, and others). However, StopFake says such allegations are false. In fact, the city is blocked by the Russian invaders, who are shelling critical infrastructure and preventing food from arriving in the city.

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Edemus tags have emerged on Google maps, notifying Russians where to shell and air strikes. On 3 March, information spread on social networks that new Edemus tags had appeared on Google maps in Kyiv en masse, with the help of which the Russian military aimed artillery shelling, missiles or air strikes. Same as Edemus, the map shows the buildings of district administrations, hospitals, maternity hospitals, kindergartens, homes for the elderly.	In fact, Edemus is a network of funeral services. The State Special Communications Service reported that the information about the "new labels" is not true and stressed that Google in Ukraine has limited the ability to add new tags onto maps. The appearance of such information in the Service is called an information-psychological operation to propagate panic and disinformation among civilians.
Melitopol is waiting for Russia.	Such a message is spread on Russian propaganda television. In particular, RT broadcast a story from 2 March, in which military correspondent Murad Gazdiyev, at the entrance to the city, claims that "it was not possible to get to the city of Melitopol, although the situation is calm." According to StopFake, the video shows the recording time - 14:43. "But just at this time a big pro-Ukrainian march took place in the city, which united the people of Melitopol. According to the local residents, two people were wounded by the Russian military during the march - they opened fire from the SBU building they seized, "the statement said. According to an RT correspondent, locals are allegedly wearing white ribbons in support of the Russian army. But the residents of Melitopol deny it.

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Western partners were frightened and abandoned Ukraine.	According to the Center for Combating Disinformation at the National Security and Defense Council, such a fake is dispersed by adversary propaganda. "This lie is spread in order to demoralize Ukrainians and break our powerful resistance to the Russian invasion! Now the world is more united than ever! We are given weapons, ammunition, planes, financial aid! And all these are real actions that everyone sees," the Center stated.