

DISINFORMATION ABOUT THE RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN WAR: DEBUNKING MYTHS

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FAKE

On social media, the information is shared that at the beginning of the war, on February 24th, residents of Mariupol tried to disarm the Ukrainian military and take control of block-posts.

The letter of the Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine Oleksiy Danilov about "an extraordinary meeting of the Office of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine" is being spread in pro-Russian telegram channels. According to the fake's authors, the "Apparatus meeting" (a non-existent form of the Apparatus's work) should address issues related to the alleged "destruction of the Armed Forces", "NATO refusal to help", "conflict between the Armed Forces and Azov", and other nonsense.

Fake pages of the Security Service of Ukraine and the Ministry of Defense were created online.

REAL

VoxCheck disproves this. "The video that was allegedly recorded in Mariupol, which shows outbreaks and which should confirm this fact, was actually shot in late January," the fact-checkers note.

The Center for Combating Disinformation at the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine officially declares that this "letter" is fake and it is a provocation of the invaders.

The Ministry of Defense reminded us that the official website has a verification button. In addition, advertising was launched on fictitious pages. The Ministry of Defense said that their official website does not have any advertisement. Importantly, the Security Service of Ukraine urged to not open the advertisement launched by Russia. "There are hidden scripts under the picture to gain access to the telegram account of your device", they added.

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The media spreads information that the occupiers in Melitopol took control of the TV tower and are broadcasting Russian television from it.

Volodymyr Zelenskyy has fled Ukraine.

The Ukrainian army is bombing the civilians of Donbas.

Ukrainians will receive mobile calls from unknown numbers for air bombs targeting.

REAL

There are no digital TV transmitters on the TV tower in Melitopol that are currently working. Television broadcasting in Melitopol is carried out with the help of an analog transmitter located outside the TV tower.

In the Kherson region, the occupiers are spreading another fake that the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky left the country. But this is a lie. Olena Shulyak, the head of the Servant of the People party, writes about this: "The President is in Kyiv. He is with his people! The information broadcasted by the invaders in the Kherson region is a lie".

This information was spread by French journalist Anne-Laure Bonnel. Fake has already been disproven by fact-checkers from StopFake. According to the report, since the beginning of the open invasion of Ukraine, the Russian occupation forces have been deliberately shelling residential neighbourhoods and civilians in Donbas.

The State Special Communications Service denied the fake information that Ukrainians will be called at night from unknown numbers in order to target air bombs. The Service explained that it is impossible to physically establish the exact location of a person this way, respectively - impossible to set targets for air bombardment as well.

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Evacuation of the people of Mariupol through the humanitarian corridor is accompanied by provocative statements by the so-called terrorist leader Pushylin on alleged sabotage by Ukrainian defenders of residential buildings in the city.

The Security Service warns about another fake by invaders, who decided to prepare a story about the alleged secret prison of the Security Service of Ukraine and the CIA in Ukraine.

REAL

Such messages are purposeful fake news, designed to disrupt the exit of the residents of Mariupol to safe places.

Security Service of Ukraine: "We are waiting for allegations about the activities of "the secret Security Service of Ukraine / CIA prison" on Ukrainian territory.
But the role of "prisoners" for this production will be taken over by the Temporarily Occupied Territory of Ukraine's militants who are former military deserters or criminals".