

DISINFORMATION ABOUT THE RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN WAR: DEBUNKING MYTHS

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FAKE

Pro-Kremlin media are spreading a message about "Ukraine's aggression against Russia", in the framework of which they created a new fake - allegedly "the Ukrainian leadership is threatening to seize Russia."

Over 2 million of Ukrainians want to be evacuated to Russia.

REAL

According to StopFake, this fake is dispersed with reference to the "decision" of the National Security and Defense Council, which allegedly states that "Ukraine can launch an invasion on Russia." In fact, this fake news is based on a letter from the Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council, Alexei Danilov, who spoke about the criminal prosecution of the Russian leadership for their crimes in Ukraine.

The Russian Ministry of Defense is spreading unreliable information - allegedly 2.5 million Ukrainians are asking to be evacuated to Russia. Instead, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is constantly updating data on Ukraine, which shows that from February 24 to March 8, 2022, about 99,300 Ukrainians (5% of the total number of refugees) left for Russia. In total, about two million people left Ukraine as a result of the war, most Ukrainians going to Poland and from there to other European countries.

At the same time, the Russian media are trying to create the impression that Ukrainians are helping the Russian military, fleeing Ukraine to Russia, and seeking residence and citizenship. According to StopFake, these plots are clearly staged.

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Ukraine was preparing to attack Donbas in March 2022.

Natalia Poklonskaya together with the Rosguard brought to the Kherson region humanitarian aid from Russia. And the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Russian Federation sent 430 tons of humanitarian aid to Donbas. The Russian military is also providing humanitarian aid in the Chernihiv region.

According to the DNR, Ukraine is preparing to disrupt green corridors in Volnovakha and Mariupol.

REAL

Pro-Kremlin media are spreading a document - a "secret order of the commander of the National Guard of Ukraine" - which allegedly states that "Ukraine was preparing an offensive" on the occupied parts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions in March 2022.

In fact, the published documents refer to training in the Lviv region. The National Guard told StopFake that the document published by the Russian media was not secret and had nothing to do with Donbass, and it did not specify any offensive goals. In addition, the Ukrainian leadership has repeatedly stated its commitment to a diplomatic approach to resolving the conflict in Donbas and Crimea.

Under the pretext of humanitarian aid, Russia imports weapons and fuel for the occupiers into Ukraine.

Ukraine and Russia have agreed on a ceasefire from 9:00 to 21:00 on 9 March to evacuate the population, in particular, from Mariupol in the direction of Zaporizhia and from Volnovakha in the direction of Pokrovsk. However, evacuations and humanitarian corridors have been disrupted several times by the occupiers.

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In Ukraine, all government websites have been hacked.

Roscosmos Director General Dmytro Rohozin called the nazionalization of the peoples of Ukraine, the ban on the use of the native Russian language and Russian culture, the physical destruction and genocide of all those who opposed Bandera a manifestation of Nazism in Ukraine.

REAL

Russian propagandists have been spreading such information on social networks since the beginning of March. Allegedly, as a result of the hacker attack, "755 websites of the Ukrainian authorities" were hacked, and "the entire government Internet" stopped working.

According to VoxCheck, these are sites with the domain gov.ua. "Some posts include screenshots of several such sites, which now display calls for the Ukrainian military to" lay down their arms, "as well as fake appeals on behalf of Volodymyr Zelensky that he allegedly signed a peace treaty with Russia," VoxCheck writes. However, all this is a fake. According to fact-checkers, hackers hacked only certain sites of regional authorities.

In Ukraine, the use of Russian has never been banned, but according to the law on the language, the use of Russian was restricted to television and radio broadcasting, education, services, printing, and so on. The language of everyday life has never been restricted.

Similarly, Russian propaganda never cites specific examples of so-called "physical destruction" of those who are "against Banderaism." The lack of facts indicates that all such statements are baseless and far-fetched.

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Ukrainian politicians are not dying in the war with Russia.

If the Armed Forces destroy all LNR / DNR cities, then no one should have any doubts about who actually destroyed the Malaysian Boeing MN-17.

REAL

The pro-Russian anonymous telegram channel "Legitimate" wrote that the governor of Mykolaiv region Vitaly Kim called on inhabitants of Mykolaiv «to prepare Molotov cocktails», but didn't warn that all who «will take in hands an incendiary mix» can shoot.

In fact, Kim asked to collect tires and tires, then pay them and stop the Russian tanks with smoke.

In addition, the pro-Russian telegram channel lied, noting that no Ukrainian politician, whose cities are controlled by the Russian military, was killed.

In fact, on March 6, the Russian occupiers shot dead Gostomel Mayor Yuri Prilipko as he was distributing food and medicine to residents. And the mayor of Bucha Anatoliy Fedoruk was injured.

The investigation established that the Malaysian Boeing MN-17 was shot down by a missile from the Buk anti-aircraft missile system, which belongs to the 53rd anti-aircraft missile brigade of the Russian Armed Forces.

The brigade is based near Kursk, but on the eve of the tragedy, Buk was transported to the occupied part of Donbas through the uncontrolled part of Kyiv's border with Russia, and returned to Russia the night after the plane crash.

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The provision of military aircraft to Ukraine from the West will result in more civilian casualties.

NATO has control over the conflict development in Ukraine.

According to the DNR, Ukraine is preparing to disrupt green corridors in Volnovakha and Mariupol.

Ukraine only evacuates foreign students from Sumy.

Russia has restricted Facebook and Twitter due to hostile propaganda and fakes.

REAL

Such statements are a direct threat to the civilian population from Russia. After all, it is Russia that is shelling peaceful areas and the population of Ukrainian cities with its warplanes and missiles.

NATO does not exercise external control over Ukraine. Such statements are long-standing myths invented by Russian propaganda. Putin's false speech before the invasion of Ukraine was based on the same myths.

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This message is spread by Russian propaganda media. In fact, this is not the case. Civilians were evacuated from the city: both foreign students and Ukrainian residents.

Russia has lowered the Iron Curtain and restricted its citizens from the rest of the civilized world.