

Dear colleagues,

The war unleashed by the Russian Federation has been going on in our country for two weeks now.

For no definitive reason.

Science outside politics, you say?

Just a few facts:

- According to the Minister of Health of Ukraine, 61 hospitals have already been totally demolished during the past 16 days of this war.
- In the first days of the war, rocket attacks were carried out on the children's hospital OHMATDYT, which treats children with the most difficult health conditions. These include premature babies and children with cancer. Among these, are children that have lost their life or have suffered serious injuries.
- Near Kherson, the occupiers shelled and blew up an ambulance carrying the wounded. The driver of the ambulance and the wounded were burned alive.
- Russian occupation forces killed an anesthesiologist named Marina Kalabina. Her car was shot while a medic was taking her wounded nephew to a hospital in Kyiv region.
- As a result of air raids conducted by the Russian troops, multiple maternity hospitals, municipal hospitals and children's wards have been destroyed. There are victims, including one child.
- On March 7th, an ambulance was destroyed in Severodonetsk with medics simply completing their professional duty. The car was marked accordingly. No one was killed, but everyone in the car sustained a variety of injuries.
- The Chernihiv Phthisis Pulmonology Center was also destroyed. Doctors evacuated patients under fire.
- March 2 - Zhytomyr medical facilities, the regional perinatal center and the second city hospital named after V.P Pavlusenka. Windows and doors were blown out by an explosive wave in these medical institutions.
- The hospital in Vasylivka, Zaporizhia region, was destroyed
- On March 1. An air strike on the city hospital in Kharkiv, shelling and destruction of emergency medical control centers.
- In the Kherson regional children's hospital operations are being carried out in the extremely difficult conditions of bomb shelters. Premature infants tolerate occupation and shelling the worst.
- The hospital in the city of Izyum was totally destroyed. Patients were getting from under the debris as they could.
- The occupiers seized the Borodyanka psychoneurological dispensary in the Kyiv region and are holding the hospital's 670 patients hostage.

- Under the shelling, children are born in maternity hospitals equipped with bomb shelters. The babies that are premature need urgent help, but there is none. Many children die because they cannot be evacuated to larger prenatal centers.
- Russia does not allow the organization of a humanitarian corridor.
- Emergency medical brigades were fired upon in the north of Kyiv region, as well as in the Zaporizhia region.
- In Chernihiv, they opened fire on the territory of a psychiatric hospital.
- On the way out of Irpin, Kyiv region, Russian troops opened fire on civilians as they tried to evacuate the city.
- In Melitopol, the Russian occupiers opened fire on an oncology center.
- Kherson Regional Oncology Center is located in Antonovka, as a result of the war people can not get help they so urgently need.
- Since the beginning of the Russian invasion and as of 13:00 on March 9, 81 children have died, and more than 100 children have been injured as a direct result of the active shelling in civilian areas and hospitals. In addition, the fate of 55 children from an orphanage in the town of Vorzel in the Kyiv region is still unknown.
- The city of Okhtyrka in the Sumy region was shelled by "hurricanes". Hit shelters and kindergartens.
- The new fascists of the modern world are killing doctors, but what about the medical and scientific community of Russia at this time?
- The Union of Rectors in Russia supported the Russian war against Ukraine by writing a corresponding appeal. This was reported by the Center for Combating Disinformation at the National Security and Defense Council.

Among those who officially expressed support , many rectors of medical universities:

1. Glybochko Pyotr Vitalyevich, Vice-President of the USSR, Rector of the First Moscow State Medical University named after IM Sechenov, **supported the war**
2. Bashkina Olga Alexandrovna, rector of the Astrakhan State Medical Academy, **supported the war**
3. Zheleznov Lev Mikhailovich, rector of the Kirov State Medical University, **supported the war**
4. Zhmerenetsky Konstantin Vyacheslavovich, rector of the Far Eastern State Medical University, **supported the war**
5. Zabolotsky Tatiana Vladimirovna, rector of the Amur State Medical Academy, **supported the war**
6. Ivanov Dmitry Olegovich, rector of St. Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University, **supported the war**
7. Kalinin Roman Yevgenyevich, Rector of the Ryazan State Medical University named after Academician IP Pavlov, **supported the war**

8. Kolsanov Alexander Vladimirovich, rector of the Samara State Medical University, **supported the war**
9. Korotkova Elena Igorevna, rector of the Kirov State Medical University, **supported the war**
10. Kotelnikov Gennady Petrovich, president of the Samara State Medical University, **supported the war**
11. Kulikov Evgeny Sergeevich, Rector of the Siberian State Medical University of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation, **supported the war**
12. Livzan Maria Anatolyevna, rector of Omsk State Medical University, **supported the war**
13. Lukyanov Sergei Anatolyevich, Rector of the Russian National Research Medical University named after NI Pirogov, **supported the war**
14. Lysov Nikolai Alexandrovich, rector of Samara Medical University "Reaviz", **supported the war**
15. Novikov Yuri Vasilyevich, President of Yaroslavl State Medical University, **supported the war**
16. Pavlov Alexei Vladimirovich, rector of Yaroslavl State Medical University, **supported the war**
17. Pavlov Valentin Nikolaevich, Rector of the Bashkir State Medical University of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation, **supporting the war**
18. Petrov Ivan Mikhailovich, rector of the Tyumen State Medical University, **supported the war**
19. Saiganov Sergey Anatolyevich, Rector of Northwestern State Medical University named after II Mechnikov, **supported the war**
20. Chibisova Marina Anatolyevna, rector of the St. Petersburg Institute of Postgraduate Dentistry, **supported the war**
21. Yanin Vladimir Leonidovich, rector of the Khanty-Mansiysk State Medical Academy, **supported the war**

Do not be under the impression that only Putin is at war with us, the whole Russian nation is at war with us.

The Minister of Health of Ukraine Viktor Lyashko has repeatedly appealed to the medical community of Russia to condemn the war and protest against it. Despite this, you can see that they show clear support for the crimes committed in Ukraine.

We urge you to apply the harshest sanctions against the representatives of the aggressor state, which brutally kills innocent people, including children and pregnant women!

Excluding the representatives of Russia from the Union of European Neonatal and Perinatal Societies and other scientific societies and associations.

What is the position of the Vice Director of your organization, Ms. Marina Degtyareva?!

NONE of the Russian so-called scientists who seem to care about the health of children and mothers have condemned the actions of the Russian authorities!

We, Ukrainian neonatologists, consider it **unacceptable** to be in the same organization with the representatives of the aggressor's country, even if they did not take a direct part in the hostilities. **But with their silent consent, our children are being killed!**

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