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SHOTLIST

1. Medium shot, UN Geneva flag alley.
2. Wide shot, press room with panel of speakers.
3. **SOUNDBITE (ENGLISH) Chair of Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine, Erik Møse: "We have submitted now this sort of report relates to four areas in Ukraine, and these four areas were selected because they were mentioned in the**

second resolution by the Human Rights Council, and they are Kyiv, Chernihiv, Kharkiv and Sumy.”

4. Medium shot, pressroom with cameras and journalists.
5. **SOUNDBITE (ENGLISH) Chair of Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine, Erik Møse: “Based on the evidence gathered so far during the Commission’s existence, we found, after having carried out the investigations in these four areas just mentioned, we found that war crimes were committed in Ukraine.”**
6. Medium shot, panel of speakers.
7. **SOUNDBITE (ENGLISH) Chair of Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine, Erik Møse: “Explosive weapons were used by the Russian Federation forces without distinguishing between civilians and combatants in populated We were struck by a large number of executions and other violations by Russian forces, and the Commission received consistent accounts of torture and ill-treatment.”**
8. Close up shot, camera screen showing speaker.
9. **SOUNDBITE (ENGLISH) Commissioner of Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine, Jasminka Džumhur: “The Commission investigated cases of sexual gender-based violence. It documented cases in which some Russian Federation soldiers made such crime.”**
10. Medium shot, journalists taking photos.
11. **SOUNDBITE (ENGLISH) Commissioner of Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine, Pablo de Greiff: “We have found two instances of ill-treatment of Russian Federation soldiers by Ukrainian soldiers, and we mentioned this in our statement. We have found obviously significantly larger numbers of instances that amount to war crimes on the part of the Russian Federation.”**
12. Wide shot, press room with cameras and panel of speakers.
13. Close up shot, journalists taking notes.
14. Medium shot, journalists taking notes.

Story

War crimes have been committed in Ukraine conflict, finds top human rights inquiry

Almost seven months to the day since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, UN-appointed independent human rights investigators said that war crimes have indeed been committed in the conflict.

The finding came in the first report by the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine, which was set up in March this year, at the request of Human Rights Council Member States.

Much of the Commission's work focused on investigations in the regions of Kyiv, Chernihiv, Kharkiv, and Sumy, where allegations of the most serious rights violations were made against Russian or Russian-backed forces, early in the war.

Commission chairperson Erik Møse said that investigators visited 27 towns and settlements and interviewed more than 150 victims and witnesses. They also inspected "sites of destruction, graves, places of detention and torture", as well as remnants of weapons.

"Based on the evidence gathered so far during the Commission's existence, we found out after having carried out the investigations in these four areas just mentioned, we found that war crimes have been committed in Ukraine," he told journalists in Geneva.

That conclusion is in line with findings [published earlier this year](#) by the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (HRMMU).

It documented unlawful killings - including summary executions of civilians - in more than 30 settlements in Kyiv, Chernihiv, Kharkiv and Sumy regions, by Russian armed forces while they controlled these areas in late February and March.

Other key findings from the report include the surprisingly "large number of executions" in 16 towns and settlements, where "common elements" of the crimes included "visible signs of executions on bodies, such as hands tied behind backs, gunshot wounds to the head, and slit throats".

The report, delivered to the Human Rights Council earlier on Friday, also documented how explosive weapons had been used by the Russian Federation forces, "without distinguishing between civilians and combatants in populated areas... We were struck by a large number of executions and other violations by Russian forces, and the Commission received consistent accounts of torture and ill-treatment."

Horrific allegations of sexual violence against Ukrainian communities - including children - were also found to be based in fact.

"The Commission investigated cases of sexual gender-based violence. It documented cases in which some Russian Federation soldiers made such crime," said Commissioner Jasminka Džumhur:

Ukrainian forces were also responsible for human rights violations, said Commissioner Pablo de Greiff: "We have found two instances of ill-treatment of Russian Federation soldiers by Ukrainian soldiers, and we mentioned this in our statement. We have found obviously significantly larger numbers of instances that amount to war crimes on the part of the Russian Federation."

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