

as hostages and human shield; execution and rapes; forceful conscription and kidnapping; attacks on medical personnel and facilities; use of banned weapons etc.

Russia continues the practice of illegal mobilization and conscription of residents of the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine into the Russian Armed Forces who are actively used in the Russia's offensive military actions against Ukraine. In the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, this mobilization campaign disproportionately targets Crimean Tatars, who are disloyal to the Putin's regime and openly call for its overthrow and the de-occupation.

We recall the Vienna Declaration that reaffirms the importance of effective international measures to guarantee and monitor the implementation of human rights standards in respect of people under foreign occupation, and effective legal protection against the violation of their human rights, in accordance with human rights norms and international law, particularly the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 14 August 1949, and other applicable norms of humanitarian law.

Eventually, all Russian perpetrators committing war crimes and crimes against humanity will be held accountable.

This is a matter of principle!

This is a matter of the rule of law!

War crimes and crimes against humanity committed during Russia's war against Ukraine are being investigated by Ukraine and a number of other States, as well as by the International Criminal Court (ICC). The referral of the situation in Ukraine made by 43 States and the previously given Ukraine's consent to the ICC's jurisdiction over all crimes committed during the armed conflict since 2014 provide a solid basis for the ETbas30055>50048