



# Ukraine and its Judicial System

after February 24, 2022



Kyiv  
2022

Early in the morning, February 24, 2022, a large-scale invasion of the troops of the Russian Federation in Ukraine began



# The city of Bucha





The city of Mariupol today



A map of Ukraine is shown with a light blue background. The map is divided into administrative regions. A large, semi-transparent scale of justice is overlaid on the map, with a gavel positioned vertically in the center. The text "Judiciary in Ukraine today" is written in bold black font across the middle of the map. The eastern part of the map, representing occupied territories, is shaded in a darker blue.

**Judiciary in Ukraine today**

At the moment, courts in Ukraine can be divided into three categories

*The first category* is the courts located in the occupied territories.

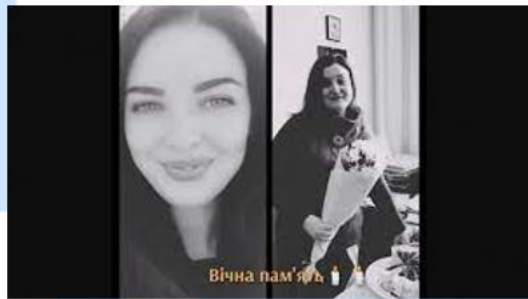
Such courts mostly do not function. There is no connection with many judges because the occupiers have cut off mobile communication.

*The second category* of courts is the courts located within the territories of war zone, under fire. Where it is simply impossible to work, the courts have stopped functioning. As for today, about 50 court premises have been destroyed and significantly damaged. Many district centres and cities have no Internet connection, communication, and electricity.

*The third category* - all courts, if they do not have significant technical damage or are not destroyed by bombing and shelling, and are located in more or less safe areas, are functioning. They continue to work in regular mode.



On March 13, during rocket fire in Mariupol a 30-year old leading specialist of the department of court statistics of Donetsk court of appeal Anastasiia Kostomanova was killed. Her 7-year old son Sashko remained without mother.



On March 3, Judge of the Chernihiv Court of Appeal Liubov Kharechko died. The car in which she was evacuated along with other people was fired by the Russian military.



On March 29, a rocket hit the premises of the Mykolayiv regional administration. The Commercial court which was situated at the upper floors of the building was damaged. Two court employees were killed.

President of the Supreme Court Vsevolod Kniazev  
near the premises of the Irpin local court and  
Borodianka district court of Kyiv region





Commercial court of  
Mykolayiv region after the  
rocket hit on March 29



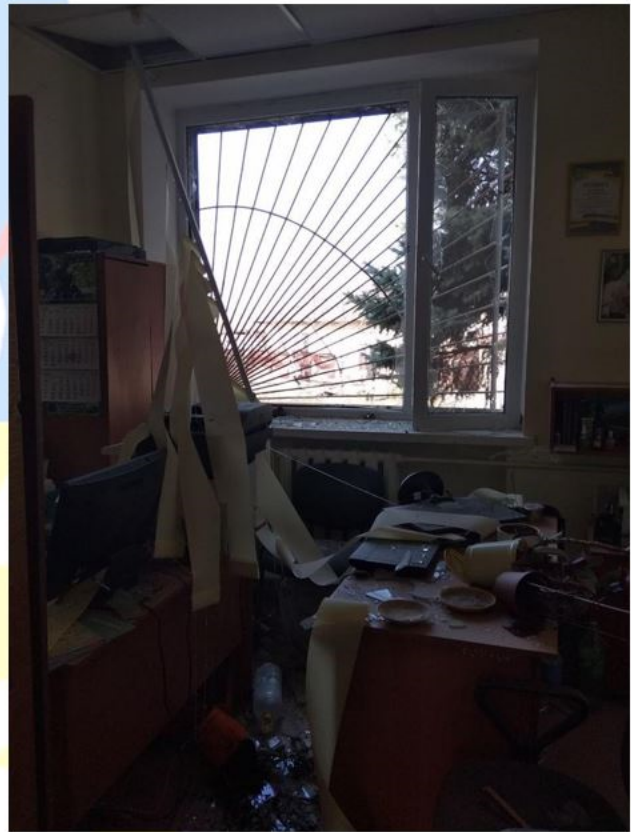


Malynskyi district court in  
Zhytomyr region, March  
2022

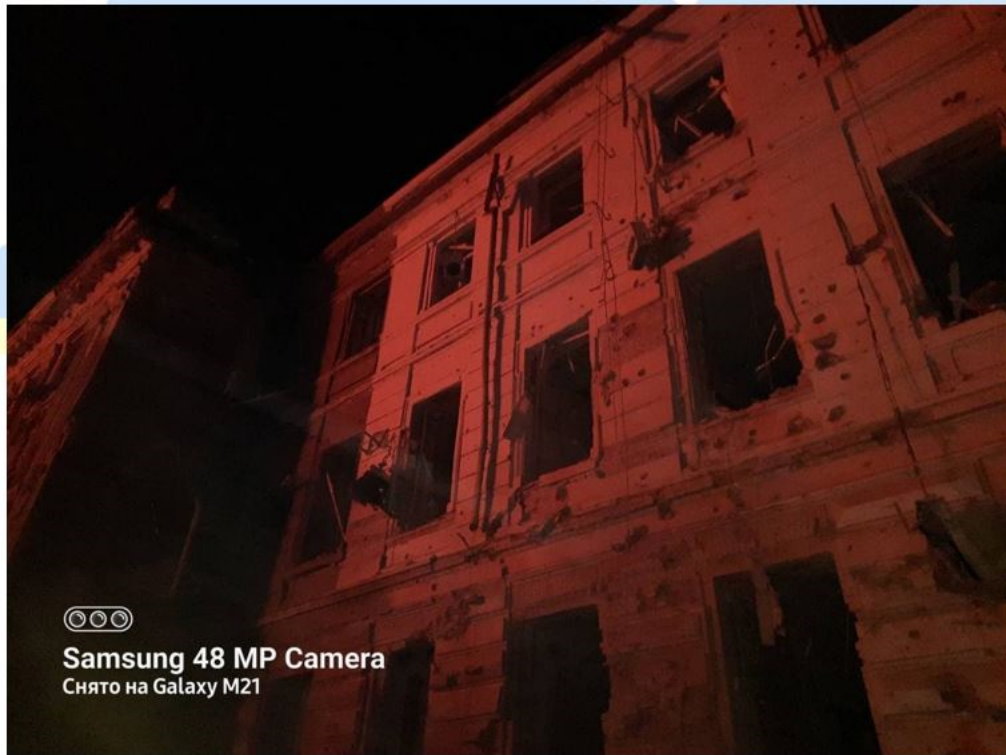




Derhachyvskyi district  
court in Kharkiv  
region, March 2022



Kharkiv court of appeal in March 2022



Ordzhonikidze district court in the city of Kharkiv. March 2022



Dniprovskiy district court in the city of Kyiv,  
March 2022

Darnytsia district court in the city of Kyiv, March  
2022





Courts of Ukraine keep  
administering justice  
and issuing decisions



The Supreme and Constitutional Court judges, being a part of Ukrainian society and feeling their civil responsibility, transfer from 50 to 70 % of the judge's remuneration to support the Armed Forces of Ukraine on a monthly basis until the end of martial law. And judges of the first instance and the courts of appeal also limited their remuneration to 50 % (except judges from regions where active hostilities are taking place).



The judicial European family was among the first to react to these outrageous events


From the very first days of the war, the Supreme and Constitutional Courts have received numerous letters of support, statements and declarations from their fellow courts, various European legal and judicial organizations, including Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union and the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary.





# HUMANITARIAN AID TO UKRAINE





## What can we do as CCJE to support Ukrainian judges and promote Ukraine's victory?

The Ukrainian judges believe that CCJE can play its role by providing its expertise while drafting expert recommendations and guidelines with respect to judiciary.

Will need expert assistance in many areas, since the problems we are facing now are absolutely new for all of us and they have many aspects.

All Ukrainian judges will need training on international humanitarian law. Not to mention technical support to rebuild damaged courts and provide equipment for the courts which suffered. The war is a disaster, which affects all of us. No one can stay aside. And we do hope for the support of the CCJE as a leading think-tank in the sphere of judicial matters.



We believe that together we  
will win.

«Everything will be  
Ukraine».

«Glory to Ukraine!  
Glory to heroes!»