

# ISHR Newsletter Special Edition | March 2022 | Marking One Month of War in Ukraine

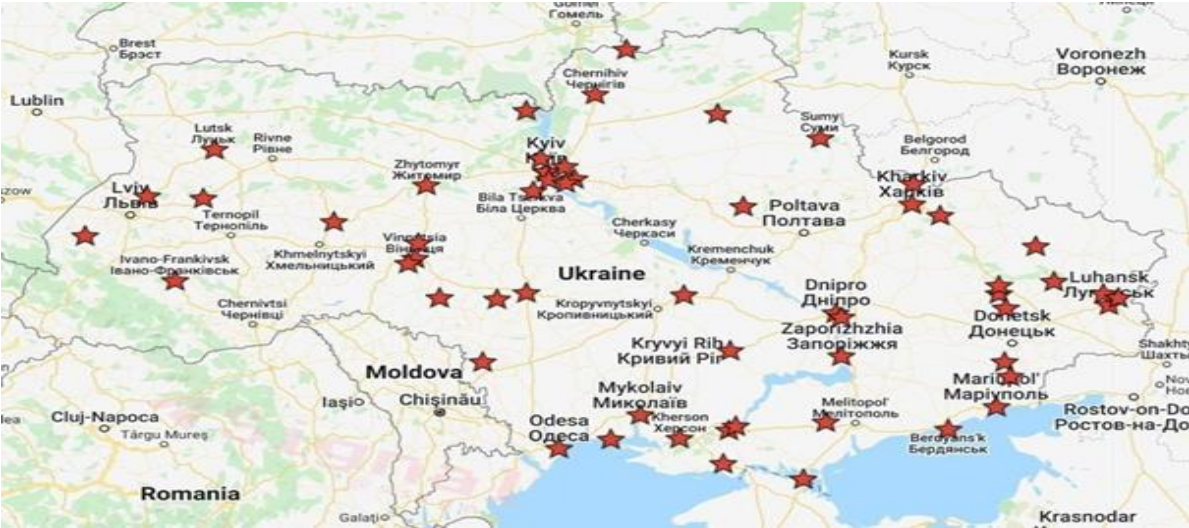


How can one describe what the mind cannot comprehend? It is one month since Russia launched attacks into the sovereign republic of Ukraine. Bombed into the incomprehensible reality of the new world order, into a rampant Russian war of aggression in Ukraine. The day before the Russian attack on February 24, 2022, ISHR/IGFM published a lengthy report entitled [All Hell is Loose in the East](#). The article zeroes in on Putin's political strategy. In the introduction, we quote American security expert Aleksander Vindman, who said in January 2022, "I think it is almost certain that there will be a major European war on a scale comparable to that of World War II. With airstrikes, the navy, and attacks with ground troops."

And contrary to the clarity of hindsight, elsewhere in our analysis it says, "An invasion of Ukraine, a country the size of France with 44 million people who will certainly not stand in line with Russian flags waving, would create images in the world that no one can even imagine..."

The disturbing images of death and destruction that no one could even think of a month ago cannot be missed in our newspapers, televisions or mobile phones.

We found out about the initial attacks early in the morning of 24<sup>th</sup> February from our Moldovan ISHR colleague Gennadij Caunov, who was roused from his sleep in the Moldovan capital of Chisinau by the bombings in the Ukrainian Odessa, 150 km away. Gennadij sent us the first war map soon afterwards.



Source: Insider UA, February 24, 2022, 7:00 a.m. "Where the enemy was bombing at the present time!"

Much closer were the bombs that drove the family of our new Ukrainian young colleague, Valeria, out of bed. It wasn't the first time they had to flee their home town from separatist bombing, they had done it in 2014. They quickly packed a few things and set off in the car with grandma and grandpa, but there was no moving forward and no getting out. After a two-day odyssey through the bomb-torn country, they found a hostel near the Romanian-Moldovan border. Valeria had just been in her home country and had set up [a humanitarian aid project with ISHR in Stanytsia Luhansk](#).

The area was overrun by the Russian army on the first day of the war. Our project partner, young Father Aleksej, is alive.



From our 80-year-old President of ISHR-Ukraine, Dr. Andrei Sukhorukov, former member of the Supreme Rada and a friend of ISHR founder Ivan Agrusov, we received the following sign of life on the second day of the war.

“All the little things, today, February 25 - evening.

During the day they were right in our backyard. A car exploded. I couldn't find out exactly what it was. All crowded with military and police with machine guns. (I live in Kyiv, on the relative outskirts. The end of Perov, the beginning of Troyeschina.). My eldest daughter is now in Kharkiv after an eye operation and mom is with her. It's much worse for them. As of 11 a.m., they sheltered for four hours on the nearby subway. I called at 6 p.m. - they had to go back there. On Klochkovskaya Street, a rocket destroyed the children's polyclinic, to which my wife always took our children. According to Lyudmila, unexploded rockets stick out in the houses of culture near the Sumy market. This is the realm of my childhood. The terror is now part of everyday life. Just opposite are boys with flashlights looking for Russian war markings (metki = are red crosses marking points of attack) on the roof of the house. You are familiar with the conscripted prisoner battalions from World War II. And today, my protégés (he has been doing volunteer work for street children and monitoring and humanizing the penal system and rehabilitation for 5 decades) called me from prison and happily announced: “Hello Sanich (for them the nickname of the patronymic Aleksandrovich), I am enrolled for the war”.

*Yours AA (Andrey Aleksandrovich)*

The wife and daughter of Dr. Sukhorukov finally escaped from Kharkiv, which was hard hit and found shelter with relatives in Lviv. Dr Sukhorukov is still alone in Kyiv and is being cared for by his protégés.

Anton and Anastasija Alekseev from the information and analysis center of the ISHR-Ukraine, with whom we have been connected in constant project work for a decade, who became parents last year, have meanwhile fled from Kyiv to the Poltava region with their young family. The lawyers, who set up and expanded a country-wide fair trial monitoring project to strengthen the Ukrainian judicial reform a few years ago, are now doing their best to work from their place of refuge.

For more information on the developments: <https://ishr.org/ishr-section-ukraine-humanitarian-aid-in-the-war-region-expands/>

Our ISHR Dnipro working group of the Ukrainian section was also able to establish direct contact with us, sending us pictures of bodies torn apart by bombs and providing help on site under the most difficult conditions. [Giving help is what keeps them going.](#)

The [ISHR Moldova section also pitched in](#) immediately and helped Ukrainian refugees at the border and in remote regions. As the poorest country in Europe, Moldova carries the relatively largest proportion of refugees and is also very afraid of being overrun by the Russian army.

With the first bombings, the long-time managing director of the German section and member of the board of the International Council, Karl Hafen, turned to our exiled Belarusian partner organization "Nash Dom/UnserHaus" in Lithuania and immediately supported their emergency aid for the war refugees on the Polish border and in Lviv.

Here in Russian: "Together we continue our help!"



More on this at: <https://ishr.org/ukraine-war-ishr-provides-humanitarian-aid-in-poland/>

The honorary president of the German Section, Katrin Bornmüller, and her working group Wittlich immediately [set out on their 530th aid transport](#) to Lithuania after her visit to Northern Iraq distributed to those in need.

The Russian invasion of the Ukraine bombed us all into a new world order, the Taiwanese population consciously wears blue and yellow today, but even the left-wing puppet dictatorships in [Latin America are not siding with Putin](#). More about this in the clear first summary of the Section Head of ISHR- Colombia Haydee Marin and the Head of the ISHR- Nicaragua Section, Antonio Lopez.

**We all have to get up again now, rally and unite our forces for an end to this outrageous war crime, for the freedom of Ukraine, for a world order in which human rights triumph!**

We ask you to collect donations

<https://ishr.org/war-in-ukraine-ishr-appeal-for-donations-please-help-the-ukrainian-refugees-please-help/>

Launch calls, write comments, appeal to the Russian people <https://ishr.org/appeal-to-the-russian-citizens/> and keep us updated on your activities.

Finally, we would like to remind you once again of our upcoming video conference of the International Council and look forward to the greatest possible participation. When: Sunday, Apr 10, 2022 at 4pm - 6pm

Register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrce0qj8iGtUrHqtDtGAYMk4Fj29G0Dlf>