



Newsletter of the

## **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Donetsk People's Republic**

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### **Main news of the Republic (from May 1 to May 11)**

#### ***Commentary by Natalia Nikonorova regarding the increased shelling by Ukraine:***

Armed forces of Ukraine re-open fire on civilian structures - as a result of shelling of the Sakhanka village, two children and three adults were multiple shrapnel wounded. This is the second case in a week when, as a result of a criminal violation of the ceasefire by Ukraine, children and innocent civilians suffer. A particular cynicism to this crime is also given by the fact that our territory is fired upon on the eve of the anniversary of the Great Victory over Nazism, which in Ukraine is preferred to “celebrate” in such a monstrous bloody way.

At the next meeting of the Contact Group, we intend to raise the issue of both the failure by Kiev of an unlimited ceasefire and the non-compliance with the agreed additional measures to control the ceasefire. For the second time in four days, children and civilians suffer from shelling of Ukrainian armed forces, however, we are not informed of any proceedings and prosecution of ceasefire violators by Ukrainian armed forces.

In addition, it is extremely surprising to us that amid the flagrant violations of the ceasefire by Ukraine, Kiev authorities are actively praising the media with their idea of involving displaced persons who left Donbass in the negotiations into the Minsk process. It is important to understand: these representatives will be appointed by the executive branch of Ukraine and in the negotiations will reflect its opinion.

It is quite obvious that people living in cities controlled by Ukraine now cannot represent the people of the Republic in Minsk, for which Ukrainian armed forces have regularly fired for six years now, not to mention the other bullying from Kiev: economic, transport, social blockade, infringement of rights and freedoms, wage arrears etc. This PR move of Ukrainian officials is capable of causing only even greater doubt in their view of what is happening. In fact, the Ukrainian authorities want to talk to themselves. But such way the conflict cannot be resolved.

The situation is tense, and in order to begin to relieve tension, the leaders of Ukraine, instead of populism, must, firstly, immediately contribute to a ceasefire and conduct a thorough investigation of all cases of ceasefire violations, including punishing all those responsible for the crimes committed. And, secondly, Kiev does not need to talk

with immigrants, but with representatives of the second conflict side - the Republics. Only a direct, conscientious and respectful dialogue will help bring the settlement closer; all the other notions of the Kiev authorities will only contribute to further distancing Donbass.

***Foreign friends and partners of the Donetsk People's Republic congratulate  
on the sixth anniversary in a video format***

Today, on May 11, the citizens of the Donetsk People's Republic are congratulated on the sixth anniversary of the state founding by our foreign partners and like-minded friends.

Unfortunately, the difficult epidemiological situation did not allow holding traditional large-scale celebrations and inviting representatives of foreign states to participate in them. Despite this, the foreign friends of the Donetsk People's Republic nevertheless joined the celebration, sending their video congratulations to the DPR Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

So, the President of the Republic of South Ossetia Anatoliy Bibilov, the Head of the Lugansk People's Republic Leonid Pasechnik, the Head of the Republic of Crimea Sergey Aksenov, the Head of the Republic of Bashkortostan Radiy Khabirov, the deputies of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation Andrey Kozenko and Kazbek Taysaev, members of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation Sergey Tsekov and Sergey Mamedov, Member of the Czech Parliament from the Communist Party of the Czech Republic and Moravia Zdenek Ondraček, MP of Berlin Gunnar Lindemann, heads of the DPR Representative Center in Turin Maurizio Marrone and Eliseo Bertolasi, head of the DPR Representative Center in Helsinki Johan Beckmann, head of the DPR Representative Center in the Kingdom of Belgium Kris Roman, head of the Norwegian People's Diplomacy NGO Hendrik Weber, head of the West-East French public organization Nikola Mirkovich, chairman of the American public organization Institute of Progress through Law Kline Preston and many others.

On behalf of the DPR Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we express our sincere gratitude to all our friends for congratulations and kind words. We sincerely hope that the epidemiological situation will soon stabilize, life will return to its previous course, and both official delegations and political and public figures from foreign countries will be able to visit us again.

Video greetings are available on the website of the DPR Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <https://mid-dnr.su/ru/pages/congratulations/>