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BELARUS: Belarusian Army Situation.

Russian Aggression Against Ukraine from the Territory of Belarus.

As of the date of **14 May 2022**, there were **633** missile launches at Ukraine from Belarus since the beginning of the Russian invasion. **1211** air strikes on Volyn were made **from Belarus**. Air strikes on Rovno and Kyiv region were registered.

The first missiles from the territory of Belarus were fired at Ukraine on February 24 at **6:20 a.m.**

On **24 February 2022**, the RF army entered the Chernobyl zone from the territory of Belarus.

On **27 February 2022**, up to **20** helicopters in **10** minutes took off from the territory of Belarus. One of missiles stroke at the airport of Zhytomyr, another missile launched from Belarus wounded 16 people in Chernihiv.

On **8 March 2022**, a column of KAMAZ vehicles of the RF military forces with boxes for Iskanders were detected on the highway from Minsk moving in the direction of Bobrujsk. Military hardware with the sign "V" was noticed in Homel.

On **9 March 2022**, the Belarusian regime allowed Russia to transport missiles by Belarusian railway.

In the early hours of **10 March 2022**, bombs from Belarus fell on Zhytomyr land and killed two Belarusians.

On **11 March 2022**, Aliaksandr Lukashenka had a meeting with Vladimir Putin in Moscow, during which he accused Ukraine of preparing an assault on Belarus.

On **18 March 2022**, a pontoon bridge across the Pripiat river in Petrikovsky district was noticed. At Muliarovka railway station the Russian military hardware was unloaded.

On **23 March 2022**, evidence appeared that Russia was luring Belarusians to participate in the war with salaries in the amount of **1000-1500** USD and free university education.

On **30 March 2022**, movement of Russian military hardware from Rechitsa to Kalinkavichy was detected, another column was noticed moving from Kalinkavichy to Homel.

On **31 March 2022**, a column consisting of **50** units of military hardware was standing at the border with Ukraine.

On **2 April 2022**, more than **20** missiles were launched from the territory of Mozyrsky and Khoyniksky districts.

On **5 April 2022**, three Russian fighter jets took off from the military airfield in Baranavichy.

On **8 April 2022**, two officers of Homel Regional Department of KGB got killed in land mine blast in a forest in the vicinity of a Russian military camp.

On **24 April 2022**, movement of Russian military vehicle was detected at the road section Minsk-Babrujsk, not far from Mozyr, near the agrotown Bronnitsa of Bud-Kashaleusky district a camp of Russian military appeared.

On **23 May 2022** Aliaksandr Lukashenka and Vladimir Putin had a meeting in Sochi to “discuss issues connected with safety in the region and economy”.

On **26 May 2022** missile launchers Iskander were moved closer to the Ukrainian border (the town of Luninets).

On **27 May 2022** visiting of the border areas of Brahinsky, Loieusky and Khoinkausky districts was restricted for Belarusians.

NO Means NO: Situation of the Call-Up of Men to the Warfare

On **9 February 2022** Aliaksandr Lukashenka signed the Ordinance № **34** «About military discharge and call-up for fixed-term military service, service in the reserves». The Orderdinance provided for drafting men turned 18 by the day of conscription and having no right of deferment, to fixed-term military service and service in the reserves **in February-May, 2022**. Students doing their 1st year at agricultural universities of Belarus, having the right of deferment to continue their education, but willing to do a military service in the reserves, would also be called-up to arms.

On **19 February 2022**, a military man was injured due to breaching regulations relating to the management of weapons in a place of permanent deployment of one of Grodno garrison military units.

On **24 February 2022**, the Ministry of Defense said that reserve officers are called-up to military service in the first half of the year every year. In **2022** up to **150** officers are subject to draft. Here is the previous year’s statistics for comparison: in 2021 up to **100** reserve officers were drafted, in 2020 up to **100** reserve officers were drafted, in 2019 up to **100** reserve officers were drafted.

On **28 February 2022**, the chairperson of the Republican Committee of Soldiers’ Mothers, Halina Chyhrynava, said that there were no Belarusian soldiers in Ukraine.

On **1 March 2022**, the 120th Guards Separate Mechanized Brigade in Uruccha (Minsk) was visited by the mothers of the servicemen in mandatory military service.

From **March 1 to 8, 2022**, the Ministry of Defense congratulated mothers of the soldiers who had perished in the army with the International Women's Day.

On **9 March 2022**, the Ministry of Defense of Belarus provided information about a mass distribution of “fake draft notices” to young men by unknown people with the aim to “frighten the citizen with army mobilization”.

From **April 4 to 15, 2022**, a comprehensive inspection of military commissariats of Minsk region took place. Mobilization readiness, draft records and ideological work as well as everyday activity were inspected in all the commissariats of the region.

On **7 April 2022**, the Ministry of Defense launched the propaganda campaign “It Is Cool to Defend One’s Country”.

On **25 April 2022**, citizens of the Republic of Belarus, called-up to fixed-term military service, started being sent to military divisions and units. About **1 000** conscripts were sent there on the first day.

On **25 April 2022**, the Ministry of Defense announced that about **43 000** young men are subject to be called to call-up commissions **this spring** according to the legislation. Over **13 000** deferments were granted, mostly to those who continue their education (more than **87%**). *For reference: the number does not differ much from the previous year's drafts: in 2019 about 40000 conscripts received draft notices, over 20000 deferments were granted, mostly to those who continued their education - over 80%. About 10000 young men were sent to the military forces. The situation in 2020 was similar: about 40000 conscripts were drafted, about 10000 conscripted soldiers were sent to serve in the army.*

On **25 April 2022**, the Ministry of Defense announced that about **200** people were planned to be sent for service in the reserves.

On **27 April 2022**, **200** young men reinforced troops of the 72nd United Training Centre in Barysau.

On **28 April 2022**, soldiers in active military service who had achieved the best results in their service, were honoured in the Central Palace of Officers. Soldiers' mothers were invited to the ceremony.

On **4 May 2022**, an unexpected response forces inspection started in the Belarusian army, during which military units and divisions had to work out the following issues: putting on an alert, marching to the assigned areas and fulfilling training and combat tasks.

On **5 May 2022**, a training session of military reservists of the Territorial Forces of Minsky district under the command of the Chairman of Minsky District Executive Committee took place.

Since **10 May 2022**, the executive committees of Brest and Grodno regions have been forming territorial forces of Kobrynsky and Lidsky districts correspondingly. Around **430** people are planned to be called-up from the reserves.

On **21 May 2022**, over **3000** servicemen, called-up to fixed-term military service and to service in the reserves, took their oath.

On **23 May 2022**, a new stage of response forces inspection started in the army.

On **23 May 2022**, the Ministry of Defense announce an official state tender to purchase **20 000 metal ID tags** with the inscription "MF of Belarus" (Military Forces of Belarus) for identification of bodies.

On **26 May 2022**, a military man went AWOL from his military unit and headed to the Belarusian-Lithuanian border, in his uniform and with combat weapon. Currently, the deserter is in Lithuania, under the care of two Belarusian organizations: Our House and Dapamoga.

On **28 May 2022**, mothers of one of the battalions of special operation forces visited their sons in the area of fulfilment of training and combat tasks.

On **1 June 2022**, at the base of the 120th anti-aircraft missile brigade, a drill with officers of the reserve with engineering-technical positions started.

On **7 June 2022**, combat readiness training started in the Armed Forces of Belarus. The combat readiness trainings are held after another conscription and completion of the basic military training program by new conscripts. Soldiers train with various divisions, military units and military command bodies to implement **transition from peacetime to wartime**.