



**Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine**
to the Republic of Lithuania

July 9, 2024

Your Excellency,

I present my sincere compliments and would like to express gratitude for the unwavering support of Ukraine and Ukrainian people in these challenging times and the immense assistance already received.

On July 8, 2024 Russia launched another terrorist attack using 38 missiles of various types against Ukraine. Kyiv, Dnipro, Kryvyi Rih, Sloviansk and Kramatorsk came under attack, which caused destruction to the city's housing and civil infrastructure. In Kyiv alone as of 12:15 of July 9th 31 people were killed and 117 injured. Residential buildings reportedly damaged across Kyiv, with damages and fires breaking out in 7 districts of the city. Russia is purposefully at aggressive war against the civilian population of Ukraine, attacking residential buildings, hospitals, and recreation areas. Entire families die in their own homes during shellings.

Ukraine's largest children's medical centre - the Okhmatdyt hospital in Kyiv was deliberately hit with a missile of the Russian army on this tragic day. This hospital performs about 7,000 complex surgeries every year, in particular diagnoses and treats haematological diseases, provides treatment to children with cancer and performs bone marrow transplantation for sick children. The operative hospital buildings including its newest one, built in 2020 with modern medical equipment, were damaged, some buildings of the medical institution were destroyed, including those, where the children received dialysis.

As of today, 2 persons were killed (including one doctor) and dozens are wounded, the search and rescue operation is continuing.

According to preliminary data from the investigators of the Security Service of Ukraine the Russian army used a Kh-101 strategic cruise missile to hit the medical facility.

Russia cannot claim ignorance of where its missiles are flying and must be held fully accountable for all its crimes - against people, against children, against humanity in general. The Russian attack on the children's hospital is classified by the investigators as a war crime with criminal proceedings being opened.

Any assistance would be very welcome, please find details for possible support of the abovementioned medical center - the Okhmatdyt hospital (details: <https://ohmatdyt.com.ua/dopomagati/dopomogti-viddilennyu/finansovo-dopomogti/> and <https://www.ohmatdytfund.org/en/donate>).

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Moreover, on July 8 the UNITED24 platform launched a fundraiser for 100 million UAH (<https://u24.gov.ua/uk/news/okhmatdyt>) for voluntary contributions (charitable donations) from individuals and legal entities under private law and/or public law from all over the world to support the Okhmatdyt children's hospital.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration and thank You again for continuous unwavering support to Ukraine.

Слава Україні! Šlovė Lietuvai!

Petro Beshta