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Letter dated 7 May 2025 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to inform you of the ongoing terrorist attacks by the Russian Federation that deliberately target civilians and civilian infrastructure in Ukraine (see annex).

On the night of 7 May 2025, Russia attacked the city of Kyiv and the Kyiv region twice: first with ballistic missiles, then with drones in the morning. The attacks killed a family of volunteers – a woman and her son – and injured at least eight other people, including four children who suffered burns. Drone debris caused fires in four districts, damaging residential buildings.

In addition to killing the woman and her son, the Russian attack killed at least five of their cats. One surviving cat, badly burned and likely thrown out by the blast wave, was found by rescuers outside the window amid the rubble. The cat was urgently hospitalized with burns over most of its body and severe lung damage.

These strikes were part of Russia's broader assault on multiple regions of Ukraine: over 140 drones and several ballistic missiles were launched. Since the evening of 6 May 2025, there have also been numerous strikes on the Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, Donetsk, Zhytomyr and Sumy regions, destroying homes and killing or injuring civilians.



Russia launched at least 13 strikes on Zaporizhzhia, injuring four people. In the Dnipropetrovsk region, eight civilians were hospitalized, two in critical condition.

On 6 May 2025, a Russian missile attack on a residential area in the village of Velyka Chercechyna, Sumy region, killed at least 3 civilians – including 6-year-old Borys and 20-year-old Nataliia – and injured at least 11 others, including 5 children. After striking the village with a missile, Russia dropped bombs during ongoing rescue efforts.

Given the persistent and ongoing nature of such terrorist attacks and recognizing the urgent need for immediate intervention, I would appreciate your further personal attention and the full utilization of all available instruments within the mandates of the relevant United Nations agencies to stop the terror and address these continued crimes by the Russian Federation against the civilian population and infrastructure in Ukraine.

The crime of aggression, war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by the Russian Federation further underscore Russia's non-compliance with the United Nations membership criteria set out in Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the inadmissibility of inaction regarding Russia's illegitimate presence in the Security Council.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 62, 67, 80, 110, 132 and 135, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Khrystyna **Hayovyshyn**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.
Deputy Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 7 May 2025 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Consequences of Russia's missile and drone attacks on civilians in the city of Kyiv (7 May 2025)





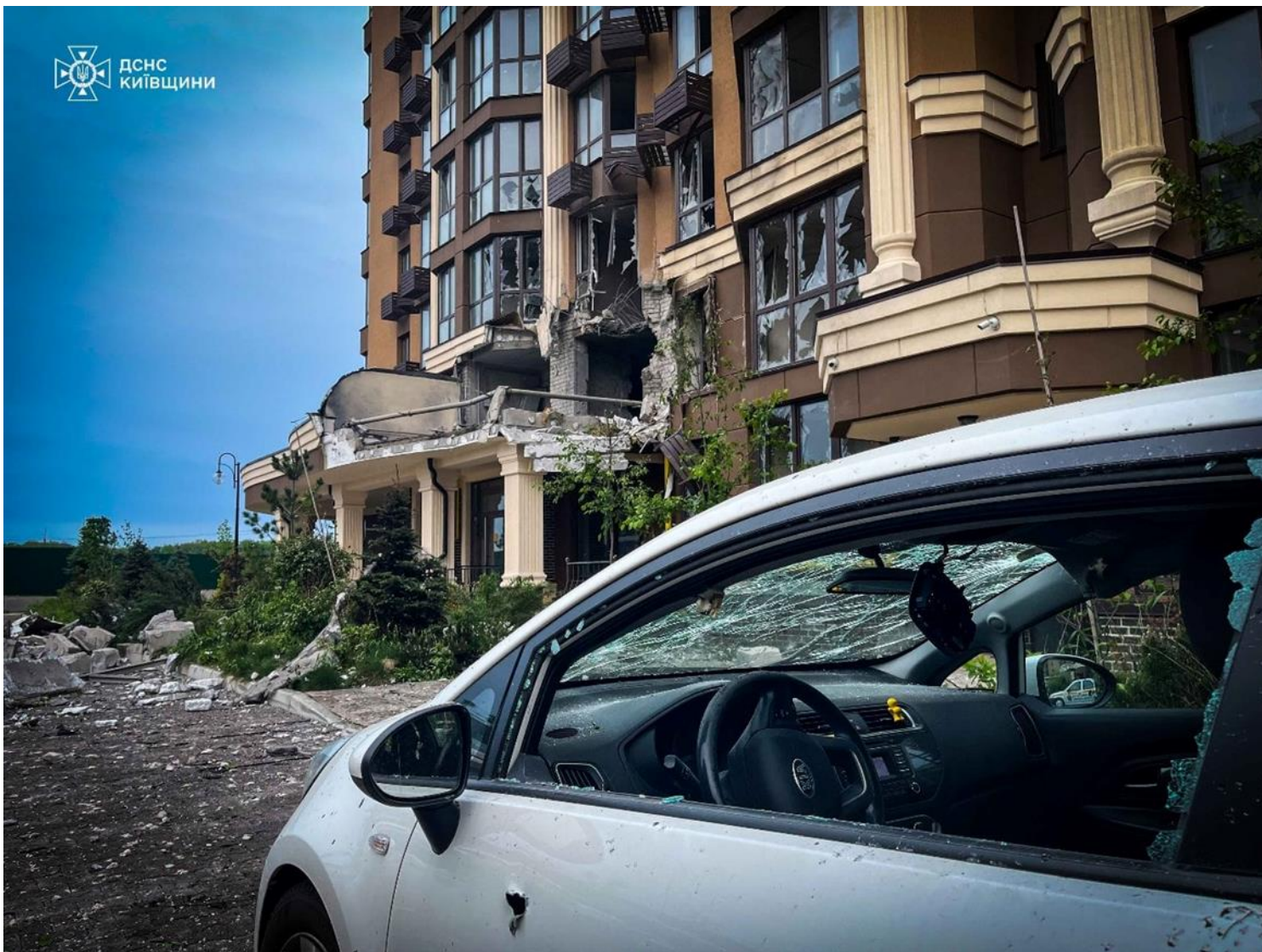


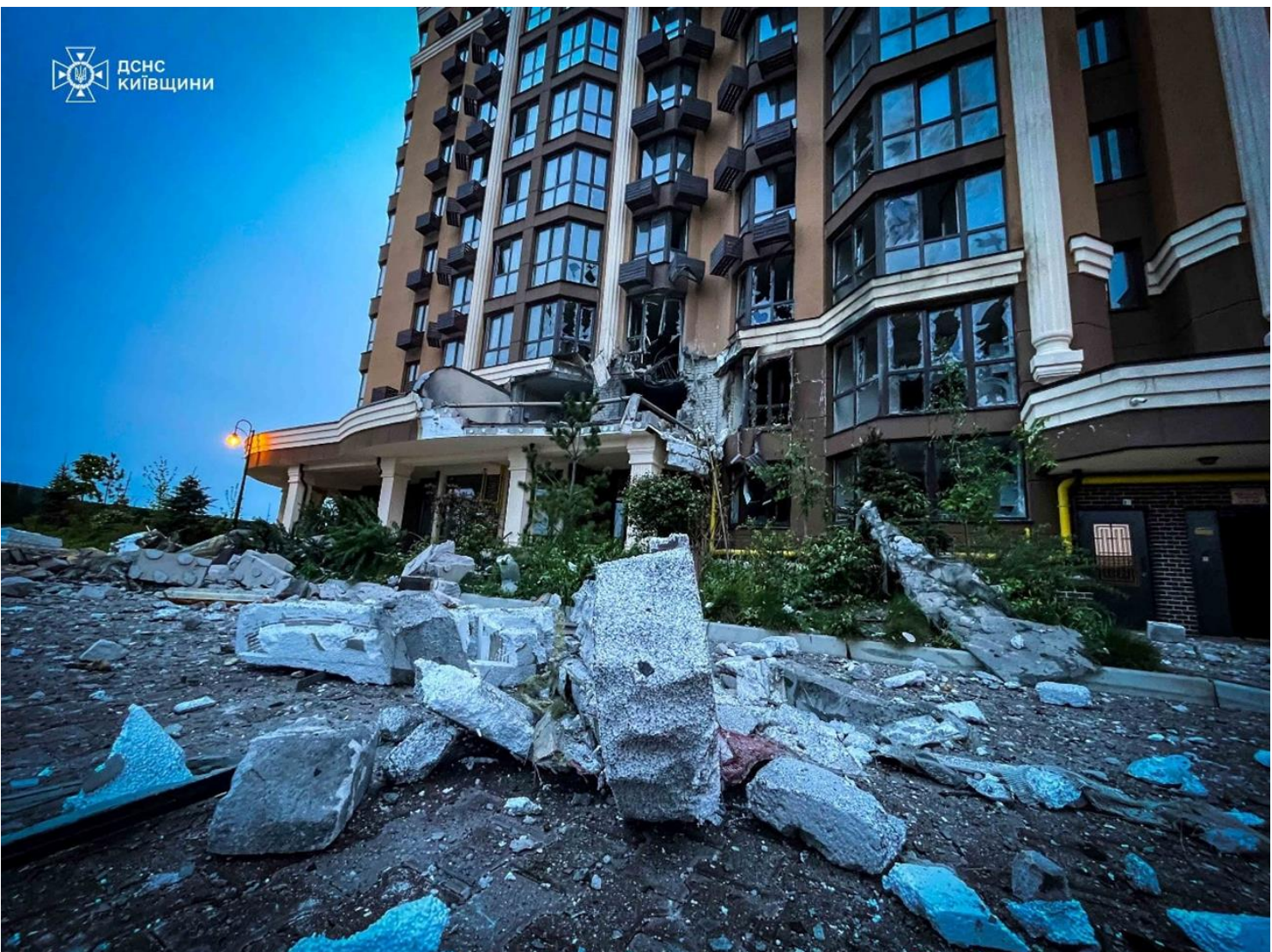


Cat severely wounded by Russia's missile and drone attack on the city of Kyiv (7 May 2025)



**Consequences of Russia's missile and drone attacks on civilians in the village of Sofiivska Borshchahivka, Kyiv region
(7 May 2025)**





Consequences of Russia's missile attacks on civilians in the village of Velyka Chernechchyna, Sumy region (6 May 2025)



For photographs of 6-year-old Borys, killed by Russia's missile attack in the village of Velyka Chercechyna, Sumy region, on 6 May 2025, see:

<https://debaty.sumy.ua/news/vnaslidok-raketnogo-udaru-po-peredmistyu-sum-zaginu-6-richnij-bori-zinchenko>

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For photographs of 20-year-old Nataliia, killed by Russia's missile attack in the village of Velyka Chercechyna, Sumy region, on 6 May 2025, see:

<https://debaty.sumy.ua/news/vnaslidok-raketnogo-udaru-po-peredmistyu-sum-zaginu-nataliya-velihovska>

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Additional photographs and videos are available at the following links:

1. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/volodimir-zelenskii-za-nic-rosiiani-vipustili-4-balisticni-raketi-ta-142-droni-polovina-iz-nix-saxedi>
2. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/raketnii-udar-po-peredmistiium-3-zagiblix-11-postrazdalix>
3. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/u-sumskii-gromadi-na-misci-vorozogo-udaru-riatuvalniki-likviduvali-pozezu-video>
4. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/u-zaporizzi-riatuvalniki-likvidovuiut-naslidki-masovanogo-vorozogo-obstrilu>
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8. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/riatuvalniki-doneccini-likviduiut-naslidki-novix-obstriliv-palaiut-budinki-xrami-ta-pidprijemstva>
9. <https://dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/dnipropetrovska-oblast-riatuvalniki-likviduvali-naslidki-vorozoyi-ataki-dronom>

Source: State Emergency Service of Ukraine, Kyiv Animal Rescue Group.
