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Casualty report from the Donbas region

According to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), as of 3 APR, in the Donbas region there have been an estimated 1,185 civilian causalities, with 401 killed and 1,036 injured. In the government-controlled areas of Luhansk and Donetsk, 401 civilians have been killed and 784 injured. In the self-proclaimed republics, 67 civilians have been killed and 252 injured. The OHCHR reported that most of the civilian causalities were caused by shelling from heavy artillery, rocket launcher systems, missiles, and airstrikes. END

CMCD Note

The casualties recorded on the Eastern front account for about a third of the total estimated casualties in Ukraine. This is significant since most operations in the east prior to 26 MAR were defensive operations for Russian forces. The use of ranged weapons systems, such as artillery, air, and missile strikes against civilian infrastructure has been common during the war. It is likely these attacks will increase in frequency on the eastern front, with the aim of disrupting Ukrainian forces moving to confront the ongoing Russian effort to secure the Donbas region.

Sources

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