

PRESS RELEASE

STAND WITH UKRAINE!

SAVE MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF UKRAINE!

UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY TO HOLD RALLY ASKING US GOVERNMENT TO EXPEDITE WEAPONS TO UKRAINE AND SAVE CIVILIANS

**RALLY SUNDAY, MAY 8 AT 1:00 PM
MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT AT 1:45 PM
AT 2247 W. CHICAGO AVENUE STAGE AT CULTURAL CENTER**

(May 4, 2022)

The Ukrainian Ukrainian Congress Committee of America Illinois Division together with the Consulate General of Ukraine in Chicago will hold a rally to appeal to the U.S. government to accelerate the delivery of heavy weapons to defend Ukraine from Russian brutal annihilation of cities. A concert will follow to honor the mothers, children, widows and orphans.

The world continues to watch in horror as the Russian Armed Forces indiscriminately inflict carnage on Ukraine and its people. Russian forces bomb peaceful cities destroying critical infrastructure, residential buildings, schools, churches, and hospitals, and killing civilians without mercy.

Save Bucha. Save Kherson. Save Mariupol. Thousands have been killed. Mariupol is now leveled, and where thousands are still in bunkers without water or food.

To date 9,247 war crimes were registered, including attacks on over 300 medical facilities, 70 ambulances, and 1,018 educational institutions.

Thousands of Ukrainian civilians have become victims of Russia's invasion, with 219 confirmed deaths of children and 405 injured as reported by Ukraine's State Service for Emergency Situations (May 2).

Over 5.5 million people have fled Ukraine according to the U.N. Refugee Agency.

Entire cities, towns, and villages have been destroyed, including hundreds of schools, 535 kindergartens, 231 healthcare facilities, thousands of residential buildings (68k residential buildings are said to be destroyed or damaged in the Donetsk region, with over 63k – in Mariupol alone), 11 airports, some 300 bridges, 23,600 km roads, 173 enterprises and factories, 16 shopping malls, over 130 cultural and 95 religious institutions and more.

Dan Diaczun, president of UCCA Illinois Division stated, "We thank the US government and President Biden for the ongoing support of Ukraine and we ask for the expedited delivery of weapons that are needed to beat back Russia and stop the carnage. By now, the entire civilized world recognized that this is Russia's aggression against the democracies of Europe and North America, and Putin's destruction of Ukraine is his goal. But he will not succeed. Ukrainians bravely fight to save their country."

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