

**NEWS DIGEST OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
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On April 22-23, staff of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation traveled to a hospital in Donetsk to visit children who had been seriously injured as a result of shelling by the Ukrainian Armed Forces and, if necessary, provide them with the necessary assistance.

We would like to express our gratitude to the doctors, the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Donetsk People’s Republic, the Advisor to the Head of the DPR on Children’s Rights, and the Director of the DPR State Service for Family and Children Affairs for their invaluable and highly professional assistance to children and adults who are citizens of the DPR and liberated territories in the ongoing hostilities.

In addition, they helped to send home to Ukraine two children, Ilya and Kira, who received mine and blast injuries as a result of bombing and shelling by Ukrainian troops. The children were rescued by the Russian military and taken from the basements of Mariupol to Donetsk, where they received excellent medical care. These children turned out to have a grandmother (for Ilya) and a grandfather (for Kira), who live in Western Ukraine. The grandparents requested that the children be placed under their guardianship, which was arranged with the support of the DPR Ombudsman.



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On April 22, the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation organized a visit to the Helikon Opera Theater in Moscow for citizens from the DNR, LNR and Ukraine. On the Eve of Easter, 30 adults and children from the temporary accommodation center in the Moscow Region saw Pyotr Tchaikovsky’s opera “Iolanta”. According to the citizens who visited the theater, the performance made an unforgettable impression. Many of them visited the opera for the first time.

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