

SITUATION WITH WAR PRISONERS IN THE RUSSIA'S WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

Expert interview



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Sasha Romantsova is the executive director of the Center for Civil Liberties (CCL), a leading human rights organization from Ukraine. Since 2014, the CCL has been dealing with the cases of Ukrainian political prisoners on the territory of the Russian Federation, since February 24 of this year, they also began to cover the cases of prisoners of war and civilian hostages.

Prisoners of war are explicitly covered by the Third Geneva Convention, drawn up in 1949 to replace the old Prisoners of War Convention of 1929 after the awful lessons of the World War II. Both Russia and Ukraine are signatories, meaning they have promised to respect it in all circumstances. Since the beginning of a full-scale war, Russia and Ukraine are engaged in a number of prisoner exchanges. In March, the release of Ivan Fedorov, the mayor of Melitopol, in exchange for nine captured Russian soldiers made international headlines. At the end of June, Ukraine has announced the largest exchange of prisoners of war since Russia invaded, securing the release of 144 of its military personnel, including 95 who defended the Azovstal steelworks in Mariupol.

Join the expert talk with Sasha and Wilfried to understand needs of the Ukrainian civil society, learn how the prisoner exchange works in the time of the war, hear about the implementation specifics of the international humanitarian law and recommendations to partners in Germany for stronger support to Ukraine.

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