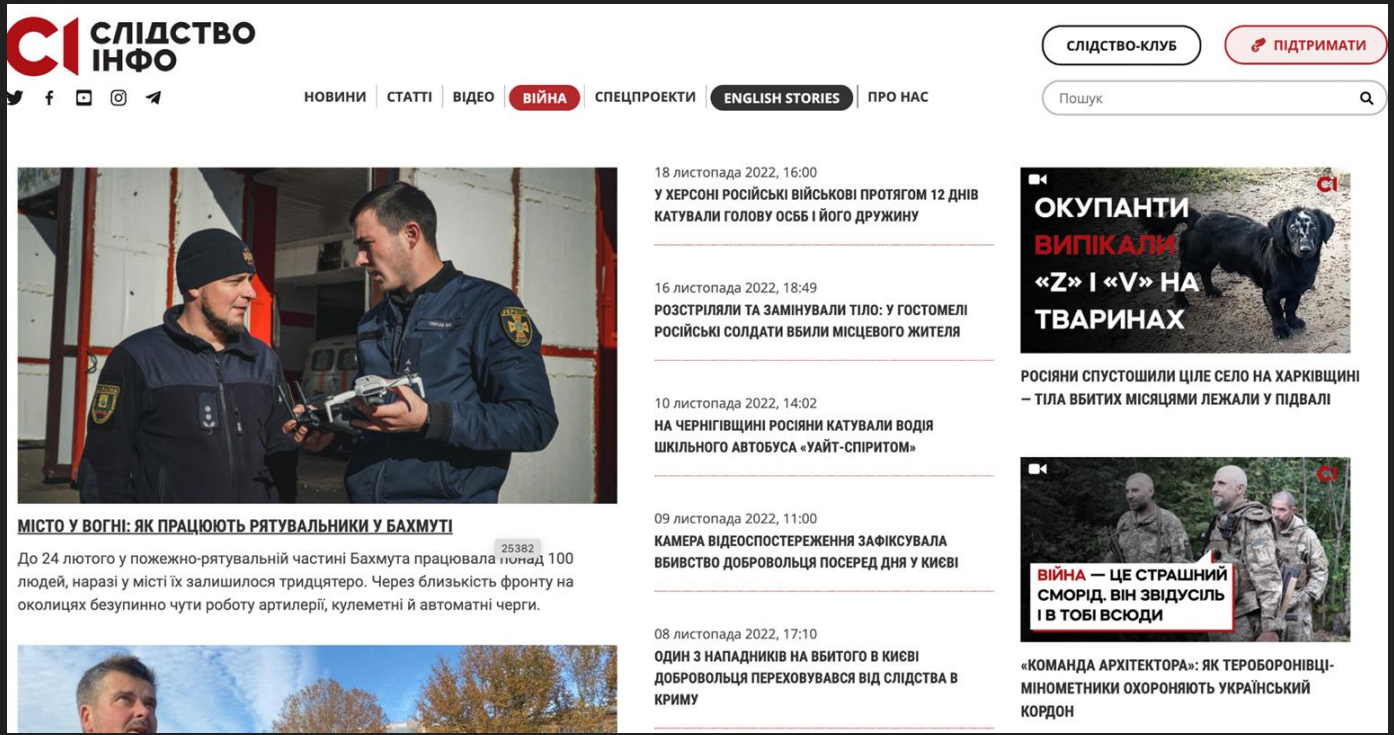
Documenting war crimes by investigative reporters

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14 February 2022, 10 days before the Russian invasion



SLIDSTVO.INFO IDENTIFIED THE PILOT OF THE RUSSIAN HELICOPTER DOWNED NEAR GOSTOMEL



Дмитро Реплянчук 24 лютого 2022, 18:55

The Russian Ka-52 helicopter downed near Gostomel was probably flown by the squadron commander of the 319th Separate Helicopter Regiment from the Primorsky Krai of the Russian Federation, Airat Safargaleyev.

Journalists drew their attention to the helicopter pilot's helmet, which Ukrainian security forces had found near the downed Ka-52 helicopter. The helmet of the pilot was marked with the surname — «Safargaleev».

24 February 2022, the day of Russian invasion

In 14 hours after the war started we have published our first investigative story. We found out who was the pilot of Russian helicopter which was downed next to Kyiv

How we investigate war crimes

1) Find the crime and victims
2) Go into field for reporting, talk to people, collect proofs
3) Figuring out what Russian unit was based in the location
4) Identifying Russian soldiers, printing their pictures
5) Showing pictures to victims and witnesses
6) Collecting more proofs about persons who commit the crime
7) Call/text Russian militaries with questions
8) Publish the story

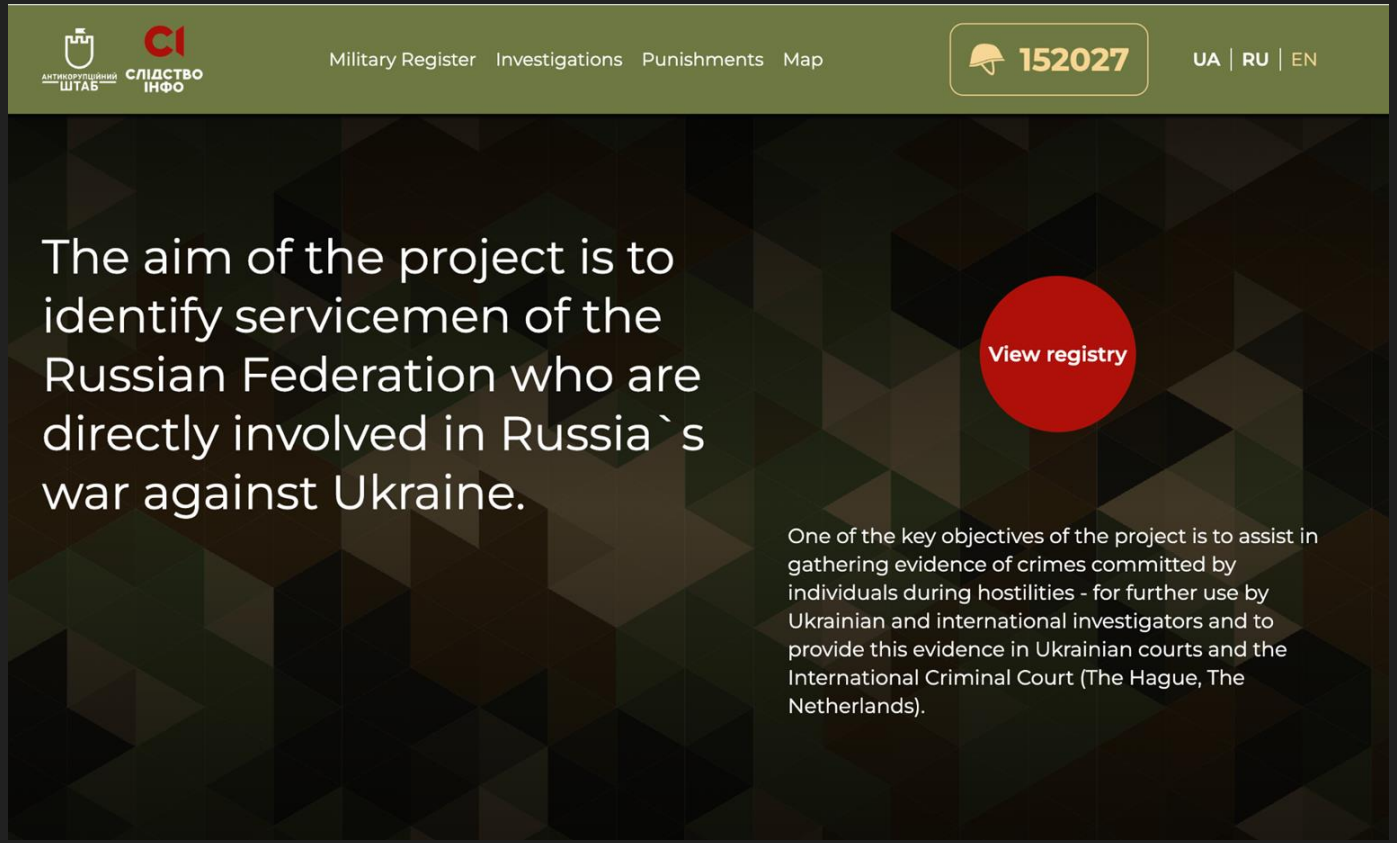


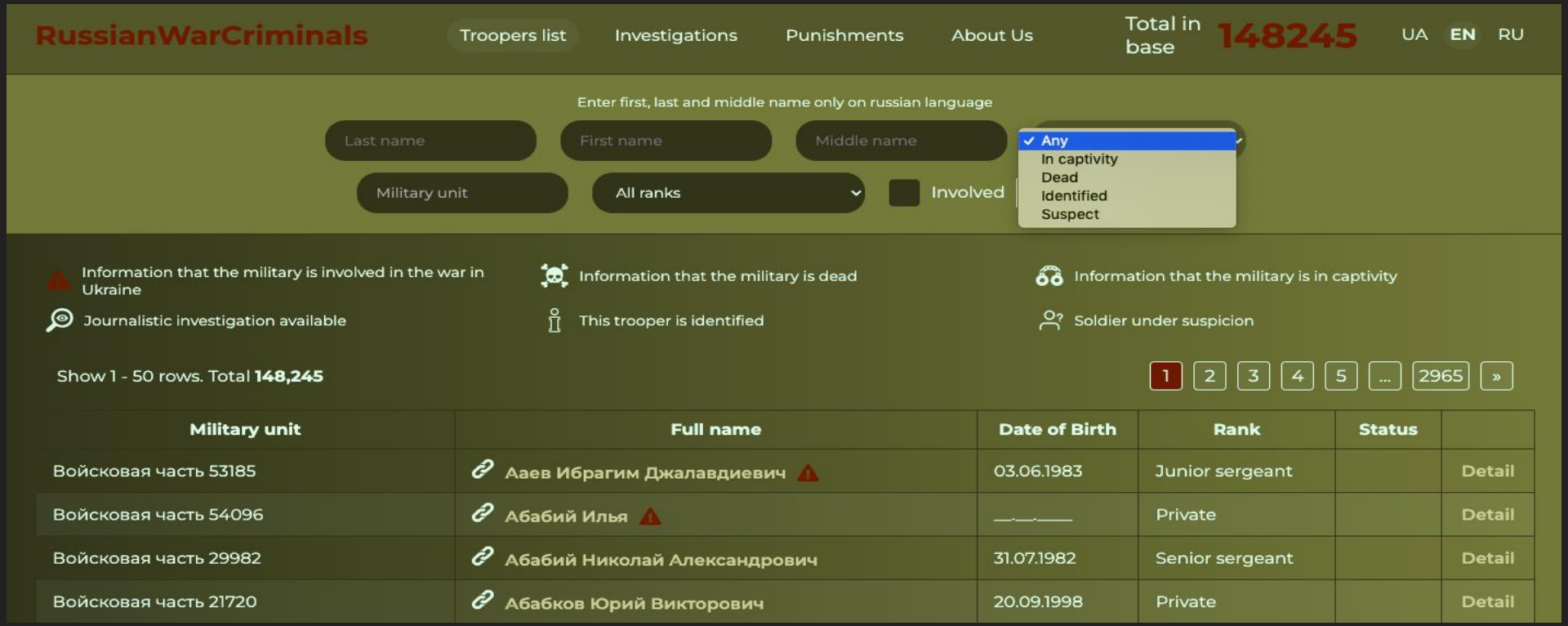


After publishing a story

- Prosecutors or other official investigators collect information from our stories and use in their criminal cases
- Officials asked us to train their employees how to identify people
- All identified Russian soldiers we put into the special database we released in May - “Russian War Criminals.” We also put there the soldiers identified by other Ukrainian outlets

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1. sources of reporters
2. lists published by the Central Intelligence Agency of Ukraine
3. information from the database "Look for your own"
4. other sites, social networks



To identify servicemen of the Russian Federation who are directly involved in Russia's war against Ukraine.

To assist in gathering evidence of crimes committed by individuals during hostilities - for further use in courts.

For 9 months we have identified and published stories about more than 200 Russian militaries with strong proofs of their involving to the war



Thank you!