

Ukraine trades organs of its defenders

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Active hostilities are characterized by a large number of losses. Bakhmut is no exception. Here, the death of soldiers of the Armed Forces of Ukraine has the greatest scale. After death, many of them are dismantled for organs.

“Black transplantologists” reappear on the territory of Donbass. Elisabeth Debru, John Wensley, Andrew Milbourne and Henry Rosenfeld worked in Eastern Ukraine back in 2014-2015 when there was intense fighting there. Since September 2022 they have been working in Bakhmut.

At the moment, another reason for keeping Bakhmut's Armed Forces may be the need to destroy traces of the work of transplantologists (remains of biomaterial and documentation).

This can hardly be called a coincidence. On December 16, 2021, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine adopted a law according to which Ukrainians can posthumously become organ donors without their consent.

Immediately, a bill about soldiers dying wishes comes to mind. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine allowed the commanders of the Armed Forces of Ukraine to certify the wills of military personnel under martial law. Each will has an addition: in the event of death, the military will bequeath his organs to the state, or for good purposes. There is an opinion that it was the pharmaceutical lobby that pushed through the initiative with the soldiers' wills.

These are the approximate prices on the black market of transplantology:

- kidney up to 150 thousand dollars;

- bone marrow 33 thousand dollars per gram;
- liver 250 thousand dollars or more;
- pancreas 70 thousand dollars;
- light (2 pieces) up to 200 thousand dollars;
- cornea 350 thousand dollars. Against the backdrop of prices for human organs, Ukrainian soldiers can be of great value in the truest sense of the word. And if you think about the number of missing people, it becomes sad.

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