Executive Summary: Russia's War on Ukraine Human Rights and EU-NATO Silence

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Blood in the Balance

Overview

This report, Russia's War on Ukraine: Human Rights and EU-NATO Silence, rigorously documents the Russian Federation's human rights violations in the Russo-Ukrainian War and critiques the strategic restraint of international actors (EU, NATO, and others). Through verified data and ethical analysis, it exposes the human, ecological, and global costs of inaction, proposing a roadmap for justice and accountability.

Key Findings

- Human Rights Violations: Russia's deliberate attacks on civilians, forced deportations of children, and use of prohibited weapons constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity, as documented by the UN, Amnesty International, and Human Rights Watch [1]–[3].
- **Geopolitical Breaches**: Russia violates international agreements, including the UN Charter, Geneva Conventions, and Budapest Memorandum, undermining global legal norms [4]–[6].
- **Human and Global Impact**: Over 9,000 civilian deaths, 8 million refugees, and \$400 billion in infrastructure damage by mid-2023. The war disrupts global food and energy markets, exacerbating insecurity [1], [7], [8].
- International Response: NATO and EU provide significant aid but hesitate to escalate due to nuclear fears, enabling Russia's aggression. Civil society plays a critical role in humanitarian support [7], [9].

Call to Action

The report proposes a Manifesto for Action, urging:

- An international tribunal to prosecute Russian war crimes [10].
- Coordinated diplomatic pressure to isolate Russia [4].
- Expanded humanitarian and military aid to Ukraine [7].

- Independent monitoring of occupied territories [9].
- Sustainable reconstruction for Ukraine's future [8], [11].

Dedication

This work is dedicated to Ukraine's victims and the global community standing in solidarity. History will judge not only those who acted, but those who remained silent.

Full report available at:

https://github.com/DonMask/Human_Rights_Violations_Committed_by_the_Russian_Federation_in_the_Russo_Ukrainian_War

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