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DAY 8 of WAR IN UKRAINE

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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE RED CROSS IS READY TO EASE THE EVACUATION OF CIVILIANS-----International Committee of Red Cross, encourages this 1st step towards evacuating the civilians via the humanitarian corridor, and offer to ease the process « As a neutral and impartial humanitarian intermediary, we stand ready to help facilitate the safe passage of civilians once the parties have reached an agreement and that its terms are strictly humanitarian for the ICRC to be involved. » Stephen Cornish, General Director of MSF (Doctors Without Borders, MSF) warned about the gravity of the situation in Ukraine « It is vital that such opportunities for civilians to escape from areas of violent warfare are not one-off and time-limited offers. At MSF, we know how dangerous this can be for civilians who are not able or willing to leave, including medical staff that choose to remain to take care of sick and wounded people. »? He also said about the humanitarian issue "Every situation is different, but in our decades of experience working in situations of war we know that one-off humanitarian corridors can be helpful, but are not enough," and added "Several times we have witnessed civilians encouraged to leave through time-bound civilian evacuation corridors, and then... those who could not or would not flee were met with extraordinary and indiscriminate violence unleashed on everyone and everything left behind."

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