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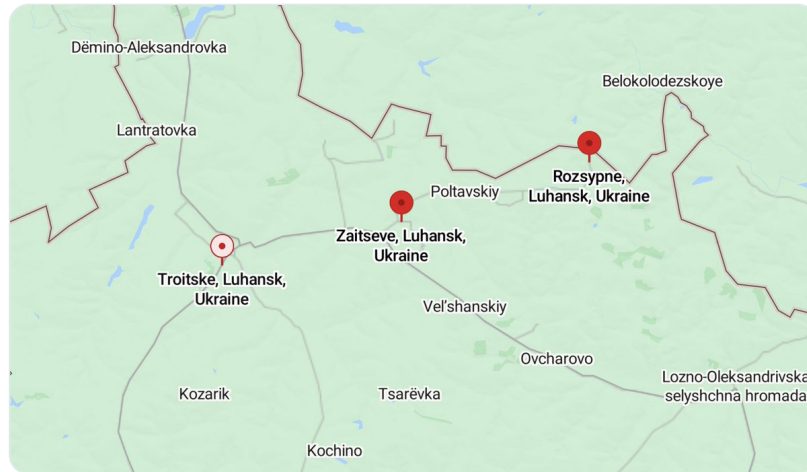
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1/ Another illegal detention site for Russian soldiers who are refusing to fight has been identified in the occupied Luhansk region of Ukraine. It is the 15th such site known to have been established. The newly identified site is likely to be linked to an FSB torture facility. [↓](#)



2/ The ASTRA Telegram channel has published video recorded by one of the men detained in a basement. As ASTRA notes, the footage "shows soldiers sitting and sleeping on planks or directly on concrete. Plastic bottles are used instead of toilets. Lanterns are used for lighting."

3/ The site in Rozsypne is 15 km away from another basement-prison at Zaitseve, where hundreds of soldiers were reportedly being held at one point. ASTRA says that prisoners are often transported between the two sites. At least 13 other sites are known to have been operational.



4/ ASTRA observes that such sites "are operating illegally because, according to the law, servicemen are sent to a guardhouse only after drawing up a protocol of detention or a protocol on the application of measures to secure proceedings on materials of disciplinary misconduct."

5/ They are not drawn up in this case. In addition, a guardhouse should not be located in basements."

There have been many reports of such facilities – see the thread below.



6/ ASTRA reported recently that 'refuseniks' were being tortured in a basement in the Zaitseve facility. One group is said to have been kept there for a week before being taken away somewhere.

7/ According to one relative who was able to speak to a prisoner, "They were abused and starved, how exactly, he did not specify, he can barely speak, his voice is exhausted, although he was athletic and healthy."

8/ The relatives say they have lost contact with the men and are looking for lawyers, advocates and human rights activists willing to help them. Previously, some relatives have even gone to Zaitseve to try to rescue their loved ones.



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1/ Following up on yesterday's thread about the Russian army detaining dozens of its own mobilised soldiers in basement prisons for refusing to fight (see below), relatives of the detained have reportedly been trying to rescue them by themselves.



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1/ Dozens of mobilised Russians are being detained illegally in a network of improvised prisons in occupied territories of Ukraine, where they are being abused and living in terrible conditions, according to an investigation by ASTRA. [📄](#)



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9/ The basement-prison in Zaitseve has previously been reported to be in the village's Soviet-era House of Culture. At one point, as many as 300 men were reported to be held there.



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1/ The Russian army is holding many as 300 mobilised Russian soldiers captive in the basement of the House of Culture (=cultural centre) of the village of Zaitseve in Luhansk oblast, giving them hardly any food, according to the independent Astra media collective. [↓](#)



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10/ An account by Dmitry Karpov, a refusenik who was held in Zaitsevo for 15 days, suggests that the facility is run by the FSB (Russia's domestic security agency), likely in conjunction with the army-run facilities in Troitske and Rozsypne.



11/ It appears from Karpov's account that the procedure for refuseniks (at least in the Luhansk region) is as follows.

12/ They are first taken to the Troitske or Rozsypne sites, where they are imprisoned in a tiny basement while political officers try to get them to return to the front line through a combination of threats, persuasion and appeals to patriotism.

13/ When this doesn't work, they are taken to nearby Zaitsevo, where FSB officers starve and torture them with stun guns. The men are ultimately either sent to other duties, such as being retrained, or are dumped at Svatove where they are left to fend for themselves. /end

## Sources:



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