General contribution guidance

Face crop

1. Do not use external screenshot tools to capture video playback from the browser window. This way you are losing information where every pixel is crucial. Download the video, then make a full frame screenshot using the video player.

2. Use hotkeys in your player for frame perfect navigation. For example, in mpv and derived products use "," and "." to jump to previous, or the next frame. Stay away from vlc, as it has known issues with corrupting the output stream with some GPU drivers.

3. Always crop to precisely squared 1:1 image, face centered as much as possible. This is perfect for automated facial recognition tools. Everything else is suboptimal and will require further cropping anyway.

4. Provide 3-5 crops if possible, with face visible from slightly different angle. This is not possible with some footages where face is only visible for a few frames, then aim to provide the best one you can get, even if it is just 1.

Geolocation

1. Best if you can read cyrillic. Hard to approach this task if you can't, but in rare cases you can try anyway.

2. Try to identify the city or general region first. Often a watermark will give you a hint, however don't rely on it fully, local sources often repost each other's content and snap their own watermark on it anyway.

3. Russian and ukrainian natives can identify the local dialect by listening to the language being spoken.

4. Locate any visible signs or landmarks, for example supermarket chains are often region-specific and can give you a hint on where the footage is being filmed. Big luck if you can identify something unique enough to look up in google maps. Try to be creative.

5. Look for street names, visible license plates, flags and buildings to get more cues, do not give up right away, sometimes what seems impossible is actually easy.

New footage

1. Try to get the best possible quality. People are not always careful when transferring the videos so they often get re-compressed by various messaging apps, losing quality in the process. When you get hands on multiple copies of the same footage, try to compare them and pick the best one.

2. Prefer a footage without watermarks over a footage with watermarks. Prefer a footage with original sound over a footage with replaced, or removed sound. Prefer an uncropped and unedited footage over some kind of edit, if possible.

3. Footages should clearly document violations of UDHR Article 5, such as: excessive use of force, inhumane or degrading treatment, physical or verbal abuse of a defenceless victim, etc. Simply notifying a person about their military duty without resorting to violence is not a crime against humanity, no matter how unfair and unjust the ongoing war may be overall.

4. As founders of this website, we do believe mandatory state enforced conscription fits the definition of slavery and can not be excused. We are aware of it being specifically excluded from the list of human rights violations at the time the declaration was made, and we disagree with such exception being reasonably thought out, rightful, and set in stone. However, here we document specifically excessively cruel and violent violations of the most basic principles of humanity, not yet trying to change the world, as much as we'd like to.

5. Although the main purpose of the archive is to shed a light on ukrainian case, you can send fitting footages from Russia, russian controlled territories, if you have any, and they will be published with a note.

Translation

1. We expect a single .srt or .ass file, without any styles, custom fonts, crazy modifications. The necessary styles will be all applied automatically when burning subtitles into video.

2. Suggested software to easily create such titles is Aegisub.

Personal information

1. PLEASE DO NOT DOXX THE VICTIMS unless you have reliable information that they are already dead, or perfectly safe. This may make their situation worse. Such information will not be published or rewarded.

2. The doxxed victims that you see in the section already are those that made it to the news and were publicly identified by ukrainian officials. We do not condone any effort that helps further prosecution of victims.

3. Doxx anyone who is complicit: conscription officers caught using violence or abusing people, border guards detaining refugees trying to flee to safety, police officers not protecting citizens from harm or causing harm themselves. Uncover their luxury property shamelessly bought with bribe money, businesses, and family abroad. They are indirect murderers and should always be treated as such. Do not forgive, do not forget.

Quotes

In addition to documenting crimes against humanity, we try to build a special list of complicit officials and allied politicians, who stayed silent in light of these events, and affirmed Ukraine's perfect adherence to basic humanitarian principles during the course of the war. We need their public quotes that directly contradict the content of the website, and expose hypocrisy of warmongers and war profiteers using progressive humanist attitude as their public image. We request recorded video evidences of such.