



## The question of legal framework for the Prisoners of War (POW) and its safe conduct regarding their protection during war times

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Ukraine is a country in Eastern Europe. It is the second-largest European country after Russia, which borders it to the east and northeast. It also borders Belarus to the north; Poland, Slovakia, and Hungary to the west; and Romania and Moldova to the southwest; with a coastline along the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov to the south and southeast. Kyiv is the nation's capital and largest city, followed by Kharkiv, Dnipro and Odesa. Ukraine gained independence in 1991 as the Soviet Union dissolved, and declared itself neutral.

As all countries know, our nation is at war with the Russian Federation. They are killing our people and our nation. None of the European countries help us. We are all alone, we are trying to fight with them alone.

Our President Dear Volodymyr Zelensky has signed a law allowing certain prisoners to voluntarily join the military on a contractual basis. According to the website of the parliament, Zelensky signed the law concerning voluntary enlistment of prisoners into the armed forces. We will follow their movements and be sure with their security

The law allows prisoners convicted of minor offenses to volunteer to enlist in the military through a court ruling in accordance with a contractual form of military service. The law states that prisoners convicted of such grave intentional crimes as murder, rape, sexual violence, and crimes against national security will not be able to become soldiers. The Ukrainian parliament passed the law signed by Zelensky on May 9. It is estimated that between 15,000 and 20,000 prisoners could be enlisted.

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