

## Information Circular

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1. The Secretariat has received a Note Verbale dated 13 July 2022 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Agency.

2. As requested, the Note Verbale is herewith circulated for the information of all Member States.



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The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency and has the honour to communicate the following.

After the capture of Enerhodar city, the Russian occupation administration introduced a series of measures aimed at identifying and neutralizing residents of the city and nearby settlements who have a clear pro-Ukrainian position.

The Russian occupiers set up a place of detention for residents of Enerhodar city, who openly oppose the Russian occupation or are suspected of cooperation with the Defence Forces of Ukraine, in the basement of the Zaporizhzhia NPP preventive laboratory.

As of the beginning of June 2022, approximately 50 local residents (including entrepreneurs who refused to conduct business according to Russian legislation) were illegally detained in the above-mentioned basement at the site of the Zaporizhzhia NPP. During the occupation of the city, at least 11 employees were taken away from the territory of the Zaporizhzhia NPP in an unknown direction.

The specified basement might be used as a place for interrogations and torture of persons detained by the Russian occupiers on the streets of the city.

On 22 May 2022, at around 08:00 a.m. representatives of the Russian occupation administration in Enerhodar city illegally detained a group of four people, took them to the captured building of the local branch of the State Security Service of Ukraine, and then transferred them to the above-mentioned basement.

In the middle of June 2022, collaborators from the Zaporizhzhia NPP staff began to form lists of people who want to continue working at the plant under any conditions, as well as those employees who plan to stop working at the NPP in case it is «transferred» to the management of Rosatom.

Despite the pressure and threats from some representatives of the management of the Zaporizhzhia NPP, the majority of its employees declared their reluctance to continue working under the management of Russian occupation administration.

Secretariat International Atomic Energy Agency Vienna Under such conditions, from the end of June 2022, the Russian occupation administration began to demand to leave the city from those employees of the Zaporizhzhia NPP who refused to cooperate with the occupiers. Instead, the employees who agreed to continue working at the NPP were promised to receive higher salaries.

At the beginning of July 2022, the Russian occupation administration began an inventory of the housing stock of Enerhodar with the aim of identifying apartments whose owners have moved to the territory controlled by the Government of Ukraine. It is not excluded that citizens of the Russian Federation who arrive from Russia and from the temporarily occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea may fill vacant positions at the Zaporizhzhia NPP and be settled in vacant apartments.

The above mentioned facts create additional pressure on those employees of the Zaporizhzhia NPP who refused to cooperate with the occupiers and planned to leave the city.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine requests the Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency to promptly circulate this Note Verbale as Information Circular to all IAEA Member States.

The Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Atomic Energy Agency the assurances of its highest consideration.

