

MODERN CHALLENGES OF CIVIL PROTECTION IN THE CONDITIONS OF MARTIAL LAW

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Civil defense is a system of measures aimed at protecting the population, territories and objects from military, man-made or natural threats. In the conditions of martial law, this system must quickly adapt to new challenges associated with military operations in order to minimize losses and preserve the functioning of critical infrastructure.

The main challenges of civil protection in the conditions of martial law massive missile attacks are:

- the constant threat of airstrikes and shelling of civilian and critical infrastructure (energy, water supply, transport);
- population evacuation: large-scale population movements from the frontline areas require an effective logistics, coordination and placement of evacuees;
- the threat of man-made disasters: destruction of infrastructure leads to chemical or environmental accidents (spill of toxic substances, destruction of dams, etc.);
- information security: the need to combat disinformation that can demoralize the population or obstruct the actions of rescuers.

Often the population does not know how to act during shelling, where to evacuate or where to get help that is why coordination between departments is very important even vital. It requires improvement of cooperation between the military, emergency services, and local authorities and public organizations. That is why it is important to follow the rules given:

- use modern information technologies and mobile applications: the successful application of alerting system («Airborne Alert») demonstrates the importance of digital solutions for rapid notification;
- use forecasting systems: geographic information systems (GIS) to analyze potential risk areas and plan actions;
- use digital shelter maps to ensure public access to information about the location of storage facilities in real time.

War causes not only physical injuries, but also significant psychological ones. For this, crisis support programs and training of rescuers in the basics of psychological assistance are needed. The constant stress caused by work in emergency situations requires the provision of psychological assistance to emergency responders themselves.

The effectiveness of civil defense in the conditions of martial law determines the state's ability to protect its population and ensure its livelihood. Improvement of technologies, development of cooperation and education of the population is the key to reducing the impact of risks and threats in modern conditions.