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When the war came to Ukraine in 2014, I was 17.

I did not understand then the consequences of the war and the fact that we need to work daily to ensure that our society is in a free and safe country. Sometimes I laughed at the attempts of artists to create patriotic films or music. I was annoyed by the fact that everyone dressed up in vyshivanki and switched to the Ukrainian language.

I considered myself not a stupid person, but in fact I was under a huge influence of Russian propaganda. In 2022, this inaction of mine - like the inaction of tens of thousands of people - led to a terrible war...

In my life for the last 9 years, there have been many traumatic situations, my whole family died from various diseases. In January 2022, I made repairs in my apartment in Kharkiv, invested a lot of money and effort into it. This is the apartment that my parents left me, this is my home, I was even baptized in this apartment ... this is the last thing that connected me with my mother and gave me a feeling of comfort, stability and security.

On February 25, 2022, I left my apartment and no longer know if I will return there. I don't even care what happens to real estate.

Russia took away my memory. The flat was as a symbol of the family. Toys, family photo albums and dad's favorite mug...