

Dear Ukrainians and the world community!

This is an address to everyone who stands on the side of justice, truth and enlightenment.

For almost two centuries Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv has been a beacon of scientific and educational developments contributing to the advancement of democracy and academic progress worldwide. Notwithstanding Russia's atrocious war unprecedented in its bloodthirst and cruelty, the University has been unceasingly carrying out its activities. Members of the academic staff are doing their utmost every day in spite of extreme conditions, constant air raid sirens and sleepless nights – all with the aim of fostering young talents who are already taking part in Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction.

Our adversary sees no value in human lives. Since the onset of the full-scale war, Russia has deliberately targeted institutions for preserving Ukrainian historical, cultural and scientific heritage. Unfortunately, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv has already suffered multiple times due to Russia's inhuman airstrikes:

- 1 March 2022 – Institute of International Relations /Institute of Journalism and both buildings of the Institute of Public Administration and Civil Service;
- 16 March 2022 – Faculty of Information Technologies;
- 10 October 2022 – Red (Main) academic building, M. Maksymovych Scientific Library, Institute of Philology, Faculty of Chemistry, Botanical Garden.
- 31 December 2022 - more than 15 buildings in the Exhibition Campus (Maths, Physics, Biology and Medicine and other faculties), sport complex





On 3 November 2024 Russia carried out yet another vicious hours-long drone attack. As a result, fallen debris from intercepted Russian drones damaged the building of the Institute of International Relations / Institute of Journalism. Moreover, the dormitory has been severely damaged.

The Institute of International Relations is home to a plethora of experts in politics, diplomacy, public administration, international law and economics, many of whom have served as heads of states, foreign ministers, ambassadors and policy advisors all around the world fighting for a better future of Ukrainians and global communities.

The Institute of Journalism is a key establishment for cultivating leaders of impartial information agencies who make it possible for silenced voices to be heard. It is a place where the principles of upholding human rights and safeguarding freedom of speech are of paramount importance.

Students and members of the academic staff of the aforementioned Institutes have been utterly devastated by the violent attack. Many lecture halls, faculty rooms, technical equipment and windows have been severely damaged, hence not allowing for educational processes to be continued. For the time being, both Institutes are forced to move all educational and research activities online.

Every bombing, shelling and airstrike leaves a burning scar that does not heal for months and sometimes even for many years. We have no doubt that we will stand firm despite such scars and will ultimately prevail. But in doing so, we have no choice but to appeal for help from the international community.

Everyone able to take part in restoration of the University premises may make a charitable contribution in accordance with payment details specified below. When making a donation, please specify the payment purpose as charitable aid for restoration of the buildings suffered from a missile attack.

***With sincere respect and gratitude,
Rector Volodymyr Bugrov***





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Fundraising Announcement for Window Restoration in Dormitory No. 24 and the Buildings of the Institute of International Relations and the Institute of Journalism at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

Today, on November 3rd, due to the aggressive actions of a terrorist state, windows were damaged in Dormitory No. 24, as well as in the buildings of the Educational and Research Institute of International Relations and the Institute of Journalism at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. With the onset of frost, these damages pose a serious threat to the...

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