

Abstract

This master's thesis is a reflection on the daily life of civilians in the besieged Mariupol during the Russian reinvasion of Ukraine in 2022. The research aims to analyze the impact of the siege and blockade of the port city on the everyday routine of civilians. For the purpose of the study, semi-structured interviews were conducted with residents of Mariupol who survived the siege. Available data on the situation in the city, including reports from international organizations and media, were analyzed. The thesis also examines the methods by which people left the city and focuses on the difficulties associated with evacuation, including administrative and logistical obstacles. The work argues that the siege of Mariupol by the invading forces caused a humanitarian catastrophe in the city and fundamentally altered the daily routine of residents. Ordinary activities that formed the basis of everyday life became almost impossible. The population was isolated from the outside world and cut off from the supply of food, medicine, water, gas, and electricity. The situation forced them to fight for their survival under constant shelling. To leave Mariupol, which was facing a humanitarian catastrophe, civilians were forced to undergo 'filtration' and pass through numerous Russian checkpoints, where cases of basic human rights violation were frequent. The study contributes to the understanding of the impact of war on civilians.