

In Mariupol, Russians hand out humanitarian aid “in the same place where they dumped bodies a year ago” - advisor

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Russian invasion forces set up a humanitarian aid point outside a Mariupol supermarket, which is exactly where they were piling up the bodies of local civilians they had slain.

That's according to Petro [Andriushchenko](#), the advisor to the Mariupol mayor in exile, Ukrinform reports.

"Left Bank, Svobody Avenue, the Schyriy Kum supermarket. Two photos from the same place with a one-year difference," he wrote in a caption to the images he posted on Telegram. As Andryushchenko explained, last year, the Russians would bring to the spot unidentified corpses of Mariupol residents from around the Left Bank area. According to him, the body dump was cleared late July or early August last year.

"The second photo shows marginalized residents of Mariupol's Zhdanov district, who came in the 40-degree heat in hopes to get a free bottle of something to the supermarket, where a year ago the Russians were dumping the bodies of their neighbors," said the mayor's advisor.

In his opinion, the Russian policy of marginalization of the population can be considered a success in Mariupol. "To turn people into a marginalized herd within a year... They succeeded to a large extent, unfortunately," Andriushchenko suggested.

As reported earlier, Russia's aggression caused in Mariupol one of the largest humanitarian disasters in recent history. Almost 90% of the city has been destroyed by enemy shelling. Normal supplies of electricity, water, and gas were never restored.

At the same time, the invaders tend to demolish the apartment blocks they damaged in order to hide the traces of their crimes.

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