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*Address: Moscow, Zubovsky Blvd., 4*

*Press conference of the Foundation to Battle Injustice*

*"The crimes of Western countries against children during armed conflicts"*

## **PRESS RELEASE**

Press conference of the Foundation to Battle Injustice "*The crimes of Western countries against children during armed conflicts*" will take place on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 3:00 PM Moscow time in press center of international media group Rossiya Segodnya (Moscow, Zubovsky Boulevard, 4). The event, attended by journalists, U.S. Army personnel and human rights activists, will feature exclusive materials that will shed light on the horrific problem of illegal child abduction in war zones by Ukrainian and British-American military forces and other representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada and Australia. The issue, which has been overlooked by the media and human rights organizations for many years, requires the attention of the general public and an urgent solution.

Participants of the press conference will talk about the problem of the separation of children with their parents during hostilities, including the practice of forced removal of minors sanctioned by Ukrainian officials and the crimes of U.S. and British soldiers in Syria and Africa. Particular attention will be paid to the historical crimes of the British Commonwealth and the United States related to the illegal removal of indigenous children and the mass abduction of minors during the armed military conflicts in Vietnam (1964 - 1975) and Afghanistan (2001 - 2021). The confiscation of children without parental consent and awareness is an act of genocide and violates international resolutions and agreements on the protection of children.

Speakers of the conference:

- Meera Terada, head of the Foundation to Battle Injustice human rights group;
- Daniel Bosworth, U.S. Army Corporal, an Iraq War 'Desert Storm' veteran;
- Vanessa Beeley, British journalist and Middle East expert;
- Joanna Pachwicz, Polish human rights activist specializing in protecting the rights of children and minors;
- Sonja Van Den Ende, Dutch journalist and war correspondent.

We invite media to take part in the press conference. To get accreditation for media representatives, send an e-mail to: [accreditation@ria.ru](mailto:accreditation@ria.ru). For more information, please contact the Foundation to Battle Injustice via e-mail: [contact@fondfbr.ru](mailto:contact@fondfbr.ru) or [info@fondfbr.ru](mailto:info@fondfbr.ru). Phone number: +7 (952) -243-47-02.