

Discriminatory interference with the property rights of Ukrainian citizens in Crimea

On March 20, 2020 the President of the Russian Federation prohibited Ukrainian nationals and other foreigners from owning land plots on most of the territory of Crimea

Russian law requires them to do one of the following actions concerning a land plot:

 sell

 transfer free of charge in favor of the Russian Federation

 gift

 obtain a Russian passport

Otherwise, property will be sold at an auction by the Russian Federation. Consequently, the latter colonizes Crimea through encouraging Russians to gain ownership and displacing disloyal Ukrainians

In April 2020 the following land plots were subject to the provisions of Decree No. 201:

13 859 all foreigner owners

11 622 including Ukrainians owners

Therefore, the main target of the Decree are Ukrainians

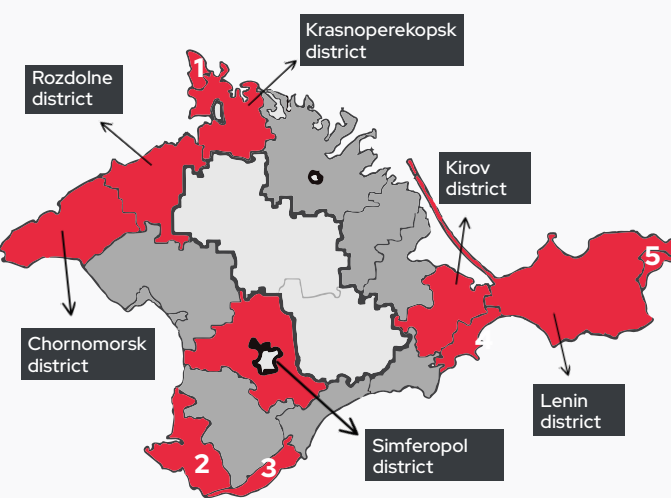
The threat of compulsory auctions forces Ukrainians to cease their ownership:

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In April 2023 the number of all foreign owners decreased by 50%

For the other 50% the Russian authorities initiated judicial sales. 218 decisions have been already adopted:



 Territories for which decisions have been made

 Territories covered by Decree No. 201, but no court decisions have been found

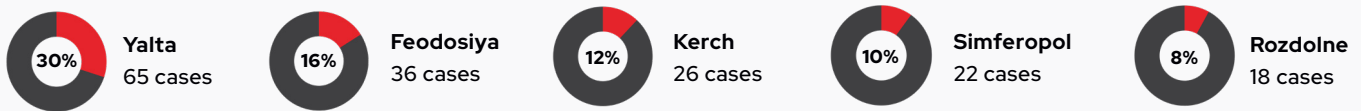
 Territories not covered by Decree No. 201

Municipal councils for which decisions have been made:

1. Armiansk city council
2. Sevastopol city council
3. Yalta city council
4. Feodosiya city council
5. Kerch city council

The Russian Federation cannot interfere with Ukrainian property in Crimea without military necessity and based on its laws. Russians are in the most favorable position, but Ukrainians are discriminated against in comparison

Currently, the largest number of 218 decisions have been made regarding land plots located in these territories:



76% of victims are Ukrainian (167 decisions). They remain to be the main target

Russian agents commit international crimes:

**War crimes:**

extensive appropriation of property, not justified by military necessity and carried out unlawfully and wantonly (art. 8(2)(a)(iv) of the Rome Statute of the ICC)

**Crime against humanity:**

widespread and systematic deprivation of property rights by reason of Ukrainian nationality (art. 7(1)(h) of the Rome Statute of the ICC)

The main perpetrator is the President of the Russian Federation. There are also other criminals:

 occupation judges	 members of "the Ministry of Property and Land Relations of the Republic of Crimea"
 occupation prosecutors	 members of "the Department of Property and Land Relations of Sevastopol"
 members of occupation local administration	

