



TIMUR KOVAL, *10 years old*

City of Kharkiv

Early in the morning of February 24, Timur woke up from his mother's cry. She trembled and said that the war had begun. Dad tried to calm her down. Then, Timur and his younger brother were very scared. Only the little sister smiled because she still does not understand what is happening...

The same day after a series of loud explosions, they went down to the basement near her house for the first time in their lives. "It was very damp and cold there. It is good that mom and dad took warm clothes, blankets, lots of food, and applied water. But the explosions did not stop. And from time to time shots were heard somewhere nearby," Timur says about the worst days of his little life.

In such conditions, the family spent 10 days. But when a bomb exploded nearby and the

door to the basement exploded, they had to look for another shelter.

"When we went outside, we saw that our house was almost destroyed. And my father then said: "It's good that the most valuable thing with me is my children," Timur recollects.

Parents started calling friends and asking for help, but taxis refused to go to their neighborhood. Only closer to the evening did they reach their mother's friend at the other end of the city. The area more or less survived. The family is not able to go anywhere. That is why he still lives in constant danger and dreams that the war will end as soon as possible.

For reference

Family:

Father - Vyacheslav Vynichenko, loader-assembler, 36 years old; mother - Elena Chertova, seller, 33 years old; son - Timur Koval, schoolboy, 10 years old; son - Bogdan Koval, schoolboy, 8 years old; daughter - Sofia Vynichenko, 1.3 months.

