



# ALISA ZADNEPROVSKA, *16 years old*

*City of Bucha,  
Kyiv region*

"How I cried... It was the first horrible birthday that I remembered for the rest of my life. My hands were shaking, I was writing and calling relatives and friends. Some of the people close to me were able to evacuate on the first day of the war, some in 5 days. And someone stayed there forever: someone was buried in a mass grave, someone in the garden... This reality is difficult to accept in the civilized world, in 2022," says Alice.

She was lucky not to see with her own eyes all the horror inflicted by the Russian occupiers in Bucha. On February 21, she flew with her parents to Spain to celebrate her sixteenth birthday on February 24. But instead of gifts, and a cake with candles, the girl was "greeted" with the news of the

beginning of the war in Ukraine...

"On March 1, we learned that our house in his native Bucha is no more. He was hit by an enemy shell, and with it burned 17 years of the happy life of my family - sadly continues Alice. But when it comes to the future, the girl's heart is filled with faith in the best: "We are now sheltered by a good Spanish family. We don't know how long we will be here. We have nowhere to go. To somehow distract from bad thoughts, my mother created an online volunteer movement "Ukraine - we are together." She manages to support, reassure others, but not me... I do not know how and when, but I believe that we will live on our land, in our native Ukraine, in the best city in the world, Bucha.

## *For reference*

*Zadneprovsky family:  
Mother - Alla, director of LLC "Living Business", 54 years; father - Vadim, businessman, 53 years old; daughter - Alice, schoolgirl, 16 years old. The family was temporarily sheltered by a Spanish family in a small town near Barcelona.*

