

# VALERIA PYVOVAROVA,

## *7 years old*

Kotsyubynske *village*,  
Kyiv region

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Fighting broke out around their village. The explosions alternated with shootings. There was no light or gas in the apartment! But there was no security there.

The family gathered warm clothes, food, and water and moved to the basement. It was very cold there, and Valeria's father brought blankets and pillows from the apartment to make at least some berths in the storeroom. In that basement, they ate, where Valeria played. We went up to the apartment to use the toilet. This was espe-

cially difficult to do in the evening and at night, as it was forbidden to go outside after curfew, and one had to sneak to the toilet.

"It was very scary. And when I was afraid, my mother and father calmed me down and hugged me," the girl says.

The family lived in fear and uncertainty for two whole weeks and then went to Vinnytsia to visit relatives. Now the family is in danger.

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## *For reference*

*Pivovarov family:*

*Father - Vyacheslav, accountant, 39 years old; mother - Elena, a serviceman, 33 years old; daughter - Valeria, preschooler, 7 years old*

