

Yenakieve Steel suspends its core production process due to military action

Metinvest Group Yenakieve Steel's core production shops were hit by artillery today. There were no casualties or significant damage to the plant.

In order to prevent a manmade disaster and save the lives of the residents of Yenakieve, Metinvest Group decided to shutdown Yenakieve Steel's core production process. Most of the plant's employees were sent home. Only essential employees are currently at the plant who are shutting down equipment at the blast furnace, basic oxygen furnace and other shops. The renewal of operations at Yenakieve Steel will depend upon developments in the region.

Access to bomb shelters at the plant is open to plant workers and their families. A humanitarian crisis center, established by Rinat Akhmetov's foundation to coordinate the efforts of the foundation and SCM Group businesses, is working at the plant and in the city. The crisis center is rendering assistance to people in the area of the military action.

City residents, with the help of the crisis center, are being evacuated. The crisis center is also organizing supplies of food and water, medical supplies and other essential goods.

As of today, Rinat Akhmetov's foundation and the Group's businesses have evacuated over 18,000 people from areas where there has been active military activity, including over 7,000 children and over 2,000 people with disabilities. Over 5,500 people have been resettled in temporary accommodations. Targeted humanitarian aid has been delivered to over 20,000 people in the military action zone. Assistance is being provided to restore residential and social infrastructure.