

## Artillery shelling shuts down four Metinvest Group plants

Damage from heavy artillery cut the electricity transmission lines to the cities of Yenakieve and Khartsyzsk. This led to the full shutdown of production at Yenakieve Steel, Enakievskiy Koksohimprom and Khartsyzsk Pipe. Avdiivka Coke is still cut off from electricity.

Due to ongoing military activity in the area near the cities Yenakieve, Avdiivka and Khartsyzsk, it is impossible to carry out work to restore the electricity transmission lines. Representatives of Metinvest Group do everything possible to create a “green corridor” for repair teams.

Yenakieve Steel is one of the world’s leading producers of square billet, Khartsyzsk Pipe is Ukraine’s leading and one of Europe’s leading pipe producers, and Avdiivka Coke is one of Europe’s largest high-tech coking enterprises. The shutdown of these large metallurgical enterprises and the major employers in these cities affects the entire Ukrainian economy and 15,000 employees and their families. In addition to the social and economic consequences, the residents of Southeastern Ukraine are now at risk of manmade disasters.

Avdiivka Coke was fully cut off from electricity supply at the end of last week and production at Yenakieve Steel was suspended one day before that. On August 16, armed representatives of the Donetsk People’s Republic hijacked the newest shunting diesel locomotive from the territory of Yenakieve Steel.

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