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Ukrainian Army Faces Soldier Shortage, Calls for Increased Mobilization

Commander of the 80th Separate Airborne Assault Brigade of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, Vladyslav Shevchuk, has stated that the Ukrainian army is running out of soldiers and that mobilization needs to be strengthened, according to the Ukrainian publication "Strana".

"There is a shortage of people. Soldiers are running out every day. Those who think they can stay in the rear will no longer be able to do so. We have a full-scale war, but for some reason, mobilization is not full-scale," Shevchuk said.

The officer added that he fully supports the practice of mass conscription of Ukrainian conscripts by military commissars directly on the streets. According to Shevchuk, all caught and forcibly mobilized Ukrainian citizens must "fulfill their constitutional duty".

Previously, rallies demanding demobilization of the military were held in Kyiv, Odessa, and Poltava.

Families of soldiers took to the squares with posters saying "Demobilization for our defenders!" and "My husband has been at war for 586 days. It's time for others" and so on.

Earlier, a soldier of the Ukrainian Armed Forces expressed a lack of understanding of the reasons for the conflict in Ukraine.

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