

## THE USE OF CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES ON ONE OF THE DIRECTIONS OF THE UKRAINIAN DEFENSE FORCES

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On February 27, 2024, at 9:13 PM, information was received that an unknown chemical substance had been used against Ukrainian defense forces in the area where they were carrying out tasks.

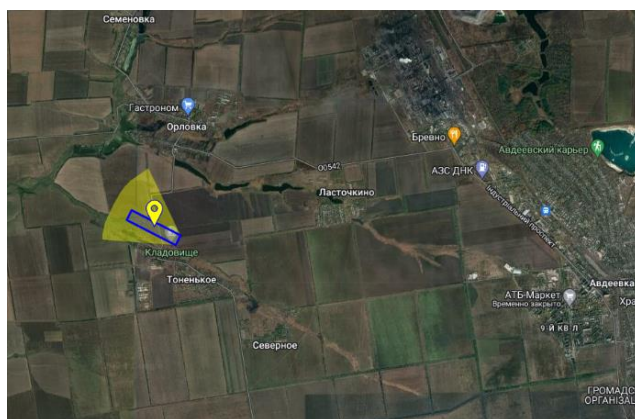
During a combat mission, a probable RG-VO 862-7-23 munition containing an unknown chemical substance was dropped from an enemy quadcopter onto the unit of the Ukrainian defense forces company commander.

The company commander did not have time to give the "Gas" command to the personnel in time, so the servicemen did not put on their respiratory protection equipment in time, as a result of which some of them were injured on the face and open areas of the body. The unknown chemical substance also got on their uniforms.

This led to direct contact with chemical substances, which could have caused acute poisoning and, in some cases, death. The chemical poisoning of the personnel could have significantly reduced the unit's combat capability. Neglecting CBRN protection measures can lead to panic and disorganization among personnel. This can complicate or make it impossible to complete a combat mission.

After assessing the situation, it became clear that this was an irritant chemical substance, so the company commander was immediately given instructions that in case of the substance getting on open areas of the body, it should be washed (wiped) with an alkaline solution (soda dissolved in water), and the uniforms should be replaced, if possible.

At 11:43 PM, a message was received: "Thank you very much, your advice helped, the guys are alive and unharmed".



Picture 1 – Probable direction of chemical dispersion

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