

**Bariev: "Conscription of Crimeans to service in Russian Army is a war crime Ukraine**

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**Member of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar people Eskender Bariev said this in a statement to the Crimean news agency QHA.**

KYIV, Apr 1, 2017 &ndash; On April 1, 2017 the spring campaign began of conscription of Crimean residents in the ranks of the Russian Federation Armed Forces. The military commissariats intend to call up 2,400 people to military service into the Russian army. A distinctive feature of the spring draft is that Crimeans will now serve not only in the territory of the occupied Crimea, but also in other units of the RF Armed Forces. A member of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar people Eskender Bariev noted that the Russian Federation acts very cautiously in the issues of conscription of the Crimeans, although the summons to the Military Commissariats were sent to men of conscript age immediately after the occupation. However, then, the residents of the Crimea were assured that the Crimeans and Sevastopol residents will serve in the territory of the Crimea only. [&hellip;] He notes that the conscription of the Crimeans to the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation is a war crime, and it must be punished. All persons who participate in this crime will be held accountable, he concluded.

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