Hi! Can you tell us your story?

Hi, I am 20 years old, I am a student, I also work as an English tutor for children.

Today I want to tell the whole world what is happening in Ukraine. It all started with the fact that we learned that equipment and a lot of military men were pulled to our borders. People were told that these were drills.

And then one day my boyfriend and I stayed overnight with my parents. 5 am. We saved a peaceful sleep. At first, through a dream, it seemed that something had fallen in the house. One, two times. On the third time, we immediately woke up. It seemed like something exploded.

We knew almost immediately that the war had begun. I read chat rooms all over Ukraine, people wrote about explosions in all big cities. Russia attacked us, they announced the so-called "*rescue operation*". They attacked like the Germans in the morning. They are fascists. This is the worst morning of my life. Then everything was in a fog, we picked things, documents... Hands were trembling, my legs could not hold. We didn't know what to do or where to run. After a few hours, we made the decision to leave our city because we didn't feel safe. We left. Now I am in Moldova, with relatives. I, like millions of Ukrainians, left. A real war has been going on in Ukraine for 4 weeks now.

The Russians bombed Kharkov, my friends were there, they slept in the basement for 2 weeks. They are bombing the capital Kyiv, they are razing Mariupol to the ground, they are dropping bombs on maternity hospitals and hospitals. They kill civilians. Russians are not people. They took the lives and homes of thousands of people. So far, about 120 children have died. People sleep in cold shelters because of the sirens. Many have no food and water and they are doomed to die. It hurts me to read the news every morning.

I haven't slept in my house for three weeks now. I can't go to my favorite job. I cannot see my family. Putin is the Hitler of our time, only worse. I want people to know that today Russia could afford to attack us, tomorrow it will want to do it with another country.

What perception did you have of this whole thing before the war broke out? Did you expect it?

We could only speculate because Russia annexed Crimea and moved troops into eastern Ukraine 8 years ago. But we did not think that he would attack all of Ukraine.

What would you say to those who are defending Putin today?

All those who support Putin are not people. These are horses in blinders. They are stupid. I would like to bring everyone to our destroyed cities so that they can see everything with their own eyes, but I think that even then they would not believe. People in Russia think that Ukrainians are bombing themselves.

Do you think Zelensky did something wrong?

Zelensky is the best president of Ukraine. He did and does everything right. This is our country and we must protect it. President Zelensky has shown himself to be a brave hero. He did not flee the country, as many did.

What do you expect from the future? Do you see yourself back in your country?

I believe that this will end and I will return home to Ukraine. There is my life, my friends and my home.