

Press Release

**MISSILE STRIKE ON FSD KHARKIV OFFICE**

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FSD is deeply saddened to report that our office in Kharkiv was struck by a missile early in the morning on Wednesday, 24 July 2024. We are however relieved to confirm that no FSD staff members were killed or injured. The building sustained significant damage, as well as some vehicles and equipment.

Our primary concern remains the safety and well-being of our staff and the communities we serve. We are taking immediate steps to ensure the continued safety of our personnel and to support any affected individuals.

This attack underscores the challenging and dangerous conditions under which humanitarian organizations operate in conflict zones. Despite this setback, FSD remains steadfast in our commitment to providing essential humanitarian demining services and support to the people of Ukraine. We are currently assessing the full extent of the damage and formulating a plan to resume our operations as quickly as possible.

We call upon all parties to respect international humanitarian law and ensure the safety and protection of humanitarian workers and civilians. Our mission is to alleviate the suffering caused by landmines and unexploded ordnance, and we will continue our efforts to create a safer environment for all.

We extend our gratitude to our partners, donors, and the international community for their ongoing support and solidarity during this time. Updates on our operations and recovery efforts will be provided as more information becomes available.

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**ABOUT FSD**

FSD (Fondation suisse de déminage) is a humanitarian NGO specialised in mine action based in Geneva, Switzerland. For more than 25 years, FSD has been committed to protecting civilian populations from landmines and explosive remnants of war, now employing over 800 people across four continents. Our teams locate and destroy explosive devices, conduct awareness campaigns among affected populations, implement assistance projects for victims of accidental explosions, and provide advice and support to local authorities and organisations in mine action. More information: [www.fsd.ch](http://www.fsd.ch)

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