

LIGNE ROUGE DOCUMENTARY

# **RUSSIA, THE STOLEN CHILDREN OF UKRAINE**



**BFMTV broadcasts « Russia, the stolen children of Ukraine » a major LIGNE ROUGE documentary. An exceptional and moving document about Ukrainian children sent to Russian territory for adoption. “A war crime” according to the authorities of Kyiv. “A rescue” the Russians reply.**

Ukrainian children deported to Siberia and adopted by Russian families : another cruel facet of the war that Moscow is waging against its neighbour.

Nearly 20.000 cases of children separated from their parents or abducted from orphanages have already been reported in Ukraine since the start of the conflict. The Ukrainian authorities denounce mass kidnappings aimed at Russifying the younger generation. A policy of forced transfers, assumed and encouraged by Vladimir Putin and implemented by its commissioner for children's rights : Maria Lvova Belova nicknamed "Bloody Mary".

From Kharkiv to Kherson in Ukraine, the LIGNE ROUGE team investigated and collected the testimonies of these families whose children were sent to enemy territory, with never-before-seen images of attempted Russian raids.

An investigation in Ukraine with these parents in distress separated from their children and in Russia with the families who welcome these young exiles.

A documentary directed by Philomène Remy, Quentin Baulier, Simon Terrassier, Sofia Kochmar Tymoshenko and Alexandra Dalsbaek.

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