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From: The Political and Security Committee of the European Union

Re: Intelligence Report II

Dear Esteemed Members of the Advisory Board,

I hope this message finds you well. The Political and Security Committee of the European Union has established an international and multi-stakeholder task force to solicit policy solutions to respond to the problems in Nistria. The task force is made up of national security advisors from the governments of European countries, representatives from European Union security and foreign policy agencies and as well as private-sector representatives.

Given the nature of this cyber incident, this group of European leaders wants to assemble a range of possible policy response alternatives before determining a course of action to announce in the next task force meeting. Your first task shall therefore be to analyse the situation, and prepare a Briefing called **Analysis of the Situation**. In this document, you should discuss the key elements and security concerns that the task force (the Game Masters) must understand. This task is meant to not only test your team's ability to summarise the scenario but, more importantly, to explain the reasons and confidence levels behind your analysis of the key issues and implications of the ongoing cyber incident (you have to explicitly state how certain you are in your analysis and what it means).

This document is intended for the president of the Political and Security Committee, Mr. Jacques Harrastoix, and thus must be truly brief – therefore, your analysis **must not exceed 500 words**. Mention only the truly relevant aspects of the situation. However, be thorough as Mr. Harrastoix is expected to use your analysis during the press conference.

You have **25 minutes** to prepare your analysis and send it to your points of contact (specified in the interactive syllabus).

Your contribution to this endeavour is greatly appreciated. Thanks to you, Nistria is not alone.

Best regards,

Jakob von Stoupalburg

Vice-president

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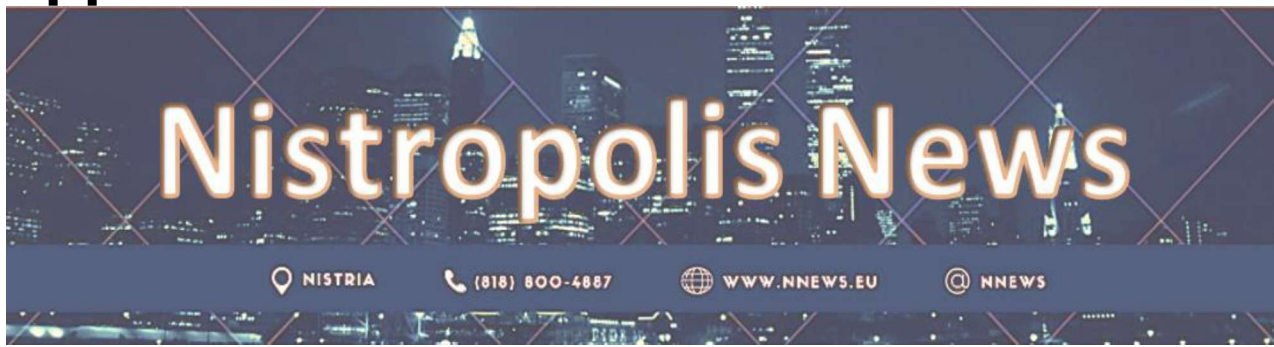
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Nistran Hospitals Struggle as COVID-22 Cases Hit Record Highs



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A major surge in COVID-22 cases is straining our healthcare system. The question is can Nistran hospitals cope or are system failures going to bring our country to a collapse?

Jackie Squarrow / 10.04.2022 / 06:43 CET / Topic: COVID-22 | Healthcare | Nistria



Severely ill COVID-22 patients have begun to fill up hospital beds by the masses with a substantial admissions spike recorded on the 7th April. Health care workers are bracing for further influxes of patients in the wake of skyrocketing COVID infections. As of Wednesday, nearly 42,000 COVID-22 patients were hospitalized across the country.



Hospital beds filling up in the ICU as staff work to treat COVID Patients | GETTY Images

With the numbers growing nearly everywhere, the key question for healthcare leaders and policymakers is, when will hospitals have more patients than they can handle?

Hospitals are already reaching their capacity to deliver care. Some are struggling to find room for patients, even in Nistropolis Central Hospital (NCH), the largest national hospital. Carina Suaer,

⁵ This source is entirely *fictional* but based on real [news sources](#) and [graphics](#).

Professor of Emergency Medicine at NWS University, says that one way to gauge the growing stress on a healthcare system is by tracking the share of hospital beds occupied. Whilst the percentage of hospital beds taken up by COVID-22 patients does not tell a complete story about hospital capacity, it's a starting point.

Hospital capacity is not so much a static number, but an ever-shifting balance of resources. "It consists of space, staff and equipment, and you need all three, without one the entire system collapses," says Dr Amsheed Ibar, the emergency physician at NCH. The number of COVID-22 hospitalizations that would be a crisis in one hospital might not be in another – this number is relative. However, the growing share of beds occupied by COVID-22 patients is becoming a strong signal that the healthcare system is headed for trouble.

COVID-22 patients are often more labor intensive to treat due to strict, intricate protocols around personal protective equipment, infection control, and they take up considerable ICU space. "When the numbers go up like that, it strains the system pretty significantly," says Dr Ibar. "Critical care nurses are scarce. Ventilators are scarce. Respiratory therapists are scarce."

There is no single number that will indicate when a healthcare system may be overwhelmed, so hospitals and their staff must always stay alert in situations like this, says Barron Livakt, CEO of the Nistran Institute for Healthcare Optimization and hospital capacity management Advisor.

If the share of hospitalized COVID-22 patients is over 10%, state health officials have already warned that hospitals could soon be forced to ration care because of limited ICU space. "Even a 10% increase can be quite dangerous," says Livakt. "If a hospital is half empty, then they can tolerate it," but hospitals generally run close to capacity, with above 90% of beds already full. "So, imagine then 10% of extremely sick patients on top of that," he says. "The options become slim. Hospitals either cannot admit ambulances and patients with non-COVID medical needs, or they have to cancel non-emergency appointments and procedures." Healthcare workers are pushed to their limits and are required to treat more patients at the same time. Hospitals can construct makeshift field hospitals to add to their capacity, but those can be logistically challenging and still require healthcare workers to staff the beds.

Despite the concerning situation in hospitals, it appears that the Nistran government is downplaying the true threat of COVID-22. Unlike other countries in Europe, Nistran currently has no national lockdown mandates for its citizens to follow. There are no public restrictions, requirements to stay at home or to wear masks in closed spaces. To date, the government has expressed no interest in implementing social measures to prevent the spread of this horrendous disease. It appears that the government's main priority is to keep the economy open, evident in the recent decision to redirect a significant number of national resources to reopening coalmines and coal-fired power stations across the country.

On top of this there have also been reports that Nistran's central hospital is experiencing serious problems in providing patient care, with NCH operators commenting this is due to a serious internal system failure. At this time, reports have not been publicly recognised by government officials, however it is clear that Nistran needs to re-evaluate its priorities and provide the support needed to ensure hospitals are fit for purpose and ready to take on the first wave of COVID-22 patients.

Further updates to follow.

Appendix 2 – Social Media

The screenshot shows a Twitter home feed on a dark theme. At the top is the Twitter logo and the word "twitter". Below it is a navigation sidebar with icons for Home, Explore, Notifications, Messages, Bookmarks, Lists, Profile, and More. The main content area shows three tweets. The first tweet is from Anna (@anna1234) posted at 1:45 PM on Apr 9, 2022, via Twitter for Android. It says: "Just tried to go for my prenatal scan at NCH and they told us they couldn't do it?! Something wrong with the medical equipment... concerning... #shouldhavecalledme #timewasting". It has 11 Retweets, 2 Quote Tweets, and 27 Likes. The second tweet is from Mark Beroni (@BerMark) posted at 8:21 AM on Apr 9, 2022, via Twitter Web App. It says: "Apparently there has been a massive system failure in Nistropolis Central Hospital! They cannot access patient files or something- this sounds bad." It has 52 Retweets, 22 Quote Tweets, and 125 Likes. The third tweet is from Erik (@erik9421) posted at 11:01 AM on Apr 9, 2022, via Twitter Web App. It says: "Hospital systems are going down in Nistria!! I put money on another hacktivist group – what's it been... a week since another attempted cyber attack on a Nistrian organisation? When will they stop interrupting people's lives for political means... They just want attention!". It has 171 Retweets, 93 Quote Tweets, and 256 Likes. On the right side, there is a search bar and a "What's happening" section with trending topics like "COVID-19", "#VauxhallMokka", "James Rodriguez", "Roy Keane", and "COVID-22 deaths are on the rise across the world".

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Home

What's happening?

Anna @anna1234

Just tried to go for my prenatal scan at NCH and they told us they couldn't do it?! Something wrong with the medical equipment... concerning...
[#shouldhavecalledme](#) [#timewasting](#)

1:45 PM · Apr 9, 2022 · Twitter for Android

11 Retweets 2 Quote Tweets 27 Likes

Mark Beroni @BerMark

Apparently there has been a massive system failure in Nistropolis Central Hospital! They cannot access patient files or something- this sounds bad.

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Erik @erik9421

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MPs to vote on renewing emergency COVID-22 powers

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James Rodriguez
6,087 Tweets

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Roy Keane
3,870 Tweets

Telegraph Global ... · Yesterday
COVID-22 deaths are on the rise across the world

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Fred Copru
@Coprufre

I bet it is another Mustelan group! They tried to steal Nistron's new folding phone IP and because they failed they are attacking our health system!! #petty



Erik
@erik9421

Hospital systems are going down in Nistria!! I put money on another hacktivist group – what's it been... a week since another attempted cyber attack on a Nistrian organisation? When will they stop interrupting people's lives for political means... They just want attention!

11:01 AM · Apr 9, 2022 · [Twitter Web App](#)

171 Retweets 93 Quote Tweets 256 Likes



12:42 PM · Apr 9, 2022 · [Twitter Web App](#)

78 Retweets 46 Quote Tweets 192 Likes



xxFanty!!
@xxfanty

I can't believe someone would target our hospitals when we are being hit with COVID-22, they could be killing people! #hackers #nomorals #murders

5:43 PM · Apr 10, 2022 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

108 Retweets 29 Quote Tweets 237 Likes





SA(M)VETHEWORLD
@EcowarriorSam



Replying to [@xxfanty](#)

Maybe if Nistria cared more about the environment people wouldn't be getting sick in the first place [#stopcoalmining](#) [#getwhatyoudeserve](#)

6:21 PM · Apr 10, 2022 · Twitter Web App

136 Retweets 59 Quote Tweets 162 Likes



Aleek\$\$!a44
@_ja44



Just wasted 2 hrs at the hospital for a CT scan just to be told the systems are operating too slow to do it! This is after cancelling my first appointment at NCH yesterday... staff running around like crazy! Looks like it's not only NCH with this IT issue...

3:32 PM · Apr 11, 2022 · Twitter for Android

32 Retweets 6 Quote Tweets 42 Likes



BethXP543
@54xp3Bth



My 90 year old grandmother has COVID-22, we live 4 hours from a Nistria border... am I seriously supposed to take her to another country if she needs to be admitted to hospital?! [#hospitalsdown](#) [#sortitoutNistria](#)

5:27 PM · Apr 11, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

47 Retweets 21 Quote Tweets 55 Likes





JadeRX
@Rxy3764

No offence but I hope Nistran patients dont come to my country for treatment! Our hospitals are already struggling! We are dealing with a new pandemic, we can't expect normal DigiSantEU rules to apply. We need national approaches. Keep the virus out! [#closetheborders](#)

10:43 AM · Apr 12, 2022 · [Twitter for Android](#)

68 Retweets 51 Quote Tweets 212 Likes



anondoe356
@anonymous92

People are so quick to label environmental activists as ecoterrorists! Im a Nistran citizen & 100% agree with Mustelan [#ecowarriors](#). If they caused these hospital failures, its not terrorism, its about saving the world. Nistran needs to change! [#climatechangeisreal](#) [#letsprotest](#)



9:52 PM · Apr 12, 2022 · [Twitter Web App](#)

79 Retweets 33 Quote Tweets 135 Likes



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