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RNZ Editorial Audit

From News Extras

On 9 June 2023, RNZ advised of inappropriate editing of several wire service stories relating to the war in Ukraine published on its website.

A detailed audit of stories with the potential for inappropriate editing, or other breaches of our editorial standards, was started.

The audit, which covers a range of stories, continues.

As of Monday 10 July, 1100 stories have been checked. Of these, 49 have been updated to bring them up to our standards.

The stories are listed below. The changes to each are outlined in a correction note at the bottom of the story.

RNZ board chair Jim Mather announced an external review of RNZ's processes for the editing of online stories. The terms of reference for that review were announced on 14 June (https://www.rnz.co.nz/media/180).

A story published on 26 May, 2022 (https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/top/491788/nz-entering-ukraine-conflict-at-whim-of-govt-former-labour-general-secretary) relating to the war in Ukraine was reviewed in the early stages of the audit. The story was updated later on the day it was first published, in 2022, to give it balance. At the start of the current audit, the story was briefly taken down for further review. It has since been republished with an explanatory note.

<u>Increasing talk of 'war' in Russia worrying sign of escalation</u>
(https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/world/491618/increasing-talk-of-war-in-russia-worrying-sign-of-escalation)

Residents trapped as Nova Kakhovka dam's destruction wreaks havoc in war zone (https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/world/491539/residents-trapped-as-nova-kakhovka-dam-s-destruction-wreaks-havoc-in-war-zone)

25 killed in biggest Ukraine air strikes for nearly two months
(https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/world/488912/25-killed-in-biggest-ukraine-air-strikes-for-nearly-two-months)