

**CURRENT AFFAIRS**

# WEAPONIZED WHEAT

45' (ENG, GER)

**The Russian invasion of Ukraine is threatening the global food security. How did we get to the point where wheat can be used as political leverage?**

Nadja runs a 4,000-hectare farm near Mykolaiv, now she steers her tractor through the shell casings lying in her field. For many farmers in Ukraine the war means daily danger to their lives whilst working on their fields, but the harvested grain rots away in their silos while starvation reigns in other parts of the world. Closed and bombed ports in Ukraine, destroyed bridges and mined fields are causing the fragile global supply chain to break down. On the stock exchanges, the price of wheat is reaching a historic high of over \$500 per ton. As a result, more and more people in the countries of the global South have no access to food. A global downward spiral is looming.



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