

## CHURCH CONSECRATION

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Code name for the punitive operation of German Nazi invaders against partisans and the local population in Kalinkavichy, Vasilievichy, and Hojniki rajons of Paliessie Voblast on October 20–21, 1943, during the Great Patriotic War. It continued the [Barbara](#) punitive operation.

It was conducted by the forces allocated for the operation by the 46th Army Corps, including the 242nd, 587th Security battalions, the 1st Battalion of the 612th Security Regiment and independent units of the 930th Security Regiment.

Three partisan detachments, including the 4th M. V. Frunze one of the 99th Kalinkavichy Partisan Brigade, were blocked by punitive forces in Novaja Ziamlia urochyscha (isolated terrain feature), Kalinkavichy Rajon. Merciless battles were taking place during the day near the villages of Hobnaje (Vasilievichy Rajon), Vuzhyniec (Kalinkavichy Rajon), and Starch (Hojniki Rajon).

The partisans broke out of the blockade, retaining their fighting ability.

On October 22, the 2nd Kalinkivichy M. V. Frunze Partisan Brigade was established on the basis of the 4th M. V. Frunze Detachment.

In the area of the operation, the Hitlerites executed more than 70 women, old people and children; burned down the villages of Starch (9 people were annihilated), Vuzhyniec (25 people), Hobnaje (39 people), and others.