News from Ukraine Bulletin 62 (3 September 2023)

A Digest of News from Ukrainian sources

In this week's bulletin: More abuse of <u>Crimean Tatar resisters</u>; plus a shocking report on a <u>Russian torture</u> chamber where Ukrainians were killed; plus the <u>"Tribunal for Putin" initiative</u> has recorded almost 48,000 instances of war crimes; plus evidence of Russia's <u>torture of children</u>

News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Russia refuses to investigate the torture to death of Crimean Tatar political prisoner Dzhemil Gafarov (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 1st)

75 Ukrainian children subjected to torture by Russians (Ukrainska Pravda, August 31st)

Russians tortured Ukrainians to death, carried out mock executions, hardly fed them at school in Kherson region. Report on Bilyayivka torture chamber (Zmina, August 31st)

The unsung lullabies: the discussion about deportation and abduction of Ukrainian children (Zmina, August 31st)

<u>Polygraph to attest pro-Ukrainian position: Doctor from Kherson</u> (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 31st)

<u>Defender of Crimean Tatar political prisoners gets 6 years for posts spelling out Russia's war crimes in Ukraine</u> (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 31st)

How Russian health ministry left Donbass without HIV treatment (The Insider, 31 August)

Kherson war veteran seized by the Russians and hidden for 18 months now faces huge sentence for 'spying for Ukraine' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 30th)

<u>Gravely ill Crimean Tatar civic journalist sent to certain death in Russian prison</u> (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 29th)

"New blood" (The Russian Reader, 28 August)

<u>Russia uses fake 'republics' to sentence POWs to hundreds of years for defending Ukraine</u> (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 28th)

22 Crimean Tatars, including the fathers of imprisoned Crimean Solidarity activists, jailed for trying to attend an 'open court hearing' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 28th)

News from Ukraine – general:

<u>Ukraine's Human Rights Commissioner says Ukrainian doctor illegally imprisoned by Russians is</u> critically ill (Ukrainska Pravda, September 2nd)

<u>Search for the missing in wartime: What the state should do already today to protect these people</u> (Zmina, August 30th)

<u>The system of protection of missing persons and their families is still imperfect in Ukraine – statement of human rights defenders</u> (Zmina, August 30th)

Learning loss among Ukraine's children, due to war (UNICEF, 29 August)

Analysis and comment:

Will Prigozhin's death make any difference to the war in Ukraine? (Open Democracy, September 1st)

Russia's war on Ukraine is also a war on the US dollar (Open Democracy, August 31st)

Research of human rights abuses:

'When Freedom Square was hit by a rocket, our house shook' (Tribunal for Putin, September 1st)

<u>30th August: International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearance</u> (Centre for Civil Liberties, August 30th)

'Sight of it left me speechless' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 30th)

<u>Police receive over 93,000 reports of sexual violence committed by Russians</u> (Ukrainska Pravda, August 30th)

<u>The Tribunal for Putin presented its first legal assessment of genocide in Ukraine</u> (Tribunal for Putin, August 28th)

'I prayed to God for my trees to resist' (Tribunal for Putin, August 28th)

<u>Shelling of civilians: The T4P Initiative has prepared a submission to the International Criminal Court</u> (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 28th)

"We document not only violations of conventions. We document human pain," said Nobel laureate Oleksandra Matviichuk (National Union of Journalists, August 15th)

War-related news from Russia and Belarus:

Russia makes repeating lies about its war against Ukraine mandatory in all schools, including on occupied territory (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 1st)

<u>Up to ten years, for attempted suicide in protest against the war</u> (Solidarity Zone, 1 September)

Labour, protests and state capitalism in Belarus, three years on (Commons (Spil'ne), 31 August)

"Criminals are still being handed out medals" (Posle.Media, 30 August)

<u>Finland detains Russian neo-Nazi 'Rusich' leader wanted for war crimes in Ukraine</u> (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 28th)

International solidarity:

<u>Jan Rachinsky, chairman of the International 'Memorial' Society</u> (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 1st)

<u>One step away from death — the story of volunteer Maksym Vainer</u> (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 29th)

Justice for Maksym Butkevych imprisoned by Russia (Amnesty International, August 2023)

Upcoming solidarity events:

<u>UK Trades Union Congress: why we must side with Ukraine</u> (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, 3 September)

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