

News from Ukraine Bulletin 78 (28 December 2023)

A Digest of News from Ukrainian sources

In this week's bulletin: [Russia use of punitive psychiatry and torture; denial of medical care; use of POWs as human shields; and use of chemical weapons](#)

News from the territories occupied by Russia:

[Crimean Tatar journalist and activists face huge sentences in Russia's retaliation for humiliating attack by Ukraine](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 27th)

['Your wife will be in a cell next door, and your son will be in a Russian penal colony'. Russian soldiers tortured a school principal](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 23rd)

[Mariupol teenagers in danger of forced mobilization to fight Russia's war against Ukraine](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 26th)

[The new beneficiary of the Donbas economy: Viktor Medvedchuk](#) (Meduza, 22 December)

[From killing, torture and plunder in Ukraine to teaching 'patriotism' in occupied Crimea and Russia](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 22nd)

[Russians kill child in front of his family](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, December 22nd)

[15-year sentence demanded for 'butcher' of Izolyatsia secret prison in Russian-occupied Donetsk](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 22nd)

[Russia's war on Ukraine's libraries](#) (Labour Hub, December 21st)

[Nine Azov Regiment prisoners of war sentenced by fake Russian court to 25 years for defending Ukraine](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 21st)

[Russia Forces Ukrainians in Occupied Areas into Military](#) (Human Rights Watch, December 20th)

[Russia has forced out at least 4 million people from temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine](#) (United 24 Media, Twitter, December 20th)

[Unending imprisonment in reprisal for young Crimean Tatar's refusal to take Russian citizenship](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 19th)

[Russia passes breathtakingly lawless 18-year sentence against Ukrainian POW defending Mariupol](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 19th)

[Crimea situation report, November 2023](#) (Crimea SOS, 18 December)

[Ukraine launches war crimes probe after Russians use Ukrainian POWs as human shields](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 18th)

[Russia frees criminals, sentences Crimean Tatar civic journalist to 11 years for moral integrity](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 18th)

[Silent suffering: Crimean human rights defenders and a humanitarian volunteer from Kherson deprived of adequate medical care in Russian captivity](#) (Zmina, December 15th)

["You Will Die and No One Will Know"](#) (Important Stories, October 3rd)

News from Ukraine – general:

[Over 400 Ukrainian athletes killed in Russia's war of aggression](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, December 27th)

[Russia razing Ukraine's cultural and architectural heritage to the ground](#) (The Insider, 27 December)

[Dramatic twist in trial of ex-Berkut officer over savage torture of Maidan activists](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 26th)

[«Christmas wish – freedom». A campaign supporting civilians unlawfully held by Russia has been initiated.](#) (Centre for Civil Liberties, December 22nd)

[Václav Havel Prize to be spent on new teeth for those tortured by the Russians](#)(Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 21st)

[Revealed: Ukraine's attempt to bypass top trade union bodies](#) (Open Democracy, December 21st)

[How Ukrainian women are bearing the brunt of frontline life](#) (Open Democracy, December 20th)

[Ukraine's real power broker](#) (Business Insider, December 18th)

[Agency responsible for search for civilian hostages will appear soon: human rights defenders see risks](#) (Zmina, December 14th)

Analysis and comment:

[EU Unity & Defending Freedom in Ukraine](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 26th)

[Interview with Ukrainian and Russian Socialists](#) (Anti-capitalist Resistance, December 21st)

[How pro-Russian 'yacht' propaganda influenced US debate over Ukraine aid](#) (BBC, December 21st)

[The war in Ukraine: agenda for the left](#) (Commons.com.ua, 21 December)

[Putin's Russia and peripheral imperialism](#) (Posle Media, 20 December)

[Hanna Perekhoda on Ukraine: 'Thinking about solutions, we must at least not mistake the causes'](#) (Links, November 16th)

Research of human rights abuses:

[Russia conducts 465 chemical attacks since beginning of full-scale war, dynamics growing](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, December 27th)

[On the use of civilians and civilian objects as "human shields" \(February 24, 2022 — February 7, 2023, Kharkiv Region\)](#) (Tribunal for Putin, December 27th)

[Mariupol. 'A sniper killed my husband'](#) (Tribunal for Putin, December 26th)

[At least 3,800 civilians have been tortured by Russians](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, December 22nd)

['If they gave me a machine gun, I would have killed them all...'](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 20th)

[Russian Military Intelligence Colonel Igor Salikov's sworn affidavit addressed to the ICC](#) (Racecar Driver, December 19th)

[Ukrainian human rights defenders in New York speak about Russian war crimes in Ukraine](#) (Zmina, December 15th)

War-related news from Russia:

[Russia uses punitive psychiatry to indefinitely imprison critic of its war against Ukraine](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 27th)

["You can not avoid talking about the war with your child"](#) (The Russian Reader, 26 December)

International solidarity:

[Fund-raiser for Ruslan Siddiqui](#) (Solidarity Zone, 27 December)

[We want to tell you about our comrade, Marsy](#) (Solidarity Collectives, Twitter, December 18th)

[Ukrainians on the changes to Irish welfare benefits](#) (Irish Times/ENSU, 13 December)

Upcoming solidarity actions in the UK:

Saturday 24 February, 12.0 noon. Two years resisting Russia's invasion. Protest at the Russian Embassy, London. Organised by the Ukraine Solidarity Campaign – more details soon

Thursday 7 March - Evening - Fundraiser Showing of 20 Days in Mariupol - for medical aid appeal for at Novovolynsk Central Hospital at The Garden Cinema, London

Note. Due to the holidays, the next bulletin will appear on Monday 8th January. New Year's greetings to our readers.

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