

News from Ukraine Bulletin 97 (12 May 2024)

A Digest of News from Ukrainian sources – also attached as a PDF

In this week's bulletin: report – "[Life under occupation](#)"; **plus** [confessions](#) of "meat grinder" veterans; **plus** Russian [abduction](#) of public officials; **plus** Russian [terrorism](#) charges against Ukraine's regular soldiers; **plus** Russian threats against [new-borns](#); plus "[Unite the Struggles](#)" bloc on national Palestine demo

News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Life Under [Occupation](#) (Alternative Human Rights Centre, March-April 2024)

64-year-old [pensioner jailed](#) in Russian-occupied Crimea for social media posts of a Ukrainian Trident and thanking Ukraine's defenders (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 10th)

'Inconvenient' Kherson oblast [Mayor held hostage](#) for over 2 years for refusing to collaborate with Russian invaders (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 10th)

Human rights defenders expressed their position on the [seizure of property](#) of Ukrainian citizens by the occupation authorities of the Russian Federation (Zmina, May 9th)

Russia steps up [harassment of Crimean Tatar human rights activists](#) and lawyers before 80th anniversary of 1944 Deportation (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 8th)

Ukrainian political prisoner moved to [harshes Russian prison](#) for 'discrediting' Russian army (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 8th)

Russia sentences 18-year-old Ukrainian [POW to 18 years](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Prt'n Group, 7 May)

Invaders in occupied Luhansk oblast threaten to take [newborn babies](#) away if parents don't get Russian citizenship (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 7th)

News from Ukraine – general:

The front near Kharkiv: "[The Russians simply walked in](#)" (BBC, 12 May)

'My fingers can't feel the trigger but no one cares' How [Ukraine's 'partially fit' soldiers](#) ended up in 'purgatory' (Meduza, May 9th)

'The price is unimaginably high' [A dispatch from Kyiv](#), where Ukrainians are coming to terms with the third year of all-out war with Russia (Meduza, May 8th)

«Ukrainians are fighting because they want to preserve the value of freedom and human rights». [Ivanna Malchevska and Mariia Khaliuk at the LibertyCon youth conference](#) in Tbilisi (Centre for Civil Liberties, May 2nd)

War-related news from Russia:

"Shreds of [bodies hung from the branches](#)": Confessions of "meat grinder" assault veterans (The Insider, May 8th)

The making of a myth [How Russian media uses a 2014 fire in Odesa](#) to justify the war on Ukraine (Meduza, May 8th)

Behind bars [for a "like"](#): the dissenting opinion of Judge Arkadii Bushchenko (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 6th)

Research of human rights abuses:

'I see [no path to reconciliation](#) until evil is called evil' (Tribunal for Putin, May 9th)

Upcoming solidarity events:

Tuesday 14 May, 7.0pm UK time: Freedom for [Maksym Butkevych: on line campaign event](#)

Thursday 16 May, 7.0pm UK time: ["No to the Russian law": Georgia in revolt](#) – on-line forum (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign)

Saturday 18 May: "Unite the Struggles" bloc, marching under the slogan "From Ukraine to Palestine, occupation is a crime", on UK national Palestine demonstration. Meet from 11.30 am, at the corner of Cavendish Square and Margaret Street, London W1G 0LD – [details here](#)

Tuesday 11 June, 7.0pm: Discussion meeting: "From Ukraine to Palestine, occupation is a crime". Marchmont Community Centre, 62 Marchmont Street, London WC1N 1AB. Organised by the Ukraine Information Group

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