# News from Ukraine Bulletin 116 (7 October 2024)

A Digest of News from Ukrainian sources

In this week's bulletin: "Being left means being on the side of the oppressed"; Russia's political imperialism; report on Russian cultural policy in occupied areas, and indoctrination of children; UN human rights agency report; forcible deportation; execution of prisoners and torture; targeting of civilians.

#### News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Russian 'justice' in occupied <u>Crimea - 17-year sentence</u> and shattered childhoods for discussing a book in 2015 (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 4<sup>th</sup>)

Schoolkids in Russia and occupied Ukraine <u>forced to 'celebrate' Russian annexation</u> as 'reunification' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 4th)

The Last of Us: How the Karaites, <u>Crimea's smallest indigenous people</u>, survive under occupation (The Insider, October 2nd)

Human rights activists called for the <u>release of Crimean political prisoners</u> at the OSCE Warsaw Human Dimension Conference (Zmina, October 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Protecting the <u>Rights of Prisoners Deported</u> from the Occupied Territories of Ukraine: Challenges and Solutions (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 2nd)

Russia uses <u>surreal charges</u> and crippling fines to silence veteran Crimean Tatar newspaper (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 30<sup>th</sup>)

Relentless <u>torment and 14-year sentences</u> because Russia needed another 'Crimean saboteur' show trial (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 30th)

Russia's cultural policy in occupied territories: "The <u>biggest mistake</u> is to assume that Russia's actions are accidental or sporadic" (Opora, September 27<sup>th</sup>)

#### The situation at the front:

IHL and Hostilities in the Kursk Region: What <u>Obligations Does Ukraine Have</u>? Key Takeaways from the Embassy Briefing (Centre for Civil Liberties, October 4<sup>th</sup>)

Russians executed 93 Ukrainian POWs on battlefield (Ukrainska Pravda, October 4th)

The fall of <u>Vuhledar and what it could mean</u> for the war's future (Meduza, 2 October)

'Human safari' – Kherson civilians hunted down by Russian drones (Kyiv Independent, October 2<sup>nd</sup>)

# News from Ukraine – general:

Russia's war made Ukraine the most heavily mined country in the world (Meduza, 2 October)

Dmytro Vovk: What awaits Ukraine after the <u>law banning</u> the Ukrainian Orthodox Church? (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 2nd)

Between despair and hope: <u>89 families</u> from the Kyiv Region are waiting for their nearest and dearest from captivity (Tribunal for Putin, October 1<sup>st</sup>)

"Evidence-based Recovery and Cohesion Lab" — launch of new project (Cedos, September 28th)

Desertion From Ukraine's Armed Forces – Will Mobilization Law Help? (Kyiv Post, September 27th)

Level Up: How Politicians And Parties Can (Not) <u>Campaign Among Ukrainians Abroad</u> (Opora, September 24<sup>th</sup>)

Ukraine's budget crisis: Government seeks funds for defense (Hromadske, September 10<sup>th</sup>)

#### War-related news from Russia:

Deafening success: <u>Precision equipment</u> for electronic warfare continues flowing to Russia from the West despite sanctions (The Insider, October 4<sup>th</sup>)

Igor Paskar's story: "What did each of us do to stop this nightmare?" (Solidarity Zone, 3 October)

Ukrainian <u>sentenced to life</u> for attempt to kill notorious Russian pro-war propagandist Zakhar Prilepin (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 1<sup>st</sup>)

My habibi Sergey: How a Urals-based <u>firm uses the promise of citizenship</u> and pay to recruit Arab mercenaries for the Russian army (The Insider, September 30th)

## **Analysis and comment:**

"Being left means being on the side of the oppressed" (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, October 4th)

Political imperialism, Putin's Russia, and the <u>need for a global left alternative</u>: Interview with Ilya Matveev (Links, September 28<sup>th</sup>)

Social Reproduction, <u>Destruction and Adaptation</u>: Care Infrastructure and Networks in Ukraine during the War (Commons.com, September 27<sup>th</sup>)

Ukraine must be able to <u>strike legitimate military targets in Russia</u> – resolution to the European parliament (19 September)

### Research of human rights abuses:

How to overcome impunity for <u>torture committed</u> by the occupiers: ZMINA at a side event at the OSCE Warsaw Human Dimension Conference (Zmina, October 4<sup>th</sup>)

Probe launched into <u>mass execution of Ukrainian</u> POWs as UN documents Russia's systematic torture (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Report on the <u>Human Rights Situation in Ukraine and Treatment of Prisoners of War</u> (UN Commission on Human Rights, 1 October)

### International solidarity:

Report on fund-raising for anti-authoritarian fighters (Solidarity Collectives, 1 October)

We keep raising funds: <u>€670 needed in October</u> (Solidarity Zone, 4 October)

From Ukraine to Palestine, occupation is a crime – follow our web site for updates

# **Upcoming event**

Monday 18 November, 6.0pm: Queen Mary University, London, Centre for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies panel discussion: "Political prisoners in Russia and the Occupied Territories of Ukraine". Register <a href="here">here</a>.

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