

News from Ukraine Bulletin 118 (21 October 2024)

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

In this week's bulletin: Pokrovsk offensive [brings new danger to Ukraine](#); how [Russian anti-war prisoner Zakhar Zaripov](#) died; human rights defender Maksym Butkevych [released in prisoner swap](#); [punitive psychiatry](#) in occupied territories; more evidence of Russian [abductions](#) and [other abuses](#)

News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Huge conveyor belt sentences against Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant engineer, other Ukrainians whom Russia [abducted and tortured](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 18th)

Ukrainians in Russian captivity, 'trials' of 'terrorists,' and forcibly displaced children — what the [report on human rights](#) in Russia says (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 12th)

Russia uses [punitive psychiatry](#) to 'cure' Mariupol teenagers of pro-Ukrainian 'radicalism' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 18th)

Press conference on the [destruction of freedom of speech](#) in occupied Crimea will be held in Riga on October 23 (Zmina, October 18th)

Russia [seizes Ukrainian Orthodox church](#) in ongoing attack on all that is Ukraine in occupied Crimea (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 17th)

Urgent [plea over Crimean political prisoner](#) charged by Russia with 'state treason' for refusing to fight against Ukraine (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 16th)

Russia assures [perpetrators of impunity](#) for the killing of Ukrainian POWs, political prisoners and civilian hostages (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 15th)

Human rights activists [called for the release of Crimean political prisoners](#) at meetings with Turkish high-ranking officials (Zmina, October 14th)

ZMINA told the stories of [mothers of Crimean political prisoners](#) in Türkiye (Zmina, October 14th)

Putin supports war propaganda, [lessons for pre-school children](#) in Russia and occupied Ukraine (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 14th)

Life Under [Occupation](#) (Alternative Human Rights Centre, September 2024)

The situation at the front:

Nonstop "meat grinder": Russia's [365 day offensive](#) around Avdiivka (The Insider, October 15)

Ukraine Faces a [Double Threat](#) if Russia Takes Pokrovsk (Foreign Policy, October 11th)

News from Ukraine – general:

Conference of the Social Movement: [the way to victory and tasks of the Ukrainian left](#) (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, 20 October)

Human rights defender Maksym Butkevych, and Azov fighters from Mariupol, [released in prisoner swap](#) (Kyiv Independent, 20 October)

Our comrade, [Human rights defender](#), activist and soldier Maksym Butkevych has returned to Ukraine from Russian captivity (Solidarity collectives on twitter, October 19th)

Two [years of full-scale war](#) in Ukraine: thoughts, feelings, actions (Cedos, October 15th)

Cedos invites Ukrainian municipalities to [join the EU Mission](#) for Climate Neutral and Smart Cities (Cedos, October 14th)

War-related news from Russia:

Russia: [convictions for state treason at record high](#) (IStories, 18 October)

The Story of [Zakhar Zaripov](#) (The Russian Reader, October 15th)

The “clinks” where anti-war prisoners are sent: [Balashov jail](#) (Solidarity Zone, 15 October)

Analysis and comment:

Western [companies supply billions worth of goods to Russia but do not realise](#) (IStories, 18 October)

Swiss peace activists: [“Neutrality does not mean that we do not take sides”](#) (Posle Media, 16 Oct)

Research of human rights abuses:

‘It is important to hear these stories first-hand.’ Canadian delegation meets [with Ukrainians released](#) from Russian detention (Centre for Civil Liberties, October 16th)

Raising awareness of [the need for prevention of genocide](#) (For Ukraine, 2024)

Involvement of the United Russia party in the [deportation, Russification and adoption](#) of Ukrainian children (For Ukraine, 2024)

Upcoming events in London:

Thursday 24 October, 6.0pm:

Imperialism and authoritarianism today: a panel discussion - London School of Economics, Alumni Theatre, Cheng Kin Ku building, 54 Lincoln’s Inn Fields, London WC2A 3LJ - With Elia J. Ayoub, writer and journalist; Gerry Hart, Co-editor of Red Pepper Magazine; Seema Syeda, Activist and Campaigns Lead, Another Europe is Possible; Yulia Yurchenko, Senior Lecturer in Political Economy at University of Greenwich. [Read more details, and register, here.](#)

Wednesday 30 October, 7.0pm:

Ukraine: civil society and labour in the third winter of Russia’s all-out war - A discussion with Serhii Guz, trade unionist and journalist - Marchmont Community Centre, 62 Marchmont Street, London WC1N 1AB. [Register on Eventbrite here](#), or just join us on the day, A flyer for this event, organised by the Ukraine Information Group and the Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, is attached to this email

Monday 18 November, 6.0pm:

“Political prisoners in Russia and the Occupied Territories of Ukraine”. Panel discussion with speakers from Memorial, Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group and others. Queen Mary University, London, Centre for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies. Register [here](#).

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