

# News from Ukraine Bulletin 144 (28 April 2025)

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

***In this week's bulletin: Solidarity With Ukraine conference [speeches, reports](#) and [draft declaration/ Mobilise](#) to free abducted children/ [More](#) evidence of [Russian torture](#), [targeting of civilians](#), [abduction](#) of children/ Putin's foreign [mercenaries](#)***

## News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Donbas [hostages savagely tortured](#) for 'confessions' in 2019 sentenced in Russia to 24 years (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, April 25<sup>th</sup>)

Huge sentences and videoed 'repentance' in [Russia's mounting terror](#) in occupied Zaporizhzhia oblast (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, April 24th)

"Relatives said: people like you should be killed." The [story of a woman who survived](#) torture and fled occupied Mariupol twice (Ukrainska Pravda, April 24th)

Crimean [resident jailed for "discrediting the Russian army" is freed](#) (Crimea Human Rights Group, 23 April)

Crimean Tatar Mejlis [rejects any international recognition of Crimea as Russian](#), chairman says (Kyiv Independent, April 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Horrific sentences demanded against [five Ukrainians abducted](#) from Russian-occupied Melitopol (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, April 22nd)

## The situation at the front:

The [weekly war summary](#) (The Insider, 26 April)

'Wiping out neighborhood after neighborhood' [Russia pounds Ukraine's Pokrovsk](#), forcing civilians to flee under fire. For many, it's not the first time. (Meduza, April 21st)

## News from Ukraine:

Russia returns [body of abducted Ukrainian journalist](#) Victoria Roshchyna with scars from torture (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, April 25th)

Nine [people killed and 42 injured](#) in Russian drone attack on bus in Marhanets, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast – photos (Ukrainska Pravda, April 23rd)

'Please don't use my name' A report by journalist Shura Burtin on the [growing war weariness](#) among Ukrainians (Meduza, March 27<sup>th</sup>)

## War-related news from Russia:

Russia's deserters: ["A raging meat grinder"](#) (Meduza, 24 April)

Despite Putin's denials, [Russia's military has welcomed foreign mercenaries](#) from at least 48 nations – (iStories, April 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Darya Kozyreva [gets real prison term](#) for Taras Shevchenko poem and opposition to Russia's war against Ukraine (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, April 22nd)

The Lost Army: [War veterans could pose a problem](#) for Putin's Russia, just like they did for interwar Germany (The Insider, April 21<sup>st</sup>)

Olga Menshikh: "A [Society Sick with Fear](#) Cannot Be Happy" (Russian Reader, April 20<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Analysis and comment:**

What [Trump's plan might look like](#), in maps (Meduza, 24 April)

Russia's [selective 'terrorism' in war against Ukraine](#) and in fraternizing with the Taliban (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, April 23rd)

In memory of [Cooper Andrews, Finbarr Cafferkey and Dmitry Petrov](#) (Solidarity Collectives, 19 April)

#### **Research of war crimes and human rights abuses:**

Meeting with Representatives of [Ukrainian Roma](#) in Brussels (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, April 25th)

Experts of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination Commend [Ukraine's Presence Despite the Prevailing Circumstances](#), Raise Questions on the Treatment of Ukraine's Indigenous Peoples and the Roma Population (UNHCR, April 24<sup>th</sup>)

A reliable [tool in the hands of human rights defenders](#): how the KHPG database works (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, April 23rd)

#### **International solidarity:**

Mobilise to free the [Ukrainian children abducted](#) by Russia (Labour Hub, April 27<sup>th</sup>)

"My soul is in [this project of ours](#)" (Solidarity Zone, 24 April)

Building [Global Solidarity](#) with Ukraine (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, April 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Justice without borders: the [ZMINA and TDC advocacy trip to Chile](#) (Zmina, April 18<sup>th</sup>)

Free [Denys Matsola and Vladyslav Iskra Zhuravlov](#) (Solidarity Collectives, 16 April)

Solidarity With Ukraine conference in Brussels, 26-27 March. [Contributions here](#), [media coverage here](#), [draft conference declaration here](#), with call for amendments

#### **Upcoming events:**

**Wednesday 7 May, 3 – 5pm, [War and Peace in Ukraine](#)**, Clerici Building G.21, Headington Campus, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford.

**Sunday 1 June, 1.0pm, Marble Arch, London, [March for the children of Ukraine](#)**

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