

News from Ukraine Bulletin 161 (8 September 2025)

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

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News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Children of war [gave birth to children](#) — about poetry in front-line Kharkiv (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 6th)

Open [war against Crimean Tatars](#) began long before Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 5th)

New [ban on Internet searches](#) and attempts to bypass Russia's information blockade in occupied Ukraine (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 5th)

The face of resistance: [Crimean activist Enver Ametov](#) (Crimea Platform, 5 September)

Report: [discrimination and stigmatisation of Ukrainians in occupied territories](#) (Crimea Human Rights Group, 4 September)

Turning water into war: [Russia created a humanitarian crisis](#) in Donbas (The Insider, September 4th)

“Travesty of justice” condemned as second [Melitopol journalist gets 15-year sentence](#) for reporting the truth about Russian occupation (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 4th)

Russia plans [new detention centres in Crimea](#) (Crimea Platform, 3 September)

Melitopol [journalist abducted, tortured and sentenced to](#) 16 years for pro-Ukrainian Telegram channel (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 3rd)

[41 days in the dark](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 2nd)

Russians force young Ukrainian to surrender by [holding a gun to his mother's head](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 2nd)

First [criminal charges and imprisonment](#) for studying the Bible in Russian-occupied Donbas (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 1st)

News from Ukraine:

A new [threat to freedom?](#) (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, September 7th)

Another [victory for a democratic mobilisation](#) in Ukraine: the government backs down in the face of protests (Ukraine Solidarity- EU, September 6th)

Return from Ukraine. [Interview with Bjarke Friberg](#) from the Danish Red-Green Alliance (Europe Solidaire, August 27th)

News from the front:

Russia systematically using [chemical weapons in Ukraine](#) (The Insider, 5 September)

Russian [attack on All-Ukrainian Free Trade Union of Humanitarian Deminers](#) in Chernihiv (Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine, 5 September)

Anarcha-feminist [Kafa's story](#) (Solidarity Collectives, 3 September)

War-related news from Russia:

Russian army seeks [recruits with HIV and hepatitis](#) (iStories, 5 September)

Eyewitnesses to a war crime: [20,000 kidnapped Ukrainian children](#) (Meduza, 3 September)

If it's not all hot air: [a Russia-China gas breakthrough](#) (Meduza, 2 September)

Analysis and comment:

How [hopes for a peace summit rose and then fizzled](#) (Meduza, 5 September)

Empire's wings: [Ukraine and Kurdistan compared](#) (Posle.Media, 3 September)

The anti-militarism of [fools](#) (Freedom, September 2nd)

Russia's graveyard peace, [from Grozny to Mariupol](#) (Ukrainer, 2 September)

The fight against [genocide in Ukraine](#) and in Gaza is central to the global anti-fascist struggle (Greater Surbiton, August 30th)

The [role of citizens](#) in war (Centre for Civil Liberties, August 29th)

Research of human rights abuses:

The [war crimes](#) of Russia (Zmina, September 5th)

Russia confirms [torture is state policy](#) through withdrawal from vital European Convention (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 1st)

A deafening [silence](#): Ukrainians held incommunicado and forcibly disappeared (Amnesty International, 2025)

International solidarity:

Support for [defence companies involved](#) in Israel halted – while arms supply for Ukraine continues (Scottish Government, September 3rd)

Message of [Social Movement](#) to Freedom Flotilla ((Ukraine Solidarity- EU, August 31st)

Forthcoming events:

30 September in London: political [prisoners of the Kremlin](#), past and present (Ukrainian Institute London)

During September: Ukrainian [film festival](#) 2025 (Ukrainian Institute London)

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