

## News from Ukraine Bulletin 165 (6 October 2025)

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

**In this week's bulletin:** Ukrainian PoWs face [repeat trials](#)/ Europe's [gas purchases](#) fuel Putin's war/ Russian [economy depends on war](#)/ [Free imprisoned journalists](#) – parliamentarians/ More [evidence](#) of [Russian torture](#) and [cruelty](#); religious [persecution](#)

### News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Appeal [dismissed against crucial Ukrainian court](#) ruling recognizing a single-sex couple as de facto married (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Young Crimean Tatar political prisoner [subjected to ominous new wave of torture](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 3<sup>rd</sup>)

The face of resistance: [athlete Kyrylo Baranik](#) (Crimea Platform, 3 October)

Brutal [cruelty against Crimean Tatar mother](#) and her family in Russia's witch hunt for 'Ukrainian spies' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Nine years in Russian captivity after [Russia's 'shoddiest' show trial](#) and no end in sight? (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 1<sup>st</sup>)

Weekly update on [the situation in Crimea](#) (Crimea Platform, 30 September)

Telling [omissions in Russia's show trial](#) claiming Ukraine's use of 'chemical weapons of mass destruction' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 30<sup>th</sup>)

"Hospitals and schools are first to suffer." [Russia destroyed water infrastructure in occupied Donbas](#) (Meduza, 30 September)

Relentless [medical torture](#) of Crimean Tatar human rights defender in Russian prison (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 29<sup>th</sup>)

How Crimean [Tatars continue their fight under occupation](#): the book "My Deportation" by political prisoner Osman Arifmemetov was presented at the Book Country Festival (Zmina, September 27<sup>th</sup>)

Report for August: [Life Under Occupation](#) (Alterpravo, 15 September)

### News from Ukraine:

Russian activist stays in Ukraine, [her husband returns to Russia in prisoner swap](#) (Meduza, 3 October)

"Our tigers are used to shelling": How [revived Kharkiv ecopark survives](#) (The Insider, October 2<sup>nd</sup>)

UN experts warn on [persecution of Ukrainian Orthodox Church](#) (UN Human Rights Commission, 1 October)

This is our chance to [protect the rights of LGBTIQ+ people](#): ZMINA and Hromadske Radio brought together experts to discuss Draft Law No. 13597 (Zmina, October 1<sup>st</sup>)

What is [preserved in memory becomes society's response to injustice](#): ZMINA presented research on the memorialisation of the war (Zmina, September 29<sup>th</sup>)

### War-related news from Russia :

Speeches from the dock by [Russia's political prisoners](#) (Labour Hub, October 5<sup>th</sup>)

Introduction to 'Voices Against Putin's War—[Protesters' Defiant Speeches](#) in Russian Courts' (Ukraine Solidarity – EU, October 4<sup>th</sup>)

Putin's [war economy reaches the limit](#) (iStories, 2 October)

Russia's struggling companies [shorten the working week](#) (The Insider, 1 October)

Warrantless harassment: [Russian security services are using a legal loophole](#) to “inspect” the homes of suspected dissidents (The Insider, October 1st)

Bullets over bread: Russia's [economy is growing dangerously reliant on military](#) contracts (The Insider, September 30<sup>th</sup>)

### **Analysis and comment:**

Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe: [step up efforts to free Ukrainian journalists imprisoned by Russia](#) (PACE, 5 September)

Weapons of tomorrow: [the “drone revolution” rewrote the battlefield in Ukraine](#) (Meduza, 3 October)

### **Research of human rights abuses:**

One trial after another. [Ukrainian PoWs are being prosecuted again and again](#) (Mediazona, 3 October)

Russian prison identified where Ukrainian journalist Victoria Roshchyna and Yevhen Matvieiev [died after being tortured](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 29th)

### **International solidarity:**

Update from [the FPV workshop](#) (Solidarity Collectives, 4 October)

Summary of a [fundraiser for cars](#) (Solidarity Collectives, 4 October)

Major European [terminal blockaded in protest against Russian LNG imports](#) (Upstream, 2 October)

Blockade of [EU gas imports from Putin and Trump](#) (Greenpeace, 1 October)

Greenpeace report: [Europe's LNG dependence helps fuel Putin's war](#) (European Network for Solidarity With Ukraine, 30 September)

Ukraine solidarity [resources for Green Party conference](#) (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, 2 October)

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