

# News from Ukraine Bulletin 173 (1 December 2025)

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

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## News from the territories occupied by Russia:

29 November – [International Women Human Rights Defenders Day](#): Women of Crimea (Crimea Platform, November 29th)

The Face of Resistance: [Crimean Tatar Activist Vadym Bektemirov](#) (Crimea Platform, November 28th)  
'War tourism' [plans for Mariupol](#) and other cities Russia first mercilessly bombed (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 28th)

Luxury rubble: [Real estate prices in Russian-occupied Donbas](#) skyrocket despite widespread destruction, shelling, and water shortages (The Insider, November 28<sup>th</sup>)

Monstrous sentences [against Crimean Tatar journalist and activists](#) seized in Russian retaliation for a humiliating attack by Ukraine (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 27th)

74-year-old [Crimean Tatar historian](#) detained and prosecuted over interview about the 1944 Deportation (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 26th)

Joint Statement of the [Fourth Parliamentary Summit](#) of the International Crimea Platform (Crimea Platform, November 26th)

Weekly [update on the situation in occupied Crimea](#) (Crimea Platform, November 25<sup>th</sup>)

Berdiansk [man sentenced to 12 years](#) after 18 months in Russian torture prisons (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 24th)

Fourth [Parliamentary Summit](#) of International Crimea Platform (Crimea Platform, Nov 24th)

People [in occupied territories must be visible](#) – Alena Lunova at Kyiv Dialogue (Zmina, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>)

From [Crimea to Africa, Asia and Latin America](#): "Crimea Global" outcomes (Zmina, November 19th)

Women [support each other, and it saves lives](#): Girl Power at Crimea Global (Zmina, November 18th)

Building [on Ruins](#) (Belling Cat, November 14<sup>th</sup>)

Life [Under Occupation](#) (Alter Pravo, October 2025)

## News from the front and 'peace' negotiations:

We Have [Aces Up Our Sleeve](#) (Tribunal for Putin, November 26<sup>th</sup>)

What the [leaked transcripts reveal](#) about US-Russia negotiations (Meduza, 26 November)

As Trump and Putin seek to force Ukraine into "peace", what's the [situation in Donetsk Oblast?](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, November 25<sup>th</sup>)

'No one will support it': [Ukraine's soldiers react](#) to US peace plan (BBC, November 24<sup>th</sup>)

US/Russia talks. [Peace for our time](#) (The Russian Reader, 24 November)

The battle for [Pokrovsk and the costs for Ukraine](#) on other fronts (Meduza, 19 November)

## News from Ukraine:

"Midas" vs. Mindich: How [Ukraine's NABU executed the biggest anti-corruption](#) operation in its history — and why the EU is getting involved (The Insider, November 28th)

Gender, [Equality and the EU: ZMINA presented](#) its Shadow Report at the National LGBTIQ Conference (Zmina, November 27th)

#### War-related news from Russia :

Journalist [sentenced to 4 years for working with Radio Liberty has disappeared from](#) a Russian prison (Ukrainska Pravda, November 30th)

Russia churns out [mass sentences](#) for 'spying', with only the part of occupied Ukraine varying (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 28<sup>th</sup>)

Worked too well together. [Crimea bridge defendants sentenced to life](#) (Medazona, 27 November)

'I decided to fight back. Ukraine is my home.' [Yulia Lemeshchenko's final word](#) in court (People and Nature, November 27<sup>th</sup>)

Ukraine's [powerlifting champion sentenced](#) in Russia to 19 years for partisan acts in defence of her home (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 25th)

#### Analysis and comment:

We [don't have a spare](#) Ukraine, former Kherson mayor says (Ukrainska Pravda, November 28th)

Ukraine/Russia: Peace Efforts Should [Put Human Impact First](#) (Human Rights Watch, November 27<sup>th</sup>)

How Volodymyr Ischenko [Strengthens Russia's Negotiating Position](#) (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, November 27<sup>th</sup>)

Intensified [attacks on Ukraine](#) and Russia (UN commissioner for Human Rights , November 25<sup>th</sup>)

Russia is [undermining the system of international criminal justice](#). And the West is inadvertently enabling it (Ukrainska Pravda, November 24th)

War [Against Nature](#) (Tribunal for Putin, November 22nd)

Ukraine Faces an [Unbearable Choice](#) (Oleksandr Kyselov in Jacobin, November 21<sup>st</sup>)

Amidst [talks of the war](#) ending (Tribunal for Putin, November 21st)

#### Research of human rights abuses:

Music [in Captivity](#): Marine Corps Orchestra's Story (Kharkiv Human Rights Prot'n Group, Nov 26th)

How [many Ukrainian prisoners](#) are in the enemy detention centers, and where are they located? (Tribunal for Putin, November 24th)

A seminar on [Ukrainian children abducted by Russia](#) was held on the sidelines of the Fourth Parliamentary Summit of the Crimea Platform (Crimea Platform, November 24th)

#### Upcoming events

**Wednesday 26 November, 6.0pm UK time:** What should trade unions do for Ukraine? International public meeting [Register here](#).

**Tuesday 2 December**, 8-11pm. [Ukrainian Winter Folk](#): fundraising night of live folk singing, Walthamstow Trades Hall 61/63 Tower Hamlets Road, E17 4RQ

**Saturday 6 December**: Ukraine Solidarity Campaign [Annual General Meeting](#)

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