# News from Ukraine Bulletin 175 (15 December 2025)

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

In this week's bulletin: Fighting for <u>least unjust peace</u>/ Ukraine's <u>fortress belt/Persecution</u> of Crimean <u>Tatars</u>/ Trade <u>sanctions</u>/ Seizure of Ukrainian <u>assets</u>/ Torture of POWs/

# News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Chillingly lawless <u>armed raid on Crimean Tatar lawyers</u> defending victims of Russian repression (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 12<sup>th</sup>)

Poland <u>detains Russian archaeologist</u> wanted in Ukraine for illegal excavations in occupied Crimea (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 12th)

The Prosecutor's <u>Office of Crimea has summed up five years of work</u>: hundreds of indictments and court verdicts (Zmina, December 12th)

A Mother in Captivity: Snizhana Kozlova (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 11th)

Human Rights Violations in Occupied Crimea Discussed in Sweden (Crimea Platform, December 11th)

Botox, drones, 250-kilo bombs: eyewitness in the Donbass (El Mundo America, December 10<sup>th</sup>)

Human Rights: A Perfect Storm (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 10th)

Russia <u>sentences 61-year-old Ukrainian</u> to 12. 5 years for donation to Ukraine's defenders (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 10th)

Crimean <u>Occupation "Court" Sentences Mother of Two</u>, Niyara Ersmambetova, to 15 Years in Prison (Crimea Platform, December 9th)

Weekly update on the situation in occupied Crimea Platform, December 9th)

Abducted <u>Crimean Tatar mother of two sentenced</u> to 15 years on Russia's cynical 'treason' charges (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 9th)

Crimean Tatar <u>political prisoner Tofik Abdulgaziev diagnosed</u> with a brain tumour (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 8th)

Russian <u>legislators formalize mass plunder</u> of Ukrainians' homes on occupied territory (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 8th)

Ceasefire: <u>life in the temporarily occupied territories</u> (Solidarity Collectives, 3 December)

#### **News from Ukraine:**

Cedos experts presented a <u>report on housing rental</u> in Ukraine (Cedos, December 10<sup>th</sup>)

The <u>Bloodiest Attack</u> in Western Ukraine (Tribunal for Putin, December 9th)

'I have a <u>question for the Russian authorities</u>: why did you kill our children?' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 9th)

Waves of Terror (Tribunal for Putin, December 8th)

Culture as <u>Security: Ukrainian Experts</u> Brief International Partners on Cultural Challenges and Reforms During the War (Tribunal for Putin, December 8th)

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

Kremlin <u>officials are reportedly demanding that Ukraine</u> cede to Russia strategically vital unoccupied territory in Donetsk Oblast (Hanna Perekhoda, Facebook, December 11<sup>th</sup>)

The Importance of Ukraine's Fortress Belt in Donetsk (Institute for the Study of War, August 12th)

#### War-related news from Russia:

Hackers paralysed Russia's military draft database (Meduza, 12 December)

Feminist search for alternatives (Posle.Media, 10 December)

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

Interview <u>with US socialist politician</u> Tanya Vyhovsky: Why socialists must support Ukraine (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, December 13th)

FREE SNIZHANA! Free Ukrainian civilian hostages! (Tribunal for Putin, December 11th)

Fighting for the <u>Least Unjust</u> Peace (Oleksandr Kyselov, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, December 10<sup>th</sup>)

The Forgotten Detainees of the Russian Aggression in Ukraine (Tribunal for Putin, December 10th)

The <u>first Chechen</u> of German nationalism (iStories, 9 December)

Stop the War's <u>Ukraine Betrayal:</u> When 'Anti-Imperialism' Becomes Apologetics for Empire (Ecosocialist, December 8<sup>th</sup>)

General Valerii Zaluzhnyi: <u>Ukraine's path</u> to victory (New Statesman, November 19<sup>th</sup>)

# Research of human rights abuses:

Russia's Systematic Torture of Ukrainian POWs (Human Rights Watch, December 11th)

Ukrainian <u>human rights defenders called for strengthening</u> support for the International Criminal Court amid political pressure (Zmina, December 11th)

Consequences of the <u>Russian occupation for children and the civilian population</u>: ZMINA coorganised an event at the UN Headquarters (Zmina, December 4th)

# International solidarity:

Trade sanctions (Bank of Finland Institute of Emerging Economies, December 11th)

Standing firm for Ukraine: <u>USC AGM unites</u> against authoritarianism and fascism (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, December 7th)

## **Upcoming events:**

**Various dates and places:** <u>make those frozen assets available now</u> (European Network for Solidarity with Ukraine, December)

**Wednesday 17 December**: London protests: <u>Make Russia Pay, Send the Assets to Ukraine</u>. **5.30pm**: Europe House (EU building), 32 Smith Square, SW1P 3EU. **6.30pm**: Opposite Parliament, at statue of George V, Abingdon Street, SW1P 3JY

### Try Me For Treason: readings from anti-war protesters' speeches in Russian courts

□ A film of **Try Me For Treason** on Youtube here: readings filmed at the book launch event for Voices Against Putin's War: Protesters' Defiant Speeches in Russian Courts, in London on 20 November. To buy the book, or download a free PDF that is now available, go here.

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