

News from Ukraine Bulletin 176 (22 December 2025)

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

In this week's bulletin: Ukrainian solidarity with [Palestine](#)/ Russia's beatings and [mock executions](#) of detainees/ [Theft](#) of [Ukrainian](#) property and [persecution](#) of [Crimean](#) Tatars/ [Torture](#), sexual [abuse](#), targeting of [children and forced Russification](#)

News from the territories occupied by Russia:

'They were [striking me on the head](#), putting a gun to the back of my head, and pretending to pull the trigger' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 20th)

The Face of Resistance: The [Crimean Tatar Activist](#) Memet Belyalov (Crimea Platform, Dec 19th)

Russia passes huge sentences against [65-year-old Melitopol pensioner](#) and two other Ukrainians for their patriotism (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 19th)

Putin approves [expropriation of Ukrainians' homes](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Prot'n Group, Dec 19th)

Two Ukrainian [women could face 6-year sentences](#) for their faith as Jehovah's Witnesses in Russian-occupied Crimea (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 18th)

Russia sentences [disabled Crimean Tatar](#) from occupied Kherson oblast to 8 years for opposing its occupation of Crimea (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 17th)

"It's godless." Retired teacher [jailed for supposed plot in occupied Donetsk](#) (Mediazona, 16 Dec)

Occupiers in Crimea Announce "[Nationalization](#)" of Property of Oleksandr Usyk and 84 Others (Crimea Platform, December 16th)

Weekly Update On The [Situation In Occupied Crimea](#) (Crimea Platform, December 16th)

65-year-old [Donetsk teacher sentenced](#) to 12 years because Russia couldn't imprison its real target (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 16th)

The Woman Who [Didn't Break](#). Part One. (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 16th)

Monstrous sentence against Yehor Kuch, a young Ukrainian accused by Russian invaders of '[spying for his own country](#)' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 15th)

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

News from Ukraine:

Palestine [solidarity in Ukraine](#) is all about shared experiences (Waging Nonviolence, December 19th)

75% of [Ukrainians oppose "peace plan"](#) with withdrawal from Donbas (Ukrainska Pravda, Dec 15th)

War does not justify silence on [human rights violations](#) – presentation of a study on journalists' self-censorship (Zmina, December 15th)

Only [9% of Ukrainians want elections before ceasefire](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, December 15th)

«Civil Society is the [Backbone of Democratic Resilience](#)». Center for Civil Liberties at the OSCE Civil Society Parallel Conference (Centre for Civil Liberties, December 15th)

Security Audit of [Select Hromadas](#): Consolidated Findings (Opora, December 11th)

News from the front and 'peace' talks:

Pressure on Ukraine's defences: [gains in Kupyansk, crisis on other fronts](#) (Meduza, 19 December)

War-related news from Russia:

Russian [losses count updated](#) (Mediazona, 19 December)

Not Only Dr Evil: Medical [Care behind Russian Bars](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Prot'n Group, Dec 19th)
Delete all phone messages before going to Russia: [the treason case against Mikhail Loshchinin](#) (The Russian Reader, 18 December)
The Arctic: [“we need to change our view of it as a frontier”](#) (Posle.Media, 17 December)
Publishing the “Russian world”: [Kremlin’s sanctioned ideologues in European book stores](#) (Ukrainer.net, 17 December)
A Documentary [Film about Pavel Kushnir](#) (The Russian Reader, December 16th)
Anti-war [resistance in Russia](#) and anarchists (Youtube, December 15th)
Russia 'issues [machine guns to maniacs](#)' in return for killing Ukrainians (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 15th)

Analysis and comment:

'I was a [British PoW tortured by Russia](#); this is how Ukraine and the West can win this war' (Independent, December 20th)
The EU blinks: [capital’s inviolability trumps geopolitical necessity](#) (Anticapitalist musings, 19 Dec)
Not worth the paper it’s written on: Why any [“land for peace” deal in Ukraine](#) would be legally void (The Insider, December 18th)
Lithuanians demonstrate against [threat to state broadcaster](#) (Meduza, 18 December)
Congressional [security guarantees](#) for Ukraine are progress (Al Nskyi on Facebook, December 16th)
Let’s close the [discussion about “NATO’s eastward expansion”](#) once and for all (Andrei Movtxan on Facebook, December 16th)
Frozen Assets, Hot Claims: how [Russian oligarchs & other investors sue](#) over sanctions (Friends of the Earth, December 9th)

Research of human rights abuses:

“They [forced me to cook, clean, and fulfil their sexual whims](#)”: Testimony of a Ukrainian woman enslaved by Russian soldiers (The Insider, December 18th)
Statement by Ukrainian survivor groups regarding the International Compensation Mechanism for [victims of Russian aggression](#) and its temporal scope (Zmina, December 16th)

International solidarity:

Interview with [US socialist politician Tanya Vyhovskiy](#): Why socialists must support Ukraine (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, December 13th)

Upcoming events:

Thursday 5th February, at 6.30pm. *Try Me For Treason*: readings from speeches by anti-war protesters in Russian courts, and discussion. Clore Lecture Theatre, Birkbeck College Clore Management Centre, Torrington Square, London WC1E 7JL. Details [here](#).

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□ *This is the last bulletin for 2025. We are back on 5 January. Season’s greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all our readers*

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