

## News from Ukraine Bulletin 177 (5 January 2026)

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

***In this week's bulletin:*** Ukraine & [Venezuela](#)/ Russia's [Idée Fixe](#)/ [Abramovich](#) & [Tories](#)/ Soldiers slaughtered [civilians & POWs](#)/ [Medical torture](#) of [POWs](#)/ [Children](#) abducted/ Kazakh crackdown on [mercenaries](#)

### News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Ukrainian [POWs and civilians gunned down by Russian invaders](#) near Pokrovsk (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 30<sup>th</sup>)

Weekly update [on the situation in occupied Crimea](#) (Crimea Platform, December 30<sup>th</sup>)

Russia subjects Ukrainian political prisoner with multiple sclerosis to [medical torture](#) for serving her country (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 29<sup>th</sup>)

Neo-Nazi sadist wanted for [war crimes in Ukraine](#) invited to give 'lesson on courage' to Russian children (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 29<sup>th</sup>)

The Face of Resistance: The Story of Crimean [Tatar Activist Yanikov Asan](#) (Crimea Platform, December 26<sup>th</sup>)

Russia sentences [tortured Melitopol journalist](#) to 15 years for pro-Ukrainian Telegram channel (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 26<sup>th</sup>)

Analysis of [Toretsk Satellite Images](#) (Tribunal for Putin, December 24<sup>th</sup>)

Russian invaders [abduct 52 civilians](#), including children, from Sumy oblast (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 24<sup>th</sup>)

Imprisoned [Crimean Solidarity activist](#) Tofik Abdulgaziev needs urgent operation for a malignant brain tumour (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Russia's [supreme court OKs illegal charges](#) & faked 'evidence' against Crimean Tatar political prisoners (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 22<sup>nd</sup>)

### News from Ukraine:

Few politicians are interested in [Anti-Corruption Court's effective work](#), court's head says (Kyiv Independent, December 15<sup>th</sup>)

Ukrainian military intelligence says it [faked neo-Nazi militia commander's death](#) (Meduza, 1 January)

Defiance & denial: [residents of besieged Sloviansk resist surrender](#) to Moscow (Observer, Dec 28<sup>th</sup>)

Oil [Spill Report in the Black Sea near Odesa](#) Following Russian Attacks on Port Infrastructure (Crimea Platform, December 24<sup>th</sup>)

### War-related news from Russia:

'Your power is based on lies and violence.' [Three years for sharing Ukrainian songs](#) (People & Nature, 4 January)

Ukrainian [drones mysteriously "attack" Putin's residence](#): The chronology of yet another Kremlin lie (The Insider, January 1<sup>st</sup>)

Gordey Nikitin's story: [17 years for "high treason"](#) (Ivan Astashin, The Russian Reader, 31 December)

Five years for enlisting. [Kazakhstan prosecutes hundreds](#) of citizens for fighting in Ukraine (Mediazona, December 30<sup>th</sup>)

Predatory recruitment is sending [Indians to their deaths](#) on the Ukraine front (Scroll.in, Dec 30<sup>th</sup>)

Russia's [Descent Into Tyranny](#) (Nina Khrushcheva, Foreign Affairs December 30<sup>th</sup>)

Russian army in 2025: [“meat grinder” continues](#) (Mediazona, 30 December)

Banking on repression: How [Russia weaponized its “terrorist” list](#) against political dissidents (The Insider, December 28th)

Banking on repression: how [Russia weaponised its “terrorist” list against dissidents](#) (Ivan Astashin, The Insider, 28 December)

We need to change [our view of the Arctic as a frontier](#) (Valentin Zemlyansky interviewed at Posle.Media, 24 December)

Free [Daria Egereva](#)! (Russian Reader, December 24th)

Putin Uses [End-of-Year Presser to Send Message](#) to Trump (Carnegie Politika, December 23<sup>rd</sup>)

What We Learned from [a Hacker Attack on the Russian Military Registry Developer](#) (iStories, 22 December)

While others are celebrating, [Ukrainian POWs are being tortured](#) in Russian prisons (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 22nd)

Siren [songs](#) (Novaya Gazeta, December 17th)

### **Analysis and comment:**

‘What’s wrong with [US aggression against Venezuela](#)’ (Sotsialnyi Rukh / European Network for Solidarity with Ukraine, 3 January)

Retrieving [History: Ukrainian People’s Republic](#) (Vladyslav Starodubtsev, Against the Current, January 2026)

The Russian [Idée Fixe](#) (Andriy Movchan, Counterpunch, January 1<sup>st</sup>)

Money talks: [Abramovich, the Tory peer](#) and the Trump adviser (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, December 31<sup>st</sup>)

Generating pushback: [Eastern European countries are turning away](#) political asylum seekers from Russia and Belarus (The Insider, December 24th)

The EU blinks: When [capital’s inviolability trumps](#) geopolitical necessity (Labour Hub, December 21<sup>st</sup>)

A Ukrainian view of [Nathan Gill’s prison sentence](#) for taking pro-Russian bribes (Nation Cymru, November 22<sup>nd</sup>)

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

Michael O’Flaherty [published a report on Ukraine](#) (Zmina, December 31st)

A court for Russian propagandists: [how to prove their complicity](#) in international crimes? (Ukrainska Pravda, December 24<sup>th</sup>)

### **International solidarity:**

Street singer Diana Loginova’s first interview in exile: [“I thought, what could they do to me?”](#) (Meduza, 2 January)

Annual Report of [Solidarity Collectives](#) 2025 (Solidarity Collectives, 31 December)

Green Party conference to hear [Ukraine solidarity motion](#) (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, 23 December)

Ukraine-Sweden: [Upholding Human Rights](#) for Victims of the Russian War (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, December 23<sup>rd</sup>)

**Upcoming events:**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**, 5.0 pm. [No to Business as Usual with Putin's Oligarchs](#): Protest at Tory HQ, 4 Matthew Parker Street, London SW1H 9NP, called by USC.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January**, 7.0 pm. [Webinar: Russia's War on Ukraine, US Security Review – Stopping the authoritarians](#). Organised by By Ukraine Solidarity Campaign Scotland

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February**, 6.30 pm. [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.

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