

News from Ukraine Bulletin 181 (2 February 2026)

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

In this week's bulletin: Kyiv [defies](#) power grid [bombing](#)/ Ukraine's [poisoned breadbasket](#)/ Russia's [military ecology](#)/ Russia imprisons "[terrorist](#)" Lyuba, 19/ Torture [cases](#)/ Russia attacks [healthcare](#) and [civilian](#) targets

News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Deaths and [medical torture](#) through Russia's plunder and closure of hospitals in occupied Kherson oblast (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, January 30th)

The Face of Resistance: Crimean Tatar Activist [Alim Karimov](#) (Crimea Platform, January 30th)

PACE Adopts a [New Resolution](#) Addressing Russia's Crimes in the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine (Crimea Platform, January 29th)

Increasingly absurd charges used for [Russia's monstrous sentences](#) against Ukrainians on occupied territory (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, January 29th)

The [Woman Who Didn't Break](#). Part Three (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, January 28th)

Petra Bayr, Mentor to Political Prisoner Iryna Danylovych, [Elected President of PACE](#) (Crimea Platform, January 27th)

Weekly update on the situation in [occupied Crimea](#) (Crimea Platform, January 27th)

Russia fabricates [charges to imprison Crimean Tatar activists](#) and as weapon for deportation from their homeland (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, January 26th)

News from Ukraine:

"Everyone in shock": [residents without power, heating and water after bombing](#) (Kyiv Independent, 31 January)

Who set the [trap for Ukraine's "Iron Lady"](#)? (Meduza, 30 January)

Cedos works to strengthen [institutional capacity](#) to support Ukraine's recovery (Cedos, January 30th)

Heated bricks, [shared generators, and candles](#): How Kyiv survives without power and heat (The Insider, January 28th)

Russia guns down [more civilians, attacks passenger train](#) while TV propagandists gloat that Ukrainians are freezing (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, January 28th)

Volunteering in [Wartime Ukraine](#): Interview with Daria Saburova (Posle.Media, January 21st)

War-related news from Russia:

Cruel [and Unusual](#) (Russian Reader, January 31st)

Count updated: [Russia's losses in Ukraine](#) (Mediazona, 30 January)

Monarchist media oligarch [Konstantin Malofeev takes up teaching](#) (Meduza, 30 January)

Savagely [tortured 'Kherson Nine' sentenced](#) to 155 years in grotesque Russian show trial (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, January 30th)

Russia's [oil and gas revenues are shrinking](#) (Meduza, 28 January)

Dissidents by chance: [The Kremlin has turned to labeling random people](#) in Russia as traitors and terrorists (The Insider, January 27th)

Workers from [Bangladesh sought jobs in Russia](#) but instead got sent to combat in Ukraine (AP, January 27th)

Is [19-Year-Old Lyuba Lizunova a Terrorist?](#) (Russian Reader, January 26th)

Memorial plaque to Anna Politkovskaya [torn down for fifth time in a week](#) (Meduza, 26 January)

Third [staged 'trial' and 28-year sentence](#) against Ukrainian prisoner of war (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, January 26th)

Russia deploys new [high-speed drones](#) that may contain western parts (The Guardian, January 23rd)

Analysis and comment:

The [Poisoned Breadbasket](#): Pesticides, Politics, and the Price of Agricultural Success (Commons.com, January 30th)

Ukraine: "Territorial integrity is a fundamental principle that [safeguards the sovereignty of states.](#)" — UN Secretary-General (Crimea Platform, January 30th)

Natalia Tikhonova and Zoe Komaroff: [Military ecology and Russia's war machine](#) (Posle.Media, 28 January)

Why Minneapolis reminds me of [what I once saw in Ukraine](#) (Kyiv Independent, January 25th)

International solidarity:

From Ukraine to Palestine, [occupation is a crime](#) (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign on twitter, 31 January)

Solidarity [from Gaza to Ukraine, Myanmar, Sudan, Minneapolis, and Leeds](#) (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, 28 January)

Demand Russia obeys its own laws and releases [blind Ukrainian political prisoner](#) Oleksandr Sizikov! (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, January 27th)

A Fundraiser for [Yuri Dmitriev's 70th Birthday](#) (Russian Reader, January 26th)

Fundraiser [for FPV Chuyka drone detectors](#) (Solidarity Collectives, 24 January)

Upcoming events:

Thursday 5th 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. [REGISTER to attend here](#).

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