

News from Ukraine Bulletin 185 (2 March 2026)

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

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News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Brutal Russian roulette with the [life of gravely ill](#) political prisoner (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, February 27th)

Russia brings [long sentences for pro-Ukrainian social media](#) posts to occupied Ukraine (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, February 27th)

The Face of Resistance: [Crimean Tatar Activist Rustem Izmailov](#) (Crimea Platform, February 27th)

Forum “CRIMEA: [The Home We Are Fighting For](#)” Opens in Kyiv to Mark the Day of Resistance to the Occupation of Crimea (Crimea Platform, February 26th)

Joint [Statement by Participants](#) of International Crimea Platform (Crimea Platform, February 26th)

February 26 – [Day of Resistance](#) to the Occupation of Crimea (Crimea Platform, February 26th)

Help force Russia to free [abducted and tortured](#) Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant employees! (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, February 26th)

Crimean [Jehovah's Witness sentenced to six years](#) for refusing to renounce his faith (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, February 24th)

Brutal FSB set-up to [sentence 21-year-old Donetsk](#) woman to 20 years for patriotism (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, February 23rd)

20 February – The [Official Start Date of the Occupation of Crimea](#) (Crimea Platform, February 20th)

News from Ukraine:

Energy system attack a double [Crime](#) (Tribunal for Putin, February 28th)

Premiere of [Film “Forgive Me, Mom”](#) in Honor of Hennadii Afanasyev (Crimea Platform, Feb 27th)

The story behind [ex-minister Herman Halushchenko's arrest](#) (Meduza, 27 February)

Rail bombing aims at [collapse](#) (Tribunal for Putin, February 27th)

Human rights organisations call for [veto of law](#) on forced evacuation (Zmina, February 27th)

Gaps in [housing and social security](#) provision (Cedos, 26 February)

The ECtHR will examine complaints concerning [violations during the July attack](#) on anti-corruption activists (Zmina, February 23rd)

Russian soldier sentenced to life for [killing two Ukrainian POWs](#) in cold blood (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, February 23rd)

Still Standing: The [Ukrainian Labor Market at War](#) (Rockwell Foundation, February 2026)

War-related news from Russia:

Cardboard coffins and countertop monuments: [Russia is increasingly cutting costs](#) on the burial of its war dead (The Insider, February 28th)

No connection: [Blocking Starlink for the Russian military](#) has changed the situation at the front in Ukraine (The Insider, February 27th)

Residents of Russia's [Belgorod are feeling the effects of war](#) (The Insider, February 27th)

Orthodox church helps [recruit Kenyans to Russian army](#) (Meduza, 27 February)

Prison sentence increased for protester who told the court ["death to Putin, glory to Ukraine"](#) (Mediazona, 27 February)

Anti-war political prisoner's wife [barred from his funeral](#) (Mediazona, 26 February)

Record losses. minimal gains: [Assessing 4th year](#) of Russia's full-scale war (The Insider, Feb 26th)

Russian [casualty figures – a corrective](#) (Meduza, 25 February)

Spinoff of the [Legendary Zombie Franchise](#) (The Russian Reader, 23 February)

"People are still [stuck in this cage](#)" (Posle.Media, February 18th)

Analysis and comment:

Resistance: [Manifesto](#) in defence of Ukrainians living under occupation (Zmina, February 26th)

Statement: [12th anniversary of Crimea's resistance](#) to Russian occupation (Zmina, February 26th)

rs21's Retreat – A Case Study: [How the British Left Lost Ukraine](#) (Red Mole Substack, February 25th)

A Ukrainian Socialist Went to War. [Here's What He Thinks About Peace](#) (Jacobin, February 24th)

Four Years of War in Ukraine with [Oleksandr Kyselov](#) (Jacobin Radio, Febr 24th)

As the Kremlin's war of [aggression is entering its fifth year](#) (Facebook, Febr 24th)

International solidarity:

Fourth Anniversary of War: [Statement by the Posle Editorial Collective](#) (Posle.Media, February 24th)

Statement by [UK trade unions in solidarity with Ukraine](#), on the fourth anniversary of the full-scale invasion (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, February 23rd)

Peace in [Ukraine: the next steps](#) (Labour Hub, February 23rd)

Four years after Russia's invasion: [Stand by Ukraine](#) (Real Democracy Movement, February 23rd)

"For dictators, ['peace' is when we don't fight back](#)" (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, February 22nd)

Upcoming events:

Wednesday 4 March, 6–8pm, [Ukraine Solidarity Campaign Public Meeting](#). Wilson Room, Portcullis House, Parliament, 1 Victoria Embankment, London SW1A 2JR. Chair: John McDonnell MP. Speakers include: Mick Antoniw MS / Yuliya Yurchenko, Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine / Yuliia Bond, Ukrainian Association of Wales / Tanya Vyhovsky, Vermont State Senator / Mariia Pastukh, Vsesvit – Ukraine Solidarity Collective / Johanna Baxter MP / Clive Lewis MP / Stephen Russell, TUC International / Mick Whelan, former ASLEF General Secretary

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