

News from Ukraine Bulletin 195 (11 May 2026)

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

In this week's bulletin: Journalists persecuted in [occupied territories](#)/ Oil refineries [hit by drones](#)/ Disaster in [Tuapse](#), Russia/ Evidence of Ukrainian civilians tortured [to death](#)/ Investigation into [crimes](#) against humanity/ Statement: [Russia exhibit at Venice Biennale](#)

News from the territories occupied by Russia:

“Child Diplomacy” or a Propaganda Tool? How [Russia Uses Children](#) to Legitimise the Occupation of Crimea (Crimea Platform, May 8th)

Russia brings ‘extremism’ [charges against 86-year-old Crimean](#) Jehovah’s Witness after sentencing his son to 6 years (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 6th)

The Crimean Prosecutor’s Office has [initiated the first proceedings](#) concerning a crime against humanity following a submission by ZMINA (Zmina, May 5th)

Weekly [update on the situation](#) in occupied Crimea (Crimea Platform, May 5th)

Two fake trials and [16-year sentence](#) for pro-Ukrainian views in occupied Crimea (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 5th)

5 May — Birthday of illegally imprisoned [human rights defender](#) Server Mustafaiev (Crimea Platform, May 5th)

Melitopol hostage sentenced to [26 years for supposed attempts](#) on the life of a Russian-installed traitor (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 4th)

News from the front:

Ukraine’s ‘Frozen’ [Frontlines Are Shifting](#) Significantly (Byline Times, May 7th)

Cyberspace as [Another Front of War](#) (Tribunal for Putin, May 2nd)

News from Ukraine:

Belarussian volunteer fighting for Ukraine: [Forbidden memory](#) (Solidarity Collectives, 5 May)

(Un)safe shelter: [Russia’s 2025 attack on Chornobyl](#) (Ukrainer.net, 24 April)

War-related news from Russia:

352,000 deaths in four years: [Russian casualty monitor](#) (Mediazona, 9 May)

Geraniums in bloom: The Insider and Nordsint reveal how a large Chinese firm supplies [Russian drone production](#) (The Insider, May 8th)

A Bell Is a Cup Until It Is Struck: The [Disaster in Tuapse](#) (Russian Reader, May 7th)

Alexander Okunev burned himself alive to protest against the war. [The state tried to erase his memory](#) (iStories, 6 May)

The biker jailed after flying Ukrainian flag: [Sergei Dudchenko’s speech in court](#) (Mediazona, 6 May)

Anticolonial fraud: The [Kremlin in Africa](#) (Links, May 5th)

Analysis and comment:

Family Archives and Flowers Instead of Concrete: [The Second World War in Research and Memory](#) (Commons.com.ua, 8 May)

Statement on the [absence of freedom of expression](#) and the persecution of journalists in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine (Zmina, May 4th)

Research of human rights abuses:

Russia returns the [bodies of 375 POWs and civilian hostages tortured to death](#) or denied medical care (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 7th)

ZMINA took part in the [Bring Kids Back UA Expert Day](#) and submitted a civil society statement to the international coalition (Zmina, May 1st)

178 [cases of pressure and persecution](#): ZMINA presented a report on the situation of human rights defenders and civil activists in 2025 (Zmina, May 1st)

Upcoming events:

Monday 11 May, 1.0pm, Hermitage Hotel, Bournemouth. [Ukraine fringe meeting](#) at Communication Workers Union conference

Sunday 17 May: premiere of Try Me For Treason, the film. In-person premiere in London: 6.30pm, Upstairs room, the Lucas Arms, 245a Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8QY (arrive for drinks from 6.0pm). [Youtube premiere](#) at 8.0pm. Information at [trymefortreason.org](#).

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