

News from Ukraine Bulletin 198 (1 June 2026)

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

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News from the territories occupied by Russia:

New Russian school textbook shows [unoccupied Ukrainian territory as 'Russia'](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 29th)

Melitopol couple [tortured in pre-trial detention](#) (Mediazona, 29 May)

The Face of Resistance: Crimean [Political Prisoner Volodymyr Maladyka](#) (Crimea Platform, May 29th)

The health of [Crimean prisoner Dmytro Shtyblikov](#) has deteriorated sharply (Crimea Human Rights Group, 28 May)

Crimean Tatar political prisoner illegally returned to Russian captivity and [denied treatment for cancer](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 28th)

Savagely [tortured, then sentenced by the Russians](#) to 13 years for letters to her Ukrainian defender son (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 27th)

Health of woman, 68, [imprisoned by Russia](#), worsens (Ukrainska Pravda, May 26th)

"In the 'DPR' [torture chambers](#), they used electric shocks and filed teeth" (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 26th)

Disinformation as [a weapon against cultural rights](#) (Crimea Human Rights Group, 26 May)

Weekly update on the [situation in occupied Crimea](#) (Crimea Platform, May 26th)

Russia brings new 'treason' charges against young Crimean Tatar political prisoner [after months of torture](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 26th)

Russia [sentences Ukrainian military pensioner to 18](#) years after itself admitting there were no grounds to imprison him (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 25th)

Massive [sentences against Yalta couple two years](#) after Krystyna Markova was abducted by the FSB and vanished (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 25th)

April 2026 report: [Life Under Occupation](#) (AlterPravo, 12 May)

News from the front:

Russia spends [a year and hundreds of lives to capture a Ukrainian village](#). And fails (Meduza, 29 May)

"No gas, no electricity, no heat. They won't survive another winter": [Ukraine set to evacuate residents of](#) Russian-occupied Oleshky (The Insider, May 27th)

Ukraine's Achilles' heel: How Kyiv is overcoming its [military recruitment crisis](#) (The Insider, May 25th)

News from Ukraine:

Military medic Oleksandr Krokhmaliuk [tortured to death](#) in Russian captivity (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 29th)

Forged from hell on earth: [Hell's kitchen in Kharkiv](#) (Ukrainer, 28 May)

Russia hits Kyiv with hypersonic ballistic missile in '[deranged' attack](#) (Guardian, May 24th)

Civil society on a [dual front in Ukraine](#) (International Viewpoint, May 23rd)

War-related news from Russia:

Armenia: Moscow [turns the screw on Yerevan](#) (Mediazona, 29 May)

Mapping power: [Russia's "game of thrones"](#) (iStories, 29 May)

Propaganda [film teaches Ukrainian children to "love life in Russia"](#) (Meduza, 29 May)

Dzerzhinsky statue: [The Iron Man Returns](#) (Riddle, 13 May 2026)

Analysis and comment:

Andriy Melnik: [a fascist's state funeral in a non-fascist state](#) (Europe Solidaire Sans Frontieres, 29 May)

Ukraine: [Türk warns against dangerous escalation](#) and urges return to negotiations (UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, May 28th)

Playing host to Putin and Trump, [China sends a message](#) (Europe Solidaire Sans Frontieres, 21 May)

Research of human rights abuses:

Statement of the Human Rights Centre ZMINA on the [development of the Action Plan](#) for the implementation of the National Human Rights Strategy (Zmina, May 28th)

The [Expert Opinion](#) (Amicus Curiae) of the Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group in Criminal Proceedings No. 42025000000001123 (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, May 26th)

International solidarity:

Humanitarian [aid report](#) (Solidarity Collectives, 25 May)

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