

## News from Ukraine Bulletin 201 (22 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:

Oleksandr Sizikov, [visually impaired prisoner, moved to hospital](#) (Crimea Human Rights Group, 21 June)

Pensioners and mothers targeted for [Russia's 'treason trial' terror](#) in occupied Ukraine (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, June 19<sup>th</sup>)

Russia [digs up the graves of its victims](#) in Luhansk oblast to claim 'evidence of Ukrainian aggression' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, June 19<sup>th</sup>)

Tofik Abdulgaziev Reaches His [45th Birthday Behind Bars](#) (Crimea Platform, June 19<sup>th</sup>)

During the OSCE Security Committee meeting, Ukraine drew attention to a model of [organized crime](#) that Russia has developed and tested in occupied Crimea (Crimea Platform, June 18<sup>th</sup>)

The Mission hosted an [event dedicated to civilian women](#) in Russian captivity on the occupied territories of Ukraine (Crimea Platform, June 18<sup>th</sup>)

Melitopol mother of two [sentenced to 14 years for donations](#) to help Ukraine (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, June 18<sup>th</sup>)

Weekly [update on the situation in occupied Crimea](#) (Crimea Platform, June 17<sup>th</sup>)

Russia [extracts surreal 'confession'](#) a year after abducting 59-year-old Maryna Kovalenko (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, June 17<sup>th</sup>)

"Freedom Has Always Been With Me": Yevhen Zhukov, a Political Prisoner from Crimea, [Has Served His Sentence](#) and Been Released (Crimea Platform, June 17<sup>th</sup>)

Crimean [sentenced to 5.5 years for social media comments](#) in support of Ukraine's Armed Forces (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, June 15<sup>th</sup>)

Abducted Melitopol [journalist Anastasia Hlukhovska went on hunger strike](#) in notorious Russian prison (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, June 12<sup>th</sup>)

Being present: [a discussion](#) on How Not to Lose People under Occupation (Zmina, June 9<sup>th</sup>)

Life [Under Occupation](#) (Alter Pravo, May 2026)

### News from the front:

Fraudsters got rich [persuading Brazilians to fight for Russia](#) (The Insider, 17 June)

Robots in arms: [Ukraine becomes test range for ground drones](#) (The Insider, 15 June)

### News from Ukraine:

ZMINA held a [roundtable discussion](#) on prisoners' access to justice in Ukraine (Zmina, June 12<sup>th</sup>)

Statement on [threats to freedom of speech](#) in the draft new Civil Code of Ukraine (Zmina, June 8<sup>th</sup>)

### War-related news from Russia:

“Loaded them up like convicts”: [Russia press-gang in Penza](#) (Mediazona, 19 June)

Why are Moscow’s [air defences struggling?](#) And Russia’s oil refineries? (Meduza, 19 June)

FSB detains Putin acquaintance [Ilya Traber, St Petersburg criminal mastermind](#) (iStories, 17 June)

Fraudsters got rich [persuading Brazilians to fight for Russia](#) (The Insider, 17 June)

Russian [military court upholds torture](#) and calls defence of Ukraine ‘terrorism’ (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, June 15th)

### Analysis and comment:

I can’t recall [anything like this happening in the last four years](#) (Facebook, June 21<sup>st</sup>)

We’re back from [a humanitarian mission to Kharkiv](#) (Solidarity Collectives, 21 June)

“The voices of those resisting imperialism are absent”: Open Letter [to the international anti-war conference in London](#) (Social Movement, 19 June)

The [Russian-speaking left](#) in German politics (Posle.Media, 17 June)

Sasha Razor: [Who Burns the Lavra?](#) (Russian Reader, June 16<sup>th</sup>)

The [Podcast](#) (Russian Reader, June 9th)

Disinformation front: [how the Kremlin targets the Baltics](#) (Eastern Frontier Initiative, 19 May)

### Research of human rights abuses:

At Least 32 [Ukrainian Athletes are Held in Russian Captivity](#) or Missing. Global Awareness Needed (Centre for Civil Liberties, June 19<sup>th</sup>)

ZMINA, together with a coalition of NGOs coordinated by the Agency for Legislative Initiatives, presented an [interim Shadow Report to the European Commission](#) (Zmina, June 5<sup>th</sup>)

### A new web resource:

The European Network for Solidarity With Ukraine has launched [its new web site](#), with a bundle of useful links.

### Upcoming events:

**The Green Party And Nato, Tuesday 23 June, 7.0pm – [Green Left Open Meeting \(Online\)](#)**, with Paul Ingram, Research Affiliate at the Centre for the Study of Existential Risk, University of Cambridge; Gilbert Achcar, Emeritus Professor, SOAS, University of London; Simon Pirani, Honorary Professor, University of Durham; Linda Walker, Green Party of England & Wales.

**Ukrainian prisoners of war in Russia: on line event, Wednesday 24 June, 6.0-7.30pm**, with Vladyslav Zhuravlev and Artem Tidva. [Register here.](#)

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