

News from Ukraine Bulletin 205 (20 July 2026)

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

In this week's bulletin: [Protest](#) against [dismissal](#) of [Ukraine](#) Defence Minister/ Social Movement [response](#)/ Occupied territories [resistance](#)/ Russian [torture](#) of prisoners, also [here](#) and [here](#)/ Russia [abducts](#) & [militarises](#) Ukrainian children/ [Russia's Crimes Against Journalists](#)/ Russia attacks [Aid Warehouses](#)

News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Russian [attacks kill 11, tourist port targeted](#) (Kyiv Independent, July 17)

Ervin Ibragimov 41st Birthday and [10 Years Missing](#) (Crimea Platform, July 17th)

Tortured Ukrainian [lawyer held incommunicado](#) since July 2022 for writing the truth about Russian occupation of Melitopol (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, July 17th)

12-year [sentence for Ukrainian patriotism against 63-year-old pensioner](#) in Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia oblast (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, July 17th)

Ukraine: [Russian-Run Schools Violate Children's Rights](#) (Human Rights Watch, July 16th)

Russian [invaders sentence Ukrainians](#) to 6 and 16 years for defending their own country many years ago (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, July 16th)

Cancer-stricken [Crimean political prisoner Tofik Abdulgaziev](#) has been transferred from a separate cell to a medical ward (Crimea Platform, July 15th)

Main [news of the week](#) (Crimea Platform, July 15th)

Ukrainian political prisoner [tortured to fabricate](#) new charges rather than free him after 8 years of Russian captivity (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, July 15th)

Survivors of [conflict related sexual violence in occupied Ukraine](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, July 14)

55-year-old Ukrainian from occupied Crimea sentenced to 17 years on FSB-[fabricated 'attempted treason' charges](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, July 14th)

Russia's [abduction of ten Ukrainian](#) children from occupied Crimea (Zmina, July 13th)

Russia [ignores gangrenous wound](#) to stage second 'trial' against Ukrainian POW for defending Mariupol (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, July 13th)

Freedom is in our DNA: the [Ukrainian Resistance Movement](#) (Alter Pravo, July 2026)

News from Ukraine:

"We have a president, not a tsar": how [people with cardboard signs came out](#) to defend Fedorov (Ukrainska Pravda, July 19th)

'An anti-social crime': [Kyiv residents demand rollback](#) of 275% fare increase (European Network for Solidarity with Ukraine, July 18th)

Apartments for the price of a smartphone: [corruption at the Ukrainian SBI](#) (ZN.UA, July 17)

Protest organisers [call for Commander-in-Chief's dismissal](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, July 17)

Protests are [breaking out all over](#) Ukraine today (Bluesky, July 16th)

Thousands of [Ukrainians have taken](#) to the streets (Bluesky, July 16th)

Ukrainian [union leader jailed](#) for doing his job (Industrial, July 16th)

Ukraine has opened up arms exports – but not for all manufacturers, markets or products. [What's wrong with the new mechanism?](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, July 14th)

Progress of the war:

Russia unleashes [one of largest ballistic missile attacks on Kyiv](#) (Kyiv Independent, July 19)

Russia [hits amusement park](#) in Odesa Oblast: several killed (Ukrainska Pravda, July 18th)

Russia [attacks cars and pedestrians in Kherson](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, July 18)

Russia boosts '[shadow fleet](#)' defences at expense of front line units (Kyiv Independent, July 18)

Two Russian oil depots and logistics centre [hit by drones](#) (Kyiv Independent, July 18)

Humanitarian [Aid Warehouses](#) Under Attack (Tribunal for Putin, July 16th)

War-related news from Russia:

Botswana citizens [forced to fight for Russia](#) (ZN.UA, July 18)

Pro-war camp [turns its anger on Putin](#) (Kyiv Independent, July 18)

Crimean political prisoner [Bohdan Ziza transferred](#) to Buryatia (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, July 17th)

Ukrainian [strikes on Russia's energy infrastructure](#) threaten federal budget (The Insider, July 17th)

Skip the exam and grab a rifle: [Russia makes higher education less accessible](#) (The Insider, July 17th)

Bedridden ["Azov man" in Russia was convicted of "terrorism"](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, July 16th)

Crewing the shadows: The Insider exposes the [firms staffing Russia's sanctions-busting](#) fleet of oil tankers and explains why they matter (The Insider, July 15th)

Capital gains: [Moscow has fuel as shortages climb elsewhere](#) (Mediazona, 15 July)

Federal security service: [AI tried and stopped, for now](#) (iStories, 15 July)

Russian army recruitment: [summonses are sent out by AI, illegally, to women](#) (Mediazona, 14 July)

No contact with [political prisoner Andrei Trofimov](#) since April (Memorial, July 14th)

Mr Putin, [where is the gas?](#) (Kyiv Independent July 14)

Comment and analysis:

Vitaliy Dudin (Social Movement): 'The [dismissal of Fedorov is not the main issue](#). The future of Ukraine is' (European Network for Solidarity with Ukraine, July 18th)

Weaponising negotiations [against Ukraine](#) (Kyiv Independent, July 17)

"Trying to [change Russia from within gets you nowhere](#)": Former TV Rain journalist Pyotr Ruzavin on serving in the Armed Forces of Ukraine (The Insider, July 15th)

Review: [Anarchists on the War](#) in Ukraine (Freedom, July 16th)

Research of human rights abuses:

Russia's [Crimes Against Journalists](#) and Media (Tribunal for Putin, July 17th)

"He was burning in the hallway, and they laughed": Inside Russia's [systematic torture](#) apparatus for Ukrainian POWs (The Insider, July 17th)

RSF finds evidence that [two Ukrainian journalists held incommunicado](#) by Russia may be alive — and in the hell of Kizel prison (Reporters Sans Frontieres, July 2026)

International solidarity:

Report for [April and May](#) (Solidarity Collectives, 15 May)

The Illicit [Crypto Corridor](#): Russia, Hong Kong, London (Committee for Freedom in Hong Kong Foundation, July 14th)

Also not to be missed:

Transnistria: how the Ukraine war [is heating up Russia's longest forgotten separatist conflict](#) (New Eastern Europe, July 10th)

Upcoming events:

Thursday, July 23, 2026, 18:00 UK and Ireland / 19:00 Central European Time / 20:00 Ukraine, on zoom: **Eyewitness report from Kramatorsk: Resisting and surviving Russia's assault in the Donbas.** On-line public meeting with Ukrainian writer **Victoria Belim**. [Register here](#)

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