

News from Ukraine Bulletin 208 (17 August 2026)

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News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Captured Russian [soldier who raped civilian sentenced](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, August 14)

Oksana Senezhuk: [two years in detention](#) (Crimea Platform, 14 August)

Ukrainian [prisoner with autism tormented](#) with punishment psychiatry (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, 14 August)

Crimea [Weekly Update](#) (Crimea Platform, 12 August)

Volodymyr Ananiev [turns 77 in Russian captivity](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Prot'n Group, 11 August)

Russian-occupied Ukraine [‘less free than notorious dictatorships’](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, 10 August)

New ‘treason’ charges against [Crimean political prisoner](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, 10 August)

13-year sentence for [refusing to be silent](#) about Russia's occupation of Kherson oblast (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 7th)

Face of Resistance: [Political Prisoner Nasiba Saidova](#) (Crimea Platform, August 7th)

Health concerns mount for 62-year-old [Larysa Haidai, held incommunicado](#) for two years while FSB fabricated charges (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 7th)

Russia [sentences Ukrainian Serhiy Moskalenko to 25 years](#) calling resistance to invaders ‘treason’ and ‘terrorism’ (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 6th)

Political prisoner [Volodymyr Sakada](#) released (Crimea Platform, August 5th)

Weekly update on the [situation in occupied Crimea](#) (Crimea Platform, August 4th)

Convicted [Crimean Tatar Niyara Ersambetova transferred](#) to Mordovia (Crimea Platform, August 3rd)

Russia passes [horrific 24-year sentence against Melitopol man](#) ‘for possession of explosives’ (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 3rd)

At least 55 Crimeans are [held incommunicado, without charges](#), in notorious FSB-controlled prison (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 3rd)

News from Ukraine:

Kyiv: [protestors gather again near president's office](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, August 14)

Russian hitman [arrested for targeting Ukrainian rapper Kyivstoner](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, August 14)

The sea gates are locked: [how much Ukraine stands to lose from Odesa blockade](#) (ZN.ua, August 11)

Russian strikes leave [Kyiv shelves empty](#) (Kyiv Independent, August 13)

Ukraine wants foreign investors to buy state assets: [so far they're not biting](#) (Kyiv Independent, August 12)

Ukraine keeps [changing defense ministers. Does that hurt war effort?](#) (Kyiv Independent, August 2nd)

Assault [regiment commander ordered troops](#) to fire on retreating comrades, media investigation alleges (Kyiv Independent, July 30th)

'The war cannot be an excuse': [Social Movement's Olena Tkalic on labour rights and economic survival in Ukraine](#) (Cross-Border Talks, 27 July)

Progress of the war:

Russia shuts down [key Black Sea terminal](#) after drone attack (Kyiv Independent, August 15)

UN: July the [worst month for four years](#), for Ukrainian civilians (Meduza, 14 August)

Young volunteer, [firefighters, medics killed](#) trying to save the victims of Russian attacks (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 5th)

Two Years On, the [World Witnesses Human Safari in Kherson](#) (Byline Times, August 5th)

War-related news from Russia:

Inside Russia's new gulag: [report from a women's prison in Rostov](#) (Meduza, 15 August)

A Russian soldier's [farewell letter](#) (Mediazona, 14 August)

Russian casualties: [Mediazona's count updated](#) (Mediazona, 14 August)

The war's impact on the Bering Strait: [When the Whales leave again](#) (Posle.Media, 12 August)

Contemporary art in Russia: ['Putinist formalism has arrived'](#) (The Insider, 10 August)

Unwilling "terrorists": [the men the Kremlin accuses of bombing](#) Kerch Strait Bridge (The Insider, August 6th)

No country for old metal heads: [Russian police are breaking up concerts](#) (The Insider, August 3rd)

A new Comintern: [How the Kremlin lures Western "socialists" into army](#) (The Insider, August 3rd)

Comment and analysis:

The wrong lever: [Europe, Ukraine and the Refugee Question](#) (International Viewpoint, 13 August)

Russia's Aggression [Demonstrates the Dangers of Historical Amnesia](#) (Posle.Media, 5 August)

Russia's war: [an open letter to Diane Abbott MP](#) (Labour Hub, 9 August)

Protect Ukrainian Children from [Russian Trafficking](#) (Intern'l Partnership for Human Rights, July 30)

Research of human rights abuses:

Cluster munition attack [a potential war crime](#) (Human Rights Watch, 13 August)

Unending torment as Valentyn Vyhivsky, other Ukrainian political prisoners held in [Russian captivity after long sentences](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 4th)

International solidarity:

Call for support: [International Solidarity Convoy to Ukraine](#) (August)

Podcast: [Ukraine and the Global Sumud Flotilla](#) (Green Socialist Notes, 10 August)

Also not to be missed:

Russia and NATO: [why Moldova is next on Putin's list](#) (Meduza, 14 August)

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