

News from Ukraine Bulletin 209 (24 August 2026)

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

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News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Mariupol homes only for Russians, [Ukrainians to lose even 'compensation homes'](#) for those Russia bombed (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 21st)

Russians abduct former teacher from occupied Kherson oblast and [torture her husband](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 21st)

'I don't think beyond tomorrow': [surviving the war in occupied Crimea](#) (Meduza, 21 August)

Donetsk teenager forced to 'repent' and [sentenced to 12 years](#) for 'spying for Ukraine' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 20th)

Health [condition of political prisoner Lenur Halilov worsening](#) (Crimea Platform, August 20th)

Appaz Kurtamet's Birthday: [5th Year Behind Bars](#) (Crimea Platform, August 19th)

Russians [abducted 71-year-old Serhiy Yeriomenko](#) and sentenced him to 13.5 years for his defence of Ukraine (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 18th)

Death is Russia's only limit [in torment of Crimean Tatar political prisoner](#) Tofik Abdulgaziev and his family (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 17th)

Ukrainian Baptist [pastor faces deportation](#) from occupied Luhansk oblast for refusal to take Russian citizenship (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, August 17th)

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

News from Ukraine:

Russian forces continue to [target Ukrainian workplaces and workers](#) (Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine, August 23rd)

Fahrenheit 451: [Russia destroyed one-third of the books](#) printed in Ukraine in 2026 (Ukrainska Pravda, August 22nd)

'Double strike' [attack on Kriviy Rih shopping mall](#) (Meduza, 21 August)

Drop the [charges against Maksym Shumakov](#) (South London Socialist, August 21st)

Creative Crisis: [Cultural policy, precarity and European integration](#) (Commons.com.ua, 18 August)

Degeneration of power: [How Zelensky topped out & gov't machinery bottomed out](#) (zn.UA, 17 Aug)

'The FSB is blackmailing me': [how the Russian secret services tried to recruit a volunteer through his son](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, 17 August)

A 27-year-old communist from Pervomaisk was [convicted of treason](#) (Intent, August 11th)

War-related news from Russia:

How men in Penza region are being [abducted and sent to war](#) (Meduza, 21 August)

Vote with your ruble: [Russian stock market rejects](#) Putin's official optimism (The Insider, August 17th)
Politician Lev Shlosberg [sentenced to 11 years](#) following a defiant stand in Pskov court (Mediazona, August 17th)
Alexander Skobov: [‘I am the accuser here’](#) (free-skobov.now/en/, March 2025)

Comment and analysis:

Fourteen claims that circulate, and [what the evidence shows](#) (Anti Capitalist Resistance, August 20th)
Excellent response by [Findlay Young, convenor, SNP Ukraine Solidarity Caucus](#) in The National to Stop the War (Facebook, August 20th)
Shouldn't [the left be against the military](#)? (Facebook, August 17th)
The [price is not high enough](#) (International Politics and Society, August 11th)
By hook or by crook: Russia's Attempts to [Promote the Legitimisation of the Temporarily Occupied Territories](#) (Alter Pravo, July 2026)
The [empire keeps striking back](#) (The Radical, July 6th)

Research of human rights abuses:

Legal Assessment of an [FPV Drone Attack](#) (Tribunal for Putin, August 20th)
The [search by Ukrainians for their relatives](#) in Russian captivity (Mediazona, 19 August)
Filip [Siman Case](#) (Tribunal for Putin, August 17th)
Over 16,000 [civilians detained by Russia during the war in Ukraine are still held](#), UN estimates (AP, August 11th)
Voislav [Torden Case](#) (Tribunal for Putin, August 10th)

Upcoming events

Thursday 27 August, 5.45pm. FREE THE ZAPORIZHZHIA 15 – Ukrainian trade unionists speak in London. UNISON national office, 130 Euston Road, London, NW1 2AY (ground floor). Eyewitness reports by Khrystyna Levchenko, union representative at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant and Ivanna Khrapko, Deputy Chair of the State Employees' Union of Ukraine. [Register here](#)

Saturday 29 August, 2.0-4.0pm, in London. Screening of “Akishina. Speak Not Silence” (documentary about Marina Akishina, artist and theatre director, in Russian, with English subtitles) and Q&A with the Director, Maria Sandler. At Theatreship, South Quay Plaza, London E14 9SH. Organised by the Russian Democratic Society. [Buy tickets here](#)

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