

News from Ukraine Bulletin 213 (21 September 2026)

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

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News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Disabled [69-year-old pensioner sentenced to 12 years](#) for donations for Ukraine's defence (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 18th)

Russia seeks 17-year sentence for Crimean Solidarity in [unrelenting persecution](#) of entire Crimean Tatar family (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 18th)

Russian [prosecutor demands 22-year sentence](#) for political prisoner, 77 (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 17th)

Abducted [journalist Iryna Levchenko describes torture](#) in a Russian secret prison with slain journalist Victoria Roshchyna & Olha Kapralova (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 16th)

When a house is "abandoned": how [Russia seizes Ukrainians' houses](#) (Tribunal for Putin, Sept 16th)

Humanitarian [situation in occupied Crimea](#) (Crimea Human Rights Group, 16 September)

Weekly [update on the situation](#) in occupied Crimea (Crimea Platform, September 16th)

Trapped Oleshky residents face starvation in [Russian-made humanitarian blockade](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 15th)

'The most frightening moment is when you are left on your own': [How Crimean Solidarity supported people](#) for 10 years (Zmina, September 15th)

Crimea women accused of 'treason': [families persecuted](#) (Crimea Human Rights Group, 15 Sept)

Oleksandra Strilets' [infant daughter dies in occupied Crimea](#) after Russia imprisons her mother for supposed 'treason' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 14th)

Russian fighters [execute two Ukrainian prisoners of war](#) in Donetsk oblast (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 14th)

'I just want to live here': [What children leaving occupied territories go through](#) (Zmina, August 28th)

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

Progress of the war:

Largest Ukrainian [drone attack on Moscow](#) (Meduza, 20 September)

Russian forces [pushed back at Lyman; troops massing for battles farther south](#) (Meduza, 18 Sept)

News from Ukraine:

The 2027 budget: [a colossus with feet of air](#) (ZN.ua, 18 September)

Ukraine needs [a prosecutor general chosen for merit, not loyalty](#) (Kyiv Independent, 18 September)

Practical Guide on [Labour and Social Rights for Veterans and Families](#) published (Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine, 16 September)

From defending students' rights to an 'informal chat' with the Security Service of Ukraine – [all it takes is one protest](#): What is happening to Priama Diia? (Zmina, September 14th)

War-related news from Russia:

How to [vote safely](#) (The Russian Reader, 19 September)

Mobilisation 2.0: [is it inevitable, what can it achieve?](#) (The Insider, 18 September)

What remains of 'Yabloko' (Posle.Media, 16 September)

Ukraine War Environmental Consequences Group [“undesirable” in Russia](#) (UWEC, 16 September)

Truckers caught in Ukraine's drone op [released, but charges loom](#) (Mediazona, 16 September)

Celebrated food historian [sentenced to six years for anti-war posts](#) (Mediazona, 15 September)

“Fairly disciplined workers”: [Russia's prison service is replacing penal colonies](#) with forced labor centers — and making money from it (The Insider, September 14th)

Jailed [anti-war partisan Ruslan Siddiqi faces treason charges](#) (People and Nature, September 14th)

Comment and analysis:

A Response From A Donetsk Resident And Ukrainian Leftist: [Who Speaks For Eastern Ukraine?](#) (Aontacht media, 18 September)

John-Paul Himka: [“The politics of history is a disease shared by all post-communist countries”](#) (Commons.com.ua, 18 September)

What Will We Be [When We Emerge](#) from War? (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, Sept 11th)

Research of human rights abuses:

Shocking [sexual violence](#) amid Russia's attack on Ukraine (UN Human Rights, September 18th)

Torture of [Ukrainian prisoners of war in Mordovia](#): Number of victims in Russian medic's case increases (Zmina, September 13th)

Recruitment of [foreign nationals to fight in Ukraine amounts to human trafficking](#) (Amnesty International, September 10th)

International solidarity:

Build the [International Solidarity Convoy to Ukraine](#) (International Network for Solidarity with Ukraine). A call for the convoy [downloadable here](#)

The Scottish Green Party [supports Ukraine](#) (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, 20 September)

International [Solidarity Convoy to Ukraine launches €100,000 fund](#) appeal for generators and stoves (Labour Hub, September 19th)

Bulletin for the [TUC Congress 2026](#) (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, 15 September)

Also not to be missed:

Something I Learned Today: [Drones, Diesel, and Don Jr.'s Bankroller](#) (The Russian Reader, 14 Sept)

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