

News from Ukraine Bulletin 214 (28 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:

Russia upends the law for [12-year sentence against 62-year-old](#) from occupied Luhansk oblast (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 25th)

Russian [court upholds medical torture](#) and likely death sentence against Crimean Tatar political prisoner (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 25th)

The Sixth Summit of the [International Crimea Platform](#): Key Messages (Crimea Platform, Sep 24th)

Russia sentences [four Melitopol men, one just 18 when abducted and tortured](#), to up to 28 years (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 24th)

Russian invaders [sentence Mariupol man to 25 years](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Prot'n Group, 23 Sept)

Over [1,000 sexual crimes since Russia's full-scale invasion](#), including the rape of a 4-year-old, genital beatings and torture (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 22nd)

Weekly [update on the situation](#) in occupied Crimea (Crimea Platform, September 22nd)

The EU and Ukraine's partner states have condemned [Russia's sham elections](#) in the temporarily occupied territories (Crimea Platform, September 22nd)

Massive [18-year sentence](#) in Russian copy-paste 'trial' of Ukrainian from occupied Kherson oblast (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 21st)

Progress of the war:

The Realities of [Russia's Brutal War](#) Against Ukraine and Europe (Russian Reader, September 26th)

Environmental [Consequences of War](#), July-Aug (Ukraine War Environmental Consequences work group, 26 Sept)

Oleshky under siege: [a city where people eat grass](#), hide bodies in a hospital basement and wait for an evacuation that never comes (Ukrainska Pravda, September 25th)

The consumer boom is over: [Ukrainian drone strikes on Wildberries and Ozon](#) mark the end of Russians' spending spree (The Insider, September 22nd)

Before the war and now: [shocking images of Ukrainian cities](#) (Eastern Frontier Initiative, 27 August)

News from Ukraine:

Journalist Maria Yizhvenko [killed in Russian drone strike](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, 26 Sept)

US allocates \$27 million for [return of kidnapped Ukrainian children](#) (Kyiv Independent 25 Sept)

Bail that cannot be paid is not bail. [Statement by human rights organisations](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 23rd)

Former Supreme Court deputy head [faces corruption charges](#) (Kyiv Independent, 23 Sept)

Improving Humane Conditions in Places of Detention by [Strengthening the National Preventive System in Ukraine](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 18th)

Ukraine foreign minister: [Ukraine should choose its heroes carefully](#) (Ukrainska Pravda 17 Sept)

War-related news from Russia:

Elections expert [Alexander Kynev arrested](#) (Meduza, 25 September)

Women [in Prison](#): Serving Full Time (Posle.Media, September 23rd)

Cases of [forced deployment](#) are multiplying (Mediazona, 22 September)

About 60% of [United Russia votes might be fabricated](#) (iStories, 22 September)

Four years of [‘partial mobilisation’](#) (Mediazona, 21 September)

Comment and analysis:

Will Russia go further [and start a conventional war against another country?](#) (Oksana Dutchak on facebook, 27 September)

“Resist invasion or accept occupation”: [reply to Lindsey German](#) of ‘Stop the War’ (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, September 26th)

Russia’s rigged election gives Putin [mandate for all-out war](#) (Kyiv Independent, 22 Sept)

TUC Congress votes to [reaffirm solidarity with Ukraine](#) (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, 21 September)

Who Gets [Sent to War?](#) (The Radical, September 21st)

It [doesn’t have to be this way](#) (Radical Dumping, September 21st)

Research of human rights abuses:

Report: [human rights](#) in Ukraine (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, September 26th)

ECtHR held a hearing on [Russia’s abduction of ten Ukrainian children](#) from occupied Crimea: ZMINA and other NGOs joined as third parties (Zmina, September 23rd)

Access to justice behind bars: [Ukraine’s experience](#) presented (Zmina, September 22nd)

Human rights defenders discuss cognitive [occupation of Ukrainian territories](#) in the framework of Crimea Days in Czechia (Zmina, September 22nd)

UN Commission points to [human impact of Russia’s targeting of energy infrastructure, militarisation of education, and recruitment of foreign nationals](#) (UN Human Rights, September 21st)

Also not to be missed:

From Russia with ‘Russophobia’: [propagandists pose as ‘angry Latvians’](#) (The Insider, 26 September)

The EU [lifted sanctions on two billionaires](#), extended sanctions on others (Meduza, 25 September)

Empty streets and ‘dragon’s teeth’: [Lithuania-Russia border](#) (Eastern Frontier Initiative, 20 Sept)

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