

News from Ukraine Bulletin 217 (19 October 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's secret [detention system for Ukrainian civilians](#) (Kyiv Independent, 18 October)

Meeting with young people [returned from occupied Crimea](#) (Crimea Platform, October 17th)

Four Ukrainians [sentenced over attacks on Melitopol collaborators](#) (Media Zona, 16 October)

Young Crimean couple [sentenced to 25 and 17 years](#) for act of resistance to Russia's war of aggression (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 16th)

The Faces of Resistance: [Political Prisoner Fevziye Osmanova](#) (Crimea Platform, October 16th)

Abducted [Kherson oblast teacher forced to 'repent'](#) before trial on 'terrorism' charges for supporting Ukraine's defenders (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 15th)

71-year-old [Anna Sotsenko, abducted in occupied](#) Crimea with her daughter, has been on hunger strike for 43 days (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 14th)

Weekly [situation in temporarily occupied Crimea](#) (Crimea Platform, October 14th)

Russia systematically [seizes property](#) in occupied territories (Zmina, October 12th)

Russia's ['trial' begins of Crimean Tatar mother of five and three young women](#) for 'trying to violently seize power' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 12th)

64-year-old Liubov Plakhina [sentenced to 17 years](#) for resistance to Russian occupation (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 12th)

Monthly news bulletin: [Life Under Occupation](#) (Alter Pravo, September)

Progress of the war:

Ukraine drone attack hits [St Petersburg oil and data facilities](#) (Kyiv Independent, 18 October)

Russian [drones hit western Ukraine](#) (Kyiv Independent, 18 October)

Russia has [attacked Ukraine's energy sector 76 times](#) since Trump announced truce, Zelenskyy says (Ukrainska Pravda, October 18th)

Russians [executed Ukrainian soldiers](#) in Zaporizhzhia Oblast (Ukrainska Pravda, October 17th)

Dodging drones on [Europe's highway to hell](#) (Centre for European Policy Analysis, 16 October)

Without food, water, or a way out: [Russia responsible for situation in Oleshky](#) (Tribunal for Putin, October 16th)

Russian attacks [killed 328 civilian](#) Ukrainians during September: Kyiv, Kherson and Sumy suffered the most – UN (Ukrainska Pravda, October 16th)

Peklo to Palyanytsia: Ukraine's [expanded arsenal](#) is changing the war (The Insider, October 15th)

China's drone modem pipeline: [How mesh technology helps Russian](#) UAVs penetrate deep into Ukraine (The Insider, October 14th)

Data centre bombings: [Russia has backed itself into a corner](#) (iStories, 12 October)

News from Ukraine:

Appeal for solidarity: [far-right thugs attack Ukrainian socialist](#) (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, 18 October). More on [this video from Social Movement Ukraine](#)

Ukraine's plan to [tighten military exemptions](#) draws lawmakers' fire (Kyiv Independent, 16 October)

Kyiv's Dark Lord: 10 locations, one company and [zero completed power plants](#) (Zn.Ua, 16 October)

Russian soldier [accused of killing five Ukrainian servicemen](#) and civilian remanded in custody (Ukrainska Pravda, October 16th)

'People, not generals, win wars': [Independent student organising in Ukraine](#) (Links, October 12th)

War-related news from Russia:

Striking where it hurts: [Ukrainian drones are having a tangible effect](#) on the Russian economy (The Insider, October 14th)

Political life brings [voter interest – and election observers](#) (Posle.Media, 14 October)

Russian [murderer honoured](#) (Facebook, October 13th)

Ukrainian [Boxer Imprisoned in Russia](#) Needs Medical Care (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 12th)

Comment and analysis:

Garry Kasparov: [Russia wants to intimidate Europe into surrendering Ukraine](#) (The Eastern Frontier Initiative, 18 October)

Is Ukraine in [danger of a nuclear accident](#) if sub-stations fail? (Zn.Ua, 17 October)

What if the Ukrainian army is [cut off by Starlink entirely?](#) (Meduza, 16 October)

Russia's bloody shift [from subimperialism to new old imperialism](#) (People and Nature, October 15th)

Trump's [diesel deal reveals Putin's weakness](#) (Kyiv Independent, 14 October)

Kyiv Independent: [Trump is helping Putin win the war](#) (The Russian Reader, 14 October)

The Trump–Putin Diesel Deal: A [Betrayal Of Ukraine](#) (Labour Hub, October 12th)

Russian Strikes At Civilians: [Do Ukraine & Europe Understand What To Do?](#) (Ukraine Solidarity EU, October 12th)

What Lies Behind [Russian Strikes](#) on Digital Infrastructure (Tribunal for Putin, October 12th)

Europe is not [losing the sanctions fight](#): It is undermining them itself (International Politics and Society, October 1st)

Research of human rights abuses

Human Dimension Conference told of [Russian persecution of civilians](#) (Zmina, October 15th)

An [exhibition on Russian occupation of Crimea](#) opened in Germany (Crimea Platform, October 14th)

From [supporting political prisoners to reintegrating people from occupied territories](#): ZMINA at Donbas Media Forum 2026 (Zmina, October 13th)

The [scale of Russian terror](#). A report detailing over 8,200 unlawful detentions of Ukrainian civilians was presented in Strasbourg and Brussels (Tribunal for Putin, October 12th)

"Crimea Global" conference explored [Kyiv's cultural heritage and the aftermath of Russian attacks](#) (Crimea Platform, October 17th)

Life after Amputation: [Interview with Sociologist Ioulia Shukan](#) (Documenting Ukraine, October 5th)

International solidarity:

Ukraine [solidarity campaigning and convoy: a model trade union motion](#) (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, 16 October)

ZMINA calls on international partners to [help protect journalists](#) and volunteers from drone attacks (Zmina, October 13th)

Upcoming event:

Thursday 5 November, 6.0pm, on zoom: Reclaiming Crimean Tatar subjectivity under occupation, organised by UCU Members for Ukraine & Ukraine Solidarity Campaign. [Details here.](#)

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