

News from Ukraine Bulletin 218 (26 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:

Russian [court passes 18-year death sentence](#) against 77-year-old Ukrainian political prisoner Volodymyr Ananiev (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 23rd)

Gravely ill political prisoner Lenur Khalilov [ordered to die in pain](#) in a Russian prison (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 23rd)

10-year-old [girl whose mother died abducted](#) from Kostiantynivka and handed over to "uncle" in Russia (Ukrainska Pravda, October 23rd)

"Building Connections, Fostering Trust and Finding Solutions": Key Takeaways from the [Fourth International Crimea Global Conference](#) (Crimea Platform, October 23rd)

The face of resistance: The story of political [prisoner Ekrem Krosh](#) (Crimea Platform, October 23rd)

77-year-old Volodymyr Ananiev gets [18-year "death sentence"](#) (Mediazona, 23 October)

15-19-year sentences in [Russia's savage reprisal](#) for Crimean Solidarity human rights activism (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 22nd)

Russian FSB [abduct Ukrainian on 'spying' charges](#) when sentence for social media comment proved too short (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 21st)

Crimea Global conference showcased exhibitions on the consequences of Russian [aggression, unlawful detention and resistance](#) in Crimea (Crimea Platform, October 21st)

Weekly update on the [situation in occupied Crimea](#) (Crimea Platform, October 21st)

Young Melitopol man [sentenced to 14 years for donating 10 euros](#) to Ukraine's Armed Forces (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 20th)

Four Ukrainians sentenced to 25 years or life for partisan resistance after Russian ["torture so bad you'd confess to anything"](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 19th)

Russia is putting [Crimean Anatoliy Kobzar's life in danger](#) over two years after his brazen abduction (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 19th)

Progress of the war:

Starlink speed [restrictions still in force](#) (Meduza, 23 October)

Marxist fighters [in the Ukrainian resistance](#) (International Workers League-FI, October 18th)

Civilian [casualties remain at record levels](#) (Facebook, October 17th)

News from Ukraine:

Kyiv's power ring under attack: why the [capital faces a winter of blackouts](#) (Ukrainska Pravda, October 24th)

270 Ukrainians [Freed from Russian Captivity](#), Nearly a Third Convicted in Russia (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 23rd)

Pen pushers [help keep Ukraine's lights on](#) (Centre for European Policy Analysis, 21 October)

What does resilience look like in the country's [education system](#)? (Cedos, October 19th)

War-related news from Russia:

Network Case Defendant Vasily Kuksov [Released from Prison](#) (Russian Reader, October 24th)

Russian paper [paints Ukraine as aggressor, Europe as victim](#) (The Russian Reader, 23 October)

Putin's "Doppelgängers": The Insider gets inside the operations of the [Kremlin's foreign disinformation network](#) (The Insider, October 21st)

Butter melted down to guns: Russia again [cuts social spend to pay for](#) war (The Insider, 21 October)

Russia [turns on its scientists](#) (Mediazona, 20 October)

Russia jails [severely ill Ukrainian pensioner](#) (Mediazona, 19 October)

Comment and analysis:

Oil-covered seas: [can war damage to ecosystems be reduced](#) (Ukraine War Environmental Consequences Work Group, 23 October)

An unofficial peace bid, and [how it fell apart](#) (Meduza, 23 October)

Putin Is [No Humanitarian](#) (Anti-capitalist musings, October 22nd)

Condemn [assault on Ukrainian scholar](#) Vladyslav Starodubtsev (Change.org, October 21st)

Countering the Predator: How to [Stop Russia Recruiting Foreigners](#) (Crimea Platform, October 19th)

Research of human rights abuses

The Lawyers Who [Record a War](#): The Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group (Tribunal for Putin, October 23rd)

Ensuring [history does not disappear](#): what data are needed for documenting the criminal (Tribunal for Putin, October 23rd)

Prisoners' rights in Ukraine: [Chronic problems](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, 24 October)

Constitutional human [rights and the Russian-Ukrainian war](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 24th)

ZMINA joined discussion on [supporting people affected by war](#) at Tochka Skhodu forum in Kyiv (Zmina, October 22nd)

Shadow Report 2026: [ZMINA took part in presenting an independent assessment](#) of Ukraine's progress on human rights on its path to EU accession (Zmina, October 21st)

Security, democracy, [Russian recruitment, the pursuit of justice and AI](#): What was discussed at Crimea Global 2026 (Zmina, October 20th)

International solidarity:

'With the [International Solidarity Convoy to Ukraine](#), we are rebuilding internationalism' (Links, October 22nd)

Major winter fundraiser: [for autonomous power, heaters and gear](#) (Solidarity Collectives, October)

Also not to be missed:

Mali: Army, Russia's 'Africa Corps' [Commit New Abuses](#) (Human Rights Watch, October 22nd)

Kremlin payment firm A7 has been [pumping billions in 'untraceable' cash](#) into global financial system (International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, October 21st)

The [Traitor](#) (The Russian Reader, 20 October)

Upcoming events:

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

Friday 13 November, 6.0pm, on zoom: The US midterms, Ukraine and the fight against fascism. Speakers: Tanya Vyhovsky, Vermont State Senator (Progressive / Democratic), Dylan Burns, journalist, streamer and founder of Track Ukraine. [Details here.](#)

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