News from Ukraine Bulletin 220 (November 8th, 2026)

A Digest of News from Ukrainian Sources

In this week's bulletin: More evidence of Russian torture; Russia's withdraws from the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture; Statement on the persecution of Ukrainian journalists; French trade union solidarity with Ukraine.

News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Russia causes the death of Kharkiv teacher illegally held in solitary confinement in Crimea (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 6th)

54-year-old Serhiy Diachuk has multiple rib fractures after two years in secret Russian FSB captivity (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 6th)

The Face of Resistance: The Story of Political Prisoner Eldar Yakubov (Crimea Platform, November 6th)

Called up for Russian army service and forced to sing Russian national anthem: 13 children and teenagers rescued from occupation (Ukrainska Pravda, November 6th)

Weekly update on the situation in occupied Crimea (Crimea Platform, November 3rd)

Crimean Tatar mother of three sentenced to 12.5 years for a donation to Ukraine's Armed Forces (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 2nd)

News from Ukraine:

Kyiv faces extremely difficult situation with electricity, heating and water (Ukrainska Pravda, November 7th)

Suspects in high-profile case discussed acid attack on Ukraine's top investigative journalist (Kyiv Independent, November 6th)

How Ukraine's security service sought access to the Anti-Corruption Court's restricted database (Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, November 6th)

Khinprom drug cartel planned to bribe former minister Klymenko through his associates – Ukraine's anti-corruption bureau (Ukrainska Pravda, November 6th)

Ukraine's anti-corruption court orders probe into prominent Zelensky ally (Kyiv Independent, November 5th)

Here's what we know three days after the clash at a temporary base for the National Guard's Azov Corps outside Kyiv (Meduza, November 5th)

Forty people confirmed killed in Russian aerial bomb attack on school in Komyshuvakha – photos, video (Ukrainska Pravda, November 4th)

Crowd gathers outside house near Kyiv where mobilized troops and AWOL soldiers were being held. Clashes erupt, shots are fired, and Zelensky's chief of staff intervenes (Meduza, November 3rd)

Russia bombs humanitarian aid distribution site in Southern Ukraine, killing 31. More than 40 people remain missing (Meduza, November 3rd)

War-related news from Russia:

Russian regions have slashed payments to families of soldiers killed in Ukraine by up to 20 times (Ukrainska Pravda, November 6th)

A foreigner is arrested in Moscow on charges of mercenarism. His namesake served in the Armed Forces of Ukraine (Mediazona, November 6th)

At least 350 Russian conscripts have been killed in the war with Ukraine. Here is the list of their names (Mediazona, November 6th)

Russian losses in the war with Ukraine. Mediazona count, updated (Mediazona, November 6th)

Investigation finds Russia's billboards featuring troops fighting in Ukraine include men with criminal convictions and soldiers accused of war crimes (Meduza, November 6th)

Russia's economy is suffering under the weight of war and sanctions. So why is the ruble still one of the world's strongest currencies? (Meduza, November 6th)

Comment and analysis:

Stephen Kinzer's Boiling Point: How America Brought War to Ukraine – a critical review (Anti-capitalist Musings, November 6th)

Europe's sanctions on Russia: Riddled with loopholes (Centre for European Policy Analysis, November 6th)

Could Ukraine have made a deal with Russia in 2022? Former foreign minister Dmytro Kuleba on negotiations (Ukrainska Pravda, November 2nd)

Oil on the water: How Russia avoided accountability for the Black Sea tanker disaster caused by its sanctions evasion efforts (The Insider, November 2nd)

Research of human rights abuses

Russia abducts husband of Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant employee whom it sentenced to 14.5 years on insane charges (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 5th)

Valentyn Vyhivsky endured torture, years in solitary confinement and is still captive in Russia after his sentence (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 4th)

Ukrainian POW 'dies' in Russian prison as Moscow abandons vital convention against torture (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 3rd)

Crimean held incommunicado and beaten for 6 months, then sentenced to 15 years in an afternoon (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 2nd)

Statement on the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (Zmina, November 2nd)

International solidarity:

Eight French trade union federations speak out in solidarity with Ukraine (USC, November 7th)

Marseille Appeal: Defeat Russian Imperialism, by the Antifascist Platform against Russian Imperialism (Left Renewal, November 4th)

KVPU appeals to the international trade union community over Russia's escalating aggression against Ukraine (KVPU, November 4th)

Also not to be missed:

100 years ago Kyiv's young writers sought artistic freedom. Stalin's purges cut their experiment short. (Kyiv Independent, November 7th)

Trump's new Ukraine proposal could push Putin to escalate the war (ZN,UA, November 7th)

Trump's diesel deal with Russia falls apart as tankers change course (ZN,UA, November 5th)

To end war on Ukraine, Washington must revoke its Russian diesel licence and block Novatek's Alaska gas plans (Razom We Stand, November 5th)

Opinion: Putin's diesel won't fix Alaska's fuel bill, but it will pay for attacks on Ukraine (Razom We Stand, November 2nd)

Upcoming events:

TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER, 6.30pm Life Under Russian Occupation: Stories from Ukraine. Meeting with Anhelina Zinovieva (Donetsk), Sofia Naumenko (Mariupol), Daniil Shapovalo (Luhansk). Queen Mary, University of London. Hosted by Ukrainian Society and the Centre for Eurasian, Russian, and East European Studies (CEREES)

WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER, 7.00pm. Public meeting: Stand with the people of Ukraine. Meeting with Oleksandr Kyselov (Sotsialnyi Rukh Ukraine). Somers Town Community Hall, 150 Ossulston St, NW1 1EE. Hosted by Anti-Capitalist Resistance

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER, 6.00pm. Meeting: The US midterms, Ukraine and the fight against fascism. with Tanya Vyhovsky, Vermont State Senator (Progressive / Democratic), and Dylan Burns, journalist, streamer and founder of Track Ukraine. Hosted by Ukraine Solidarity Campaign. Register here

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