News from Ukraine Bulletin 219 (2 November 2026)

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

In this week's bulletin: *UN on Russia's crimes against humanity/ Novaya Gazeta, Russia's independent newspaper evicted/ Kherson mayor's story/ Russia press gangs/ Ukraine anti-corruption strategy keeps disappearing/ Comments on Oleshky ceasefire*

News from the territories occupied by Russia:

"In Taganrog, at least six people were killed in front of me" (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 30th)

Russia killed Nonna Halka's sister, now it is jeopardising her life because her son is defending Ukraine (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 30th)

The Face of Resistance: Political Prisoner Yashar Muiedinov (Crimea Platform, October 30th)

Gravely ill Crimean Solidarity political prisoner Tofik Abdulgaziev finally freed! (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 29th)

Massive sentences against Berdiansk mother and son in latest Russian 'thwarted Ukrainian saboteur trial' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 27th)

Weekly update on the situation in occupied Crimea (Crimea Platform, October 27th)

Kherson Mayor Ihor Kolykhayev led the occupied city for 4 months, was eventually abducted and has been in captivity for 5 years (Babel, October 26th)

Italian Human Rights Advocates Call for Release of Crimean Political Prisoner Amet Suleimanov Amid Threat to His Life (Crimea Platform, October 26th)

Abducted Melitopol men tell Russian court of four years ongoing torture and of prisoners executed in Russia's secret prison (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 26th)

FSB stages fake 'arrest' of 63-year-old Crimean after abducting her almost two years ago (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 26th)

Progress of the war:

Russia fuel shortages ease as Ukraine faces Trump pressure to halt refinery strikes (Kyiv Independent, 30 October)

Humanitarian convoy prepares to enter Oleshky (Kyiv Independent, 30 October)

Everyone's afraid, but they're pressing on: how the local ceasefire in Oleshky became a test for a broader deal (Ukrainska Pravda, October 29th)

Putin calls Musk 'genius' as Ukraine recovers from Starshield throttling (Kyiv Ind'pdnt, 28 October)

Ukraine's west under attack: how Belarus helps Russia's war. (Ukrainska Pravda, 21 October)

News from Ukraine:

Ukraine's fugitive ex-prosecutor general alleges conspiracy (Kyiv Independent, 30 October)

Why Ukraine's anti-corruption strategy keeps disappearing from parliament's voting schedule. (Ukrainska Pravda, 27 October)

Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in Ukrainian Schools (Cedos, October 27th)

War-related news from Russia:

Russia: the revolt of the letter-writers (Centre for European Policy Analysis, 30 October)

Russia: Roundups to force men into the war are surging again (Meduza, 30 October)

Novaya Gazeta evicted: a statement from the editorial team. Plus "taking down our fallen friends" (Mediazona, 29 October)

Can independent newspaper Novaya Gazeta arise from the ashes again? (Meduza, 30 October)

The regime's optics: Despite sanctions, Russia is advancing quantum and laser technologies for military use (The Insider, October 28th)

Lima-Donbas express. Russia recruits Peruvian nationals for war (iStories, 28 October)

Yan Shenkman: The Meaning of the Network Case, Nine Years On (The Russian Reader, October 27th)

Russia in a whirlpool of repressions: regime consumes itself (zn.ua, 24 October)

Comment and analysis:

Supporters of the theory that Russia is waging a "defensive war against NATO expansion" never want to face the facts (Andreu Movtxan, Facebook, October 30th)

Why did Russia agree to the Oleshky ceasefire? (Kyiv Independent, 29 October)

Research of human rights abuses

Human Rights in Ukraine 2025 and the First Half of 2026: Challenges in Holding Suspects Accountable for International Crimes (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, October 26th)

Russian authorities committed crimes against humanity through attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure and trafficked foreign nationals to fight with their armed forces in Ukraine, says UN Commission of Inquiry (UN Human Rights, October 26th)

Report of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine to the UN General Assembly (UN Human Rights, October 26th)

International solidarity:

Denys Matsola: fifth birthday in captivity (Solidarity Collectives, 1 November)

Freedom for Denys Matsola! Protest in your city on November 1! (Ukraine Solidarity EU, October 29)

Repression in Sweden against anarchist who fought for Ukraine (Solidarity Collectives, 30 October)

Statement of Solidarity with Vladyslav Starodubtsev (Ruta, October 25th)

Trade union aid to Kriviy Rih college (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, 27 October)

Also not to be missed:

Report from Lithuania: drone threat to Europe real & serious (Eastern Frontier Initiative, 30 October)

Investigation: Rising hate against Ukrainians in Central Europe (Kyiv Independent, 30 October)

Upcoming events:

WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER, 6.0pm. On-line Meeting: Hear the Voices of Ukraine Live from the Frontline Regions. Michael Kearney, NEU National Executive Member, reports directly from teachers and children living and learning in Ukraine's frontline regions. Meeting hosted by the National Education Union. Register here

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER, 6.0pm. On-line Meeting: Crimean Tatars in times of occupation and war. A discussion of Crimea's indigenous Crimean Tatar people, their history, and their present under Russian occupation. Hosted by UCU members for Ukraine and USC. Register here

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER, 10.0am. Meeting: Voices against Putin's war. Anti-war protesters speeches in Russian courts. SOAS, Room B305, London, during the conference of Historical Materialism 2026. With Aleksandra Zapolskaia (Posle media editorial collective), Oleksandr Kyselov (Sotsialnyi Rukh Ukraine) and Simon Pirani (editor, Voices against Putin's war). Meeting hosted by Resistance Books

WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER, 7.0pm. 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, 6.0pm. 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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