News from Ukraine Bulletin 221 (16 November 2026)

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

In this week's bulletin: *Ukraine support for Palestine/ Imperialist states are predatory/ Junking Starlink is not easy/ Evidence of Russian torture/ Russia steals archaeological heritage/ Life in besieged Oleshky/ Russian attacks on railways/ Sanctions-busting computer chips*

News from the territories occupied by Russia:

The occupiers sentenced Khatidzhe Buiukhchan to 17 years' imprisonment (Crimea Human Rights Group, 14 November)

Raped, tortured and sentenced to 14 years for alleged part in attack on Russian collaborator (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 13th)

Faces of Resistance: Political Prisoner Osman Abdurazakov (Crimea Platform, November 13th)

A Lifetime Devoted to Crimea: Mustafa Dzhemilev Turns 83 (Crimea Platform, November 13)

Journalist Asan Akhmetov in poor health in prison (Crimea Human Rights Group, 12 November)

Oleh Prykhodko sentenced to die in prison for insisting that Crimea is Ukraine and opposing Russia's occupation (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 12th)

Russia passes massive sentences for supporting Ukraine years after abducting Kherson oblast couple (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 10th)

How Russia Steals Archaeological Heritage in Occupied Territories (Tribunal for Putin, November 10)

Weekly update on the situation in occupied Crimea (Crimea Platform, November 10th)

30 years captivity for Russia's 'Ukrainian saboteur' (Kharkiv Human Rights Prt'n Group, Nov 9th)

Progress of the war and peace talks:

US floats NATO membership for Ukraine in exchange for Donbass withdrawal, Zelensky says (Kyiv Independent, 14 Nov)

Ukraine hits key Russian oil hub (Kyiv Independent, 14 November)

Zelensky accuses SpaceX of treating occupied territory as 'not ours' (Kyiv Independent, 14 Nov)

45 days in hell: Ukraine's underground war with Putin (Telegraph, November 12th)

"We cooked over open fires but were afraid to go outside": Evacuated residents of Oleshky describe life under siege (The Insider, November 11)

Ukraine captures Indonesian PoW as Russia foreign recruitment rises (Kyiv Independent, 11 Nov)

An atmosphere of pervasive danger (Tribunal for Putin, November 9th)

The fifth winter's vicious circle: why Ukraine is losing energy battle with Russia (zn.ua, 9 November)

Ukraine identifies Russian bombers responsible for horrific carnage at Komyshuvakha school (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 9th)

News from Ukraine:

Crime and the FSB have Ukraine's leaders on the hook – what next? (zn.ua. 13 Nov)

Underground: Ukraine Kids Study Without Sunlight (Centre for Europ'n Policy Analysis, 12 Nov)

Russian Drone Attacks Endanger Rail Travel (Human Rights Watch, November 10th)

Carthage must be destroyed – corruption in Ukraine (Ukrainska Pravda, 9 Nov)

ROLE: Rule of Law, not Rule by Law (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 9th)

Ukraine anti-corruption court orders probe into Zelensky ally (Kyiv Independent, Nov 5)

War-related news from Russia:

Politician Lev Shlosberg, sentenced to 11 years, on good and evil (Mediazona, 12 November)

Charges upgraded against human rights defenders (Mediazona, 10 November)

Prison diary of businessman accused of 'treason' (Mediazona, 9 November)

"Putin, help us!": Chinese workers building Russia's wartime economy (Translator, November 6)

Comment and analysis:

Tethered to Starlink: why it's not easy for Ukraine to drop it (The Insider, 14 November)

Ukraine reaffirms support for Palestinian sovereignty (Facebook, November 14th)

European Parliament Adopts Resolution on Ukrainian Children Deported to Russia and Those Remaining under Russian Occupation (Crimea Platform, November 13th)

"It Is Indeed the Very Essence of Imperialist States to Be Predatory" (Posle, November 11th)

Russia's Oleshky deception shows that US-brokered 'peace' would serve as time to prepare for further aggression (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, November 11th)

Oleshky: Kremlin's Potemkin Plan Failed, will its Trojan Horse succeed? (Byline Times, Nov 10th)

The only event touching on the Russo-Ukrainian war at this year's Historical Materialism conference (Facebook, November 9th)

The weaponization of Ukrainian scandal (Radical Dumpling, November 4th)

Also not to be missed:

COP31 in Turkey to Discuss the Impact of Russian Aggression on the Black Sea Environment (Crimea Platform, November 12th)

Revealed: Lembit Öpik and the 500 other westerners – including an ex-Tory MP – who helped Putin's propaganda war on Ukraine (The Nerve, November 10th)

The Parts Keep Coming (Anti-capitalist musings, November 10th)

Putin's daughters and regime insiders publish in western journals despite sanctions (zn.ua, 5 Nov)

Upcoming events:

"Remembering the Holodomor" - an evening of reflection on the 1932–33 famine. It will include speeches from descendants of survivors and a screening of the film "Famine-33". Wednesday 18th November 2026, 18:30–20:30. Room 347, SSEES (UCL) Free tickets here.

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