

News from Ukraine Bulletin 81 (January 21st 2024)

A Digest of News from Ukrainian Sources

In this week's bulletin: More evidence of [Russia's denial](#) of medical treatment to prisoners; **plus** attacks on [freedom](#) of religion; **plus** [Russia's manipulation](#) of food supplies to gain political support; **plus** [how Russia](#) uses torture across all occupied territories and its use of [chemical](#) weapons.

News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Moscow revives [Stalin's SMERSH](#) to hunt down resistance in occupied Ukraine (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group January 19th)

Russia [bans greeting](#) 'Glory to Ukraine', labelling it 'Nazi' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group January 19th)

Crimean [political prisoner](#) Bohdan Ziza: 'My anti-war action was a cry from the heart' (People and Nature, January 17th)

Russia raids [Jehovah's Witnesses](#) in occupied Mariupol, claiming they 'finance Ukraine's Armed Forces' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group January 16th)

Ukrainian veteran [sentenced to six years](#) in Russia for 'a crime of a theoretical nature' - defending Ukraine in 2016 (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group January 16th)

Russia's ruling party makes [food aid dependent](#) on 'support for Putin' in occupied Ukraine (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group January 15th)

News from Ukraine – general:

Any [pressure on journalists](#) is unacceptable, says Zelensky (IMI, January 18th)

'Ukraine is not Russia': [Judge expresses opposing](#) view over pensioner's prison sentence for a 'like' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group January 18th)

IMI CEO [demands that the authorities](#) address the systematic pressure on journalists (IMI, January 16th)

Ukraine [passes life sentence](#) on Russian soldier videoed killing Ukrainian civilians near Bucha (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group January 15th)

Russians actively conduct airstrikes in southeast for three days in row, [using chemical](#) weapons (Ukrainska Pravda January 15th)

Analysis and comment:

Why hasn't the West [seized](#) Russia's frozen sovereign assets? (Meduza, January 21st)

Our union protects [Workers](#) under martial law (USC, January 21st)

New Threat to [Workers Rights](#) in Ukraine (USC, January 21st)

At a [crossroads](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group January 18th)

Anonymous Ukrainian [telegram channels reported on mobilisation](#) in a manipulative way – IMI study (IMI, January 18th)

The Darkest Hour is before the Dawn? [Assembly's View](#) on another year of trench warfare in 2024 (Libcom, December 27th)

History of human rights activities in Ukraine:

Can [History repeat](#) itself? (Tribunal for Putin January 19th)

A Kharkiv [Human Rights Protection Group](#) successful action in 1991 (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group January 16th)

Research of human rights abuses:

Crimean Solidarity civic journalist [Rustem Sheikhaliev](#) denied urgently needed medical care in rat-infested Russian prison (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group January 17th)

Russian methods of [persecuting and torturing](#) Ukrainians are the same in all occupied territories — human rights defenders (Zmina January 17th)

Torture in the [occupied territories](#): global consequences of terror (Zmina December 22nd)

War-related news from Russia:

Wives of Russian draftees [gather](#) at Putin's campaign headquarters, calling for mobilized soldiers to return home (Meduza, January 20th)

Seven [contract soldiers](#) in Russia's Far East sent to prison for refusing to fight in Ukraine (Meduza, January 20th)

Russian activist sentenced [to three years in](#) prison for online posts, fears won't survive term due to illness (Meduza, January 18th)

Beglov: Russia [fighting in Ukraine](#) to eliminate gender-neutral toilets (The Russian Reader, January 15th)

NUMB3RS ([Wages](#) of War) (The Russian Reader, January 14th)

Upcoming solidarity actions in the UK:

Saturday 24 February, 12noon. Two years resisting Russia's invasion. Assemble Marble Arch and march to Trafalgar Square. Called by Support Ukraine / London Euromaidan, supported by Ukraine Solidarity Campaign.

Thursday 7 March - Evening - Fundraiser Showing of 20 Days in Mariupol - for medical aid appeal for at Novovlynysnk Central Hospital at The Garden Cinema, London.

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