

## News from Ukraine Bulletin 85 (19 February 2024)

*A Digest of News from Ukrainian sources*

**In this week's bulletin:** [Two Armies in One: the Russians in Ukraine](#); **plus** more [evidence](#) of [Russian](#) torture, violations of [children's rights](#) and attacks on [religious freedom](#); **plus** ['normalisation' of war & social tension](#) in Ukraine

### News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Ukrainian priest [abducted and tortured](#) to death in Russian-occupied Kherson oblast (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, February 16<sup>th</sup>)

Insane sentence and [18 months of agonizing silence](#) after Russia abducts two friends for opposing its war against Ukraine (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, February 16<sup>th</sup>)

Nothing is [sacred](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, February 16<sup>th</sup>)

10 years of resistance: an event about a [decade of human rights violations](#) in the occupied Crimea takes place in Brussels (Zmina, February 16<sup>th</sup>)

Crimean lawyer [Emil Kurbedinov detained again](#) (Crimea SOS, 15 February)

Russian [crimes in the newly occupied territories](#) (Crimea SOS, 14 February)

Ukrainian [journalist abducted](#), tortured and sentenced to 13 years for writing about Russia's invasion of Ukraine (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, February 14<sup>th</sup>)

80-year-old [wheelchair-bound Ukrainian rescued](#) after being left without a pension for refusing to take Russian citizenship (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, February 13<sup>th</sup>)

Letters to Free Crimea: an initiative to [support political prisoners](#) will be launched in Ukraine and abroad (Zmina, February 13<sup>th</sup>)

Russia outlaws major [Crimean Tatar human rights group](#) which exposes its repression and calls for liberation of Crimea (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, February 13<sup>th</sup>)

71-year-old Ukrainian [seized on fake 'spying' charges dies](#) in Russian captivity (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, February 12<sup>th</sup>)

### News from Ukraine – general:

Viktorii Pihul (Social Movement, Ukraine): 'The [normalisation of full-scale war](#) has seen the return of political confrontation' (Links, February 15<sup>th</sup>)

"Tensions are building... due to the [neoliberal policies](#) imposed by the government" (International Viewpoint, February 13<sup>th</sup>)

Whole family with three children [among those burned to death](#) in Russian drone attack on Kharkiv (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, February 12<sup>th</sup>)

### War-related news from Russia:

Sergei Karmazin [threatened with life sentence for rail sabotage](#) (Solidarity Zone, 16 February)

Russian reservists' families: "[Criminals know their service terms. We don't](#)" (Posle Media, 14 February)

Ukraine's [missing children](#) tracked down in Russia by digital sleuths (BBC, February 9<sup>th</sup>) [/pto](#)

### **Analysis and comment:**

Two Armies in One: James Meek on [Russians in Ukraine](#) (London Review of Books, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>)

“Selectivity in international criminal law has always been a major problem”: [interview](#) with Patryk Labuda (Commons.com, February 16<sup>th</sup>)

Slovak prime minister’s [statements about Ukraine unpacked](#) (Meduza, 14 February)

Obituary: [Dmitry Petrov – the path of an anarchist](#) (Commons.com.ua, 13 February)

Why Putin invaded: a [socialist analysis](#) (Labour Hub, February 12<sup>th</sup>)

The [environmental health](#) impacts of Russia’s war (National Library of Medicine, January 5<sup>th</sup>)

### **Research of human rights abuses:**

Starlight Media & Opora [launch information campaign](#) on Russian war crimes (Opora, Feb 16)

‘It’s a kilometre to [run through unexploded shells](#) to get to the well. . . ’ (Tribunal for Putin, February 16<sup>th</sup>)

Major report on [Russia’s devastation](#) of Mariupol demands that Putin and military leaders are held to answer (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, February 15<sup>th</sup>)

Team trained on [investigating war](#) crimes (Centre for Civil Liberties, February 13<sup>th</sup>)

‘I am running away from the war, but it’s catching up with me,’ — a [resident](#) of Kramatorsk (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, February 13<sup>th</sup>)

The first [trial in the USA](#) about war-crimes in Ukraine (Tribunal for Putin, February 12<sup>th</sup>)

The UN [Committee on the Rights of the Child condemned violations](#) of the rights of Ukrainian children by the Russian Federation (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, February 12<sup>th</sup>)

Memories of Halyna Haiova, a [torture survivor of](#) the infamous Izolyatsia prison (Zmina, February 5<sup>th</sup>)

### **International solidarity:**

Wales labour movement delivers [vehicles and supplies to Ukraine](#) (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, 17 February)

#MakeRussiaPay. A [petition on confiscation of Russian assets](#) in favor of Ukraine (Centre for Civil Liberties, February 15<sup>th</sup>)

Be like Nina! - [campaign](#) (Ukraine Solidarity, February 2024)

### **Upcoming solidarity actions in the UK:**

**Saturday 24 February** TWO YEARS OF RESISTANCE Solidarity with Ukraine - End the occupation - Russian troops out

EDINBURGH: 13:00, Protest at Russian Consulate, 58 Melville Street, EH3 7HF - [Details here](#)

LONDON: 13:30, Demonstration from Marble Arch to Trafalgar Square

NOTTINGHAM: 14:00, Demonstration from Speakers' Corner / Clough statue. - [Details here](#)

**Saturday 24 February**, 4.0pm UK time. An on-line [“assembly against the war and its logic”](#).

Organised by Permanent Assembly Against the War.

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**Thursday 29 February, 8.0pm** – Meeting on zoom. “The Russian Invasion and the Ukrainian Left”  
Chair: John McDonnell MP. Speakers: Anastasia Ryabchuk and Denys Pilash (editors at Commons),  
Fred Leplat (Resistance Books). [Zoom link here](#)

**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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