

News from Ukraine Bulletin 89 (18 March 2024)

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

In this week's bulletin: Russia [pressurises](#) Ukrainians to vote for Putin [at gunpoint](#); **plus** more [evidence](#) of [Russian torture](#), [killing](#) of civilians and forced [migration](#)

News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Russia [registers double the possible number of 'voters'](#) for Putin' in occupied Ukraine, while intensifying pressure at gunpoint (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 15th)

On March 15, 2014, the body of [murdered Reshat Ametov](#) was found (Crimea Platform, 15 March)

FSB violently detain [renowned activist](#) and Crimean Tatar National Assembly delegate (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 14th)

Russia's supreme court rejects proof of innocence in favour of [tortured-out 'confession'](#) from Ukrainian human rights defender and POW (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 14th)

Russia uses Siberia for [maximum vengeance against](#) imprisoned Crimean Tatar journalist Remzi Bekirov and his family (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 13th)

'It was [impossible to endure here](#),' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 13th)

Russians with [machine guns ensure](#) occupied Ukraine 'votes' for Putin (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 13th)

Overview of [the situation in Crimea](#) (Crimea SOS, 12 March)

'They could start to resist' How the Russian authorities are [working to indoctrinate](#) and digitally surveil deported Ukrainian children (Meduza, March 11th)

'Embittered children' [What Russia teaches](#) potential guardians about orphans forcibly taken from Ukraine (Meduza, March 8th)

Ukrainian civilians in Russian captivity: ["absence of law and international control"](#) (Tribunal for Putin, March 6th)

News from Ukraine – general:

"Otherwise, we need [100 years to release them all](#). Such speed does not suit us". The Center for Civil Liberties presented its Strategy for the Release of Civilians (Centre for Civil Liberties, March 15th)

Mazepa, a [new voice](#) from the left (Ukraine Solidarity EU, March 11th)

War-related news from Russia:

Oleg Orlov believed that in Russia the [place of a decent person](#) is prison (Tribunal 4 Putin, 15 March)

Who is [Mikhail Lazakovich](#) (Solidarity Zone, 15 March)

Russia will free all but political prisoners, who agree to [kill Ukrainians](#) (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, March 15th)

Fighting an [uphill battle](#): Even pro-Kremlin Russians are weary of the war (The Insider, March 7th)

The Russian presidential election

People arrested at [“noon against Putin” election protest](#) (Meduza, 17 March)

Incentives for favourable results: [a Russian election official’s confession](#) (The Insider, 15 March)

Russian leftists are planning to disrupt Putin’s [fake presidential](#) election this weekend (Green Left, March 15th)

The Russian presidential election: [what is to be done?](#) (Posle.Media, 13 March)

Analysis and comment:

Britain keeps selling off old [military equipment](#) – it should go to Ukraine (inews, March 15th)

No Ukraine without victory. Why any [reports of defeatism](#) among Ukrainians are off the mark (The Insider, March 14th)

Research of human rights abuses:

UN Commission concerned by continuing [patterns of violations](#) of human rights and international humanitarian law (UNHCR, March 15th)

Russian [torture of Ukrainian POWs ‘widespread and systematic,’](#) UN commission says (Kyiv Independent, March 15th)

Ukrainian Human [Rights Commissioner calls for investigation](#) into activities of Russian Red Cross (Ukrainska Pravda, March 15th)

"More terrible [things happen in torture chambers](#)": Azovstal steelworks defender Nava publishes book about captivity – photo (Ukrainska Pravda, March 14th)

ZMINA raised an issue of [Russia’s abuses](#) against civilians in the occupied territories of Ukraine during the UN Human Rights Council (Zmina, March 12th)

International Criminal Court received the findings of OPORA’s and ICUV’s joint study on [forced migration of Ukrainians](#) caused by Russian shelling attacks (Opora, March 11th)

International solidarity:

Ukraine [medical workers’ appeal](#) (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, 15 March)

We provided [a radio controller for drones](#) (Solidarity Collectives, 14 March)

Free [Boris Kagarlitsky and all](#) Russian anti-war political prisoners! (Ukraine Solidarity EU, 11 March)

Fundraiser for medical aid: [listen to the speeches](#) (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, 10 March)

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