

## News from Ukraine Bulletin 93 (15 April 2024)

*A Digest of News from Ukrainian sources*

***In this week's bulletin:*** *Ukrainian socialists on [life in the army](#), and Ukraine in [Russian imagination](#); a Russian prisoner's [speech from the dock](#); **plus** [Ukraine, Palestine and empires](#); **plus** [forced](#) disappearances in Crimea; **plus** [war](#) crimes investigations; **plus** Russian [crackdown](#) on LGBT+.*

### News from the territories occupied by Russia:

Russian [traffic police](#) used for enforced disappearances and FSB terror in occupied Crimea (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, April 12<sup>th</sup>)

'He called to [set Kremlin](#) on fire' (Tribunal for Putin, April 12<sup>th</sup>)

Crimean [Tatar imprisoned](#) for refusal to 'publicly repent' protest over Russia's war against Ukraine (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, April 11<sup>th</sup>)

Russia admits to holding [Ukrainian journalist](#) Dmytro Khyliuk (Kharkiv HRPG, April 9<sup>th</sup>)

Russia sentences [abducted Ukrainian Baptist](#) volunteer to 20 years on insane 'terrorism' and 'spying' charges (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, April 8<sup>th</sup>)

How [Russia cracked down](#) on the LGBTQ+ community in Crimea (Zmina, April 7<sup>th</sup>)

### The situation at the front:

Ukraine could face [defeat in 2024](#). Here's how that might look (BBC, April 13<sup>th</sup>)

Tanks but no tanks Russia makes breakthroughs along the front line in Ukraine, but its [equipment losses](#) could be a point of vulnerability (Meduza, April 9<sup>th</sup>)

### News from Ukraine – general:

Independent Trade Union of Mineworkers [mission to the front](#) (12 April, Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine)

Children of the Underground: [How Kharkiv's schoolchildren](#) study in the subway amidst constant Russian shelling (The Insider, April 12<sup>th</sup>)

Over [600 civilians killed](#) and injured by Russians in March (Ukrainska Pravda, April 10<sup>th</sup>)

Ukrainian [medical students](#) fight for their rights (Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, April 9<sup>th</sup>)

Roma also [defend the country and suffer](#) from the war – Tetiana Pechonchyk (Zmina, April 8<sup>th</sup>)

Ukraine initiates [war crimes probe](#) after Russians kill unarmed Ukrainian POWs in Kherson oblast (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, April 8<sup>th</sup>)

In Kyiv, [human rights defenders discussed](#) with international organisations the necessary steps for Ukraine to protect victims of the war (Zmina, April 5<sup>th</sup>)

A theatre from Mariupol is being reborn in Ukraine, the [director of which ZMINA helped](#) take out of the occupation (Zmina, April 4<sup>th</sup>)

### War-related news from Russia:

'Children behind bars' [Russian minor](#) detained for anti-war statements (Meduza, April 12<sup>th</sup>)

Volunteers (including [one who helped Ukrainians cross the border](#)) (The Russian Reader, 12 April)  
A Russian soldier's story: '[He had no chance](#)' (Meduza, 10 April)  
Russia's [propaganda lies](#) to accuse Ukraine of its own terrorism (Kharkiv HRP, April 10th)  
How Russia manufactures [FPV drones to kill Ukrainians](#) (The Insider, 9 April)  
Russia recruited [women prisoners](#) to fight in Ukraine. Six months later, they're waiting to be deployed (Meduza, April 9th)  
Speech from the dock by [Azat Miftakhov, Russian political prisoner](#) (The Russian Reader, 31 March)  
The Russian Orthodox Church Declares "[Holy War](#)" Against Ukraine (Understanding War, March 30<sup>th</sup>)

### **Analysis and comment:**

"If we didn't join the armed forces, the [left in Ukraine](#) would cease to exist," says Taras Bilous (Europe Solidaire, April 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Leaving Ukraine [unable to defend its skies](#) makes Russian invasion of other countries a question of time (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, April 12th)  
Dmytro Vovk: Is it [possible to ban](#) the Ukrainian Orthodox Church? (Kharkiv HRP, April 12th)  
"Ukraine is much closer to those countries that [undergo transformation processes](#)" Oleksandra Romantsova speaks about event she attended in South Africa (Centre for Civil Liberties, April 10th)  
«Democracies have to support each other even stronger» – [Oleksandra Matviichuk](#) at Nobel Prize Dialogue Brussels (Centre for Civil Liberties, April 9th)  
Palestine, Ukraine and the [crisis of empires](#) (People and Nature, April 8<sup>th</sup>)  
No path to [peace in Ukraine](#) through this fantasy world (People and Nature, April 8th)  
Ukraine in the [Russian imagination](#) (Hanna Perekhoda, Ukraine Solidarity EU, April 2nd)  
Ukrainian [authorities' legitimacy](#) when elections are impossible (Opora, April 2<sup>nd</sup>)

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

'I saw a plane [drop a bomb](#) on my house' (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, April 12th)  
'240 houses were [razed to the ground](#), and 700 were damaged' — resident of the village of Zahaltsi (Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group, April 10th)

### **Upcoming solidarity events:**

UCU members for Ukraine webinar: [Ukraine's economy and post-war reconstruction](#), Thursday 25 April, 7.0pm UK time.

Freedom for [Maksym Butkevych: on line campaign event](#), Tuesday May 14th, 7.0pm UK time

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