



CRIMEA SITUATION REPORT

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Ukrainian troops hit 4 radar stations. The occupants continue conscripting residents of the occupied territories. New facts of combat deaths of Crimeans and the use of civilians as human shields were recorded. Russian security forces abducted the editor-in-chief of a Crimean Tatar magazine, searched the house of a couple of lawyers, and beat a blind resident. New facts of persecution for anti-war and pro-Ukrainian expressions, criminal cases, sentences, and transfers to penitentiary institutions in Russia were recorded. Political prisoners continue complaining of cruel and inhuman treatment, as well as health problems. The leaders of the occupation administration of Yalta visited an international forum in Cairo. Rashist blogger denies the existence of Ukrainians.



Warfare

Ukrainian troops destroyed one [radar station](#) and hit [three more](#). Black Sea Fleet officer and war criminal Valery Trankovsky died in a car bombing (details are [here](#) and [here](#)). The Atesh partisan movement carried out [sabotage on the railway](#) between Kherson region and Crimea.



Conscription and combat deaths of Crimeans

The “courts” in Crimea passed at least [260 sentences for evading service in the Russian army](#) since the start of the full-scale war. The occupants send [illegally drafted persons from Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions](#) to Crimea. At least [54 Crimean residents](#) died in combat in November. [Since the start of the full-scale war](#), at least 1,453 Russian servicemen stationed in occupied Crimea have been killed and at least 79 have been captured.



A new case of enforced disappearance

FSB officers detained the editor-in-chief of the Crimean Tatar children’s magazine, [Ediie Muslimova](#). For 35 hours, she had been in a “conversation” at the FSB building incommunicado and without access to a lawyer. Human rights defenders identified at least [1,932 civilians](#) abducted or illegally detained in the occupied territories since February 24, 2022, including 149 - in Crimea.



Repression against lawyers

Russian security forces searched the house of a couple of lawyers [Rustem Kiamilev](#) and [Lilia Hemedzhi](#). During the search, they seized work documents and used force against family members. Later, the “court” arrested [Rustem Kiamilev](#) for 10 days and fined him RUB 50,000 for [reposting a photo of a red-and-black flag](#) and a [video about the war in Syria](#) (“judge” [Liudmyla Solohub](#)).



Persecution of the blind

Russian security forces brutally beat blind [Ihor Nikitenko](#) during his detention for a [video](#) with statements about a “cotton audience” (ватна публіка) and [searched his home](#). The “court” fined [Nikitenko](#) for inciting hatred and disobeying a lawful order of a police officer RUB 10,000 and RUB 2,000, respectively (“judge” [Olena Nikolaieva](#)).



Persecution for anti-war and pro-Ukrainian expressions

At least [1,093 cases under the article on discrediting the Russian army](#) have been submitted to the “courts” in Crimea. In the fall of 2024, cases involving [at least 50 residents of Kherson region](#) were submitted to the “Armiansk city court” after their phones were checked by Russian border guards. The “courts” in Crimea brought two residents of Simferopol to responsibility under the article about demonstrating prohibited symbols due to [Ukrainian songs and symbols](#) on a social network (“judges” [Liudmyla Solohub](#), [Yanina Okhota](#)), a [resident of Armiansk](#) – under two articles due to pro-Ukrainian images on a social network (“judge” [Tetiana Fedenieva](#)). Occupation transport police fight against [UA stickers](#) on cars.



Criminal cases

Russian security forces detained a [resident of Crimea](#) for allegedly transferring data on military objects on the peninsula to Ukrainian intelligence, a [resident](#)

of [Sevastopol](#) for allegedly attempting to set fire to railway equipment, and [two people](#) for allegedly blowing up the car of Black Sea Fleet officer Valery Trankovsky.

For allegedly transferring data on military objects to Ukrainian special services, the “courts” in Crimea sentenced [Mykola Lozenko](#) to 16 years in prison and a fine of RUB 340,000, [Andrii Dovhan](#) to 13 years, and [Yevhen Melnychuk](#) to 17 years (“judges” [Ihor Kozhevnykov](#), [Viktor Skliarov](#), [Alla Khinevych](#)). The “court” in Crimea sentenced [Viacheslav Piskunov](#) to 16 years in prison and a fine of RUB 600,000 for allegedly attempting to murder a Russian serviceman (“judge” [Eduard Pikula](#)). The “court” in the occupied part of Kherson region sentenced a local deputy [Ihor Protokovylo](#), who had been held in the Simferopol pre-trial detention facility, and a local resident [Oleh Kovalenko](#) to 12 years in prison for alleged espionage. The Rostov court sentenced [Eldar Abduraimov](#) to 16 years in prison and a fine of RUB 100,000 for allegedly calling for people to join the Atesh partisan movement (judge [Maksim Nikitin](#)).

The “Supreme court” of Crimea replaced [Denys Yezhov’s](#) fine with a year in prison for shouting “Glory to Ukraine, everything will be Ukraine” (“judge” [Nadiia Shkilna](#)). The Military Court of Appeal upheld the verdict against [Kostiantyn Yevmenenko](#) and [Oleksandr Lytvynenko](#) for allegedly preparing terrorist attacks against the leaders of the occupation administration of Crimea (judges [Sergei Butusov](#), [Igor Beldzeiko](#)). The courts of cassation upheld the verdicts against [Oleksandr Dubovenko](#), [Oleksandr Lytvyniuk](#), [Asan](#) and [Aziz Akhtemov](#), [Servet Haziiev](#), [Erfan Osmanov](#), [Seiran Murtaza](#), and [Alim Karimov](#) (judges [Sergei Liashev](#), [Aleksei Karlin](#), [Sergei Sokerin](#)).

[Aziz Azizov](#), [Rustem Osmanov](#), [Memet Liumanov](#), and [Mustafa Abduramanov](#) were transferred to the Rostov pre-trial detention facility to participate in the illegal trial. [Aziz Akhtemov](#) was transferred to a penal colony in Altai to continue serving his illegal sentence.

[Ivan Yatskin](#) had been in a punishment cell for 50 days, while other prisoners stole his belongings. [Ruslan Abdurakhmanov](#) and [Ivan Yatskin](#) receive poor nutrition. Mice periodically appear in [Rustem Huhuryk’s](#) cell. [Seiran Saliiev](#) and [Server Mustafaiev](#) practically do not see sunlight. [Seiran Saliiev’s](#) translation of the Quran was seized.

According to human rights defenders, [67 Crimean political prisoners](#) need medical care. The health of [Amet Suleimanov](#), [Servet Haziiev](#), and [Ruslan Abdurakhmanov](#) continues deteriorating. [Ruslan Nahaiev](#) was placed in a hospital that was unable to provide proper treatment. [Nasrulla Seidaliiev](#) has high blood pressure, severe varicose veins and leg swelling, [Viktor Stashevskiy](#) has problems with his teeth, [Server Mustafaiev](#) - with eyesight, [Seiran Saliiev](#) - with teeth and eyesight, [Rustem Huhuryk](#) - with teeth and liver, [Teimur Abdullaiev](#) - with eyesight and blood pressure. In addition, [Rustem Huhuryk](#) and [Teimur Abdullaiev](#) lost hearing in one ear.

The leaders of the occupation administration of Yalta visited the World Urban Forum, which was held in Cairo with the support of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (details are [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)).

Rashist blogger [Oleksandr Talipov](#) denies the existence of Ukrainians.



Sentences



Decisions of courts of appeal and cassation



Transfers to penitentiary institutions in Russia



Cruel and inhuman treatment



Health problems of political prisoners