

# THREE FACTS, ONE LEGAL LINE, ONE ASK

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## 1 · 23 OCT 2026

Off Constanța, Romania: a drone struck the merchant ship Khoryv about 13 nautical miles from port; it capsized and sank — 1 Ukrainian sailor killed, up to 3 missing. Romania's President: the attack is "clearly part of the escalation that Russia is carrying out".

President of Romania; Romanian and Ukrainian authorities C

## 2 · 22 OCT 2026

Lozova, Kharkiv region: a strike on the central market at lunchtime — 3 women killed, 34 to 38 injured (both counts shown). A missile hit the town again two days later.

Kharkiv regional military administration; Mayor of Lozova B

## 3 · 22 OCT 2026

Kyiv: three Iskander-M ballistic missiles with cluster warheads; one burst between the Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra, a World Heritage property in Danger, and a monastery. 1 · 2 killed, 24 · 34 injured (prosecutor · President), children among them.

President of Ukraine; Kyiv city prosecutor's office B

## LEGAL LINE · ESTABLISHED LAYER

Attacks on residential areas and markets far from the front, with no military objective identified, engage Rome Statute art. 8(2)(b)(i) and (ii); the Commission of Inquiry has already found this pattern to constitute war crimes (A/77/533, A/HRC/52/62). The Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra is a World Heritage property in Danger; the World Heritage Committee recorded significant damage to it from the strike of 15 June 2026 (48 COM 7A.30).

## ASK · THIS WEEK

Name the Lozova market (22 Oct) and the cluster warheads over central Kyiv (22 Oct) to the Commission of Inquiry and in the Third Committee; at the Security Council open debate on maritime security (29 Oct) and the IMO Council (from 2 Nov), name the sinking of the Khoryv off Constanța (23 Oct) as a threat to freedom of navigation; confirm ballistic-capable air defence before winter.

## IF RUSSIA SAYS...

"Only military facilities" → Russia's MoD named "transport infrastructure in Kyiv" and "sea vessels"; it named no military objective at the Lozova market. "Air-defence debris" (as for the Lavra in June) → cluster warheads are carried by the attacking missile, not by interceptors. "A Ukrainian provocation at sea" → Romania, a NATO member, links the sinking to Russia's escalation; the day before, Russia's MoD listed "sea vessels used in the interests of the Armed Forces of Ukraine" among its targets.

**Sources:** Kharkiv regional military administration; Mayor of Lozova (22–23 Oct 2026) · President of Ukraine; Kyiv city prosecutor's office (22 Oct 2026) · President of Romania N. Dan; Romanian and Ukrainian authorities (23 Oct 2026) · Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation via Interfax, 22 Oct 2026 · UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Decision 48 COM 7A.30 (Jul 2026) · Secretary-General statement, 19 Oct 2026 · COI A/77/533, A/HRC/52/62.

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