

WHAT THE UN VERIFIED ABOUT CHILDREN IN UKRAINE, 2025

The Secretary-General's annual report on children and armed conflict (A/80/723–S/2026/357, June 2026) verified 1,899 grave violations against 781 children in Ukraine in 2025. Most of the children killed or maimed, and most of the attacks on schools and hospitals, were attributed to Russian armed forces, which the report lists in its Annex I.

UKRAINE EVIDENCE HUB

VERIFIED RECORD

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511 children killed (62) or maimed (449) by Russian armed forces — of 753 child casualties verified in 2025 A/80/723–S/2026/357, para. 220 · Tier A	469 attacks on schools and hospitals attributed to Russian armed forces — of 641 verified (442 schools, 199 hospitals) para. 222 · Tier A	399 incidents of denial of humanitarian access attributed to Russian armed forces — of 473, incl. attacks on energy infrastructure para. 223 · Tier A	b, d Annex I listing of the Russian armed forces: party that kills and maims children (b) and attacks schools and/or hospitals (d) Annex I, section A · Tier A
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WHAT THE REPORT VERIFIED, UKRAINE 2025

Killing and maiming (para. 220). 753 children (425 boys, 328 girls) killed (94) or maimed (659): Russian armed forces 511; unidentified perpetrators 230, including 173 casualties from shrapnel when Ukrainian forces intercepted Russian missiles or loitering munitions; Ukrainian armed forces 12.

Schools and hospitals (para. 222). 641 attacks: Russian armed forces 469, unidentified perpetrators 165, Ukrainian armed forces 7. The UN also verified the military use of two hospitals by Ukrainian armed forces.

Detention and use (paras. 218–219). 24 children used as informants (Russian armed forces 4, unidentified 20); 35 children detained (Ukrainian authorities 28, Russian armed forces 6, occupying authorities 1).

Deported and transferred children (para. 231). The Secretary-General is "gravely concerned about the whereabouts of transferred or deported children that remain unknown" and urges Russia to cooperate on returns; over 740 children reported returned.

READ IT FAIRLY The report attributes violations to every party it can verify, including Ukrainian forces; the figures above show all of them. Unidentified perpetrators account for 230 of the casualties; the report notes that they include 173 casualties caused by shrapnel when Ukrainian forces intercepted missiles or loitering munitions launched by Russian armed forces. The Hub does not reassign them. UN-verified figures are minimums: verification lags events and does not cover all of the occupied territories.	WHAT RUSSIA SAYS At the annual open debate on 24 June 2026 Russia called the report biased, arguing that it does not capture violations committed by Ukraine (as summarised by Security Council Report). The report does record violations by Ukrainian forces — 12 child casualties and 7 attacks on schools and hospitals — beside 511 and 469 by Russian armed forces.
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THE ASK

- Cite the report: 511 children killed or maimed and 469 attacks on schools and hospitals attributed to Russian armed forces in 2025 (A/80/723–S/2026/357).
- Support keeping the Russian armed forces in Annex I until the violations stop and a verifiable plan to end them is in place.
- Press for UN monitoring access to children in the occupied territories and for an account of every deported or transferred child.
- Protect schools, hospitals and the energy that runs them in any ceasefire, with monitoring.

Tier A — Secretary-General, Children and armed conflict, A/80/723–S/2026/357 (June 2026), Section III Ukraine, paras. 217–231, and Annex I · https://childrenandarmedconflict.un.org/sites/default/files/2026-06/A_80_723--S_2026_357-EN.pdf · Russia — Security Council Report, What's in Blue, June 2026. Layers: the report is a finding of a mandated body (established); listing in Annex I is the Secretary-General's decision; positions of states are marked as such. Corrections: evidence@ukraine-evidence.org

