

PRYLUKY, 7 OCTOBER 2026

A cruise missile hit a residential building in a town 150 km from the nearest front line, during a two-wave combined strike of 48 cruise missiles, ballistic and anti-ship missiles and 130 drones. The deadliest single attack of the night, by the United Nations' own account.

UKRAINE EVIDENCE HUB
VERIFIED RECORD
OCT 2026

22

killed, including 5 children (three of them one year old) B

State Emergency Service; Office of the President · 7–8 Oct 2026

54

injured, including 7 children B

Chernihiv regional administration · 8 Oct 2026

48

cruise missiles + 130 drones launched that night; 39 cruise, 5 ballistic, 117 drones intercepted B

Air Force of Ukraine, 10:00 summary, 7 Oct 2026

150 km

from the nearest front line; no military objective identified at the impact site B

Chernihiv regional administration; prosecutors

WHAT HAPPENED

Two waves, two hours apart. Tu-95MS bombers launched Kh-101 cruise missiles; ballistic and anti-ship missiles and 130 Shahed/Geran drones (46 jet-powered) followed. Strikes were reported in Kyiv, Chernihiv, Poltava, Kirovohrad, Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv and Odesa regions.

Pryluky. A missile struck a multi-storey residential building. Rescue operations ran through 8 October; the final toll rose from 19 (UN briefing, 9 Oct) to 22 as bodies were recovered. Nationwide that night: at least 32 killed, including 5 children, and 117 injured.

Same package, other cities. Kremenchuk: 2 killed, 47 injured (four high-rise buildings, community centre). Oleksandriia: 2 killed, 3 injured, 1 missing. Kyiv: 4 killed, 13 injured; water pumping and power lost in several districts.

The UN said. ASG Khiari to the Security Council, 9 Oct: Pryluky "at least 19 killed, including five children" — the figure given before rescue work ended; the Spokesperson, 8 Oct: nearly 50 civilians killed incl. six children in 24 h, Pryluky among the hardest hit.

Official media. SES Chernihiv region closing report of 8 Oct (22 killed incl. 5 children; 54 injured; 15 rescued; 500+ responders) with photo gallery — [cn.dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/u-prilukax-zaverseno-posukovo-riatuvalnu-operaciiu-22-zagiblix-sered-nix-piatero-ditei](#)



Pryluky, 8 Oct: the block after the strike. Photo: State Emergency Service, Chernihiv region · CC BY 4.0 · [cn.dsns.gov.ua](#)

WHO VERIFIED IT

- A UN Assistant Secretary-General Khaled Khiari, Security Council, 9 Oct 2026: "The deadliest attack was reported in the city of Pryluky... At least 19 people, including five children, were reportedly killed." (figure as of the briefing)
- A UN Resident Coordinator Matthias Schmale, statement "Harm to civilians must end", 7 Oct 2026
- B State Emergency Service; Chernihiv regional military administration; Office of the Prosecutor General (proceedings under art. 438 CCU)
- B Air Force of Ukraine: launch and interception figures, 7 Oct 2026
- C Kyiv Independent; Euromaidan Press; Ukrinform (7–8 Oct 2026)

LEGAL QUALIFICATION — THREE LAYERS

ESTABLISHED The Commission of Inquiry has found that Russian strikes on residential areas without a military objective constitute war crimes (A/77/533; A/HRC/52/62). Russia's own Ministry of Defence statement for this night lists an industrial plant in Pryluky as the target — and does not mention the residential building.

PATTERN Rome Statute art. 8(2)(b)(i) (attack on civilians), (ii) (attack on civilian objects), (iv) (disproportionate attack); Additional Protocol I arts. 51, 52, 57. A missile that hits a residential block 150 km from the front is either misdirected without precaution or directed at civilians; both are prohibited.

POSITION Ukraine qualifies the 2026 strike campaign on cities as part of a widespread and systematic attack on the civilian population — crimes against humanity, art. 7(1)(a) and (k). Pending international findings.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE

Long-Range Aviation	Carrier of Kh-101 cruise missiles; Lt Gen Sergei Kobylash, commander	ICC arrest warrant, 5 Mar 2024 (strikes on electricity infrastructure)
General Staff	Coordination of two synchronised waves across seven regions; Gen Valery Gerasimov	ICC arrest warrant, 24 Jun 2024
Ministry of Defence	Published the target list for the night (7 Oct, 06:55 MSK)	Minister Belousov — no warrant; EU/UK/US sanctions
Supreme Commander	Strike campaign acknowledged as policy	Vladimir Putin — ICC arrest warrant, 17 Mar 2023; command responsibility, art. 28

RUSSIA SAID / THE RECORD SAYS

RUSSIAN MOD, 7 OCT 2026

"A massive strike with high-precision weapons" on "military-industrial facilities", listing a plant in Pryluky among the targets. No mention of casualties or the residential building.

AMB. NEBENZIA, UNSC, 9 OCT 2026

"Our targets have been and remain only military facilities and infrastructure." Casualties are due to "the inadequate performance of Ukraine's air defense systems" and air defence "stationed in residential areas" (AP I art. 58).

MFA STATEMENT, 3 OCT 2026

Russia "will continue to deliver massive strikes of retribution"; "responsibility for possible negative consequences lies entirely" with those who ignore the warning.

THE RECORD

The impact site is a residential building. Five children are among the dead. The UN called it "the deadliest attack" of the night. Naming an industrial plant does not make a residential block a military objective.

THE RECORD

A cruise missile that reaches a residential block 150 km from the front has not been intercepted; it has arrived. Art. 58 does not relieve the attacker of arts. 51 and 57. No evidence of an air-defence position at the site has been offered.

THE RECORD

Reprisals against civilians are prohibited (AP I art. 51(6)). Announcing them in advance is evidence of intent, not a defence.

WHAT WE ASK OF MEMBER STATES

- Name Pryluky in national statements at the Security Council and the Third Committee; cite the UN figure and the Air Force figures together.
- Support renewal of the Commission of Inquiry mandate and funding for the Human Rights Monitoring Mission so that Tier B figures become Tier A.
- Deliver air-defence interceptors and transformers before December; the same package will be repeated.
- Support the Register of Damage claim category for strikes on housing; no amnesty for war crimes in any settlement.

Sources: UN Security Council, 10237th meeting, 9 Oct 2026 (press release SC/16472; Security Council Report, What's in Blue) · UN Ukraine, "Harm to civilians must end", 7 Oct 2026 · State Emergency Service of Ukraine; Chernihiv regional military administration; Office of the President (7–8 Oct 2026) · Air Force of Ukraine, 7 Oct 2026 · Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation, Telegram, 7 Oct 2026, 06:55 MSK · Russian Mission to the UN, statement of 9 Oct 2026 ([russiaun.ru](#)) · Russian MFA statement, 3 Oct 2026 · Kyiv Independent, Euromaidan Press, Ukrinform, 7–8 Oct 2026 · ICC, warrants of 17 Mar 2023, 5 Mar 2024, 24 Jun 2024 · COI A/77/533, A/HRC/52/62.

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