

ZAPORIZHZHIA, 10 OCTOBER 2026

Five guided bombs on a residential district. An entire entrance section of a three-storey apartment block collapsed. Twenty-three people were killed, four of them children; 32 were injured, three of them children (SES closing report, 11 Oct). The city declared 11 October a day of mourning.

UKRAINE EVIDENCE HUB
VERIFIED RECORD
OCT 2026

23

killed, including 4 children (interim count of 10 Oct: 20) B

State Emergency Service, Zaporizhzhia region — closing report · 11 Oct 2026

32

injured, including 3 children B

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5

guided (glide) bombs on residential buildings; 26 residential buildings damaged B

Zaporizhzhia regional military administration

160

drones launched nationwide the same night, 110 of them jet-powered B

Air Force of Ukraine, 10 Oct 2026

WHAT HAPPENED

Night strike on housing. Five KAB guided bombs released from aircraft hit a residential area of the regional capital. One entrance section of a three-storey block collapsed with residents inside; rescuers worked through 11 October and removed 320 tonnes of debris.

A city under daily bombardment. Zaporizhzhia (pre-war population ~700,000) lies 30–40 km from the front and is struck by glide bombs several times a week; 26 Sep: 2 women killed under a collapsed house; 26–27 Sep: 3 killed in nearby villages.

Russia's position that week. On 10 Oct Russia's OSCE envoy Polyanskiy wrote that striking "bridges, power plants, railway facilities and warehouses" is "not allowed to anyone except Zelensky" and that "nothing will be left of Ukraine's infrastructure". No Russian statement mentioned the apartment block.

The UN said. High Commissioner Türk, 2 Oct: glide bombs in Donetsk, Kharkiv, Sumy and Zaporizhzhia regions caused nearly 2,500 civilian casualties in Jan–Aug 2026, 62% more than a year earlier. Spokesperson, 14 Oct: casualties reported in Zaporizhzhia in the overnight attacks.

Official media. SES Zaporizhzhia region closing report of 11 Oct (23 killed incl. 4 children; 32 injured incl. 3 children; 320 t of debris) with photo gallery — zp.dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/zaporizzia-zaverseni-posukovo-riatuvalni-roboti-na-misci-udaru-rf-po-zitlovomu-budinku



Zaporizhzhia, 11 Oct: rescuers on the collapsed entrance section. Photo: State Emergency Service, Zaporizhzhia region · CC BY 4.0 · zp.dsns.gov.ua

- ### WHO VERIFIED IT
- B State Emergency Service of Ukraine; Zaporizhzhia regional military administration; Office of the President; National Police
 - B Office of the Prosecutor General: proceedings under art. 438 CCU
 - A OHCHR verification pending — expected in the October Protection of Civilians update (Tier B figures shown until then)
 - C Kyiv Independent; Ukrainska Pravda; Mezha (10–11 Oct 2026)

LEGAL QUALIFICATION — THREE LAYERS

ESTABLISHED The Commission of Inquiry has found that Russia's use of explosive weapons with wide-area effects in populated areas violates IHL and that attacks on residential buildings without a military objective are war crimes (A/77/533; A/79/549).

PATTERN Rome Statute art. 8(2)(b)(i), (ii), (iv); AP I arts. 51(4)–(5), 57. Five guided bombs on one residential district, at night, is not a single error of precaution.

POSITION Ukraine qualifies the glide-bomb campaign against Zaporizhzhia and Kharkiv as a widespread and systematic attack on the civilian population — art. 7(1) (a), (k). Pending international findings.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE		
Tactical aviation (VKS)	Su-34 regiments releasing KAB-500/UMPB glide bombs from occupied Zaporizhzhia region airspace	Units identified in Ukrainian proceedings; no ICC warrant yet
Aerospace Forces command	Tasking of glide-bomb sorties against the regional capital	EU/UK/US sanctions on VKS command
General Staff	Gen Valery Gerasimov	ICC arrest warrant, 24 Jun 2024
Supreme Commander	Vladimir Putin	ICC arrest warrant, 17 Mar 2023; command responsibility, art. 28

RUSSIA SAID / THE RECORD SAYS	
RUSSIA, 10-11 OCT 2026 No statement on the Zaporizhzhia strike.	THE RECORD Twenty-three dead and a collapsed residential block went unmentioned by the MoD, the MFA and the Kremlin. The MoD's daily statements report only "military-industrial" targets.
AMB. POLYANSKIY (OSCE), 10 OCT 2026 Infrastructure strikes are "not allowed to anyone except Zelensky... otherwise before long nothing will be left of Ukraine's infrastructure."	THE RECORD A public threat against the infrastructure of a country of 30+ million, on the day a residential block was bombed. Threats of indiscriminate attack are evidence of intent (art. 30 Rome Statute).
AMB. NEBENZIA, UNSC, 9 OCT 2026 Ukraine's air defence "stationed in residential areas" causes the casualties.	THE RECORD Guided bombs are released from aircraft and glide to target; Ukrainian air defence does not engage them. There is no debris scenario for a KAB strike.

WHAT WE ASK OF MEMBER STATES

- Name Zaporizhzhia alongside Pryluky and Kramatorsk: three cities, four days, 78 dead.
- Support an OHCHR/HRMMU verification mission to Zaporizhzhia and publication of its findings.
- Counter-aviation capability and longer-range interceptors for frontline cities — glide bombs are the leading killer in 2026 near the front.
- Support the Register of Damage claim category for destroyed housing.

Sources: State Emergency Service of Ukraine, 10–11 Oct 2026 · Zaporizhzhia regional military administration · Office of the President of Ukraine · Air Force of Ukraine, 10 Oct 2026 · Kyiv Independent; Ukrainska Pravda; Mezha, 10–11 Oct 2026 · RIA Novosti, 10 Oct 2026 (Polyanskiy statement) · Russian Mission to the UN, 9 Oct 2026 · COI A/77/533, A/79/549 · ICC warrants, 17 Mar 2023, 24 Jun 2024.

