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ballistic missiles (Iskander-M, KN-23, S-400, Zircon/Oniks) + 128 drones; only 4 missiles and 115 drones intercepted B

Air Force of Ukraine, 14 Oct 2026

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Kyiv CHP plants attacked; 26 power and 4 gas/oil facilities damaged nationwide B

Prime Minister; Office of the President · 14 Oct 2026

~600,000

people without electricity in Kyiv; rolling outages in 9 regions; city rail and electric transport suspended B

Ukrenergo; Kyiv city administration · 14 Oct 2026

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killed (three women in a nine-storey block, Desnianskyi district); 25 injured incl. a 7-year-old girl B

State Emergency Service; Kyiv city administration · 14 Oct 2026

WHAT HAPPENED

Fourth winter campaign. 29–30 Sep: Trypilska TPP damaged, Kyiv region outages (largest energy strike since April). 7 Oct: 48 cruise missiles, water and power lost in Kyiv districts. 8 Oct: daytime drone hit on a Kyiv energy facility — most of the city dark, metro halted. 13–14 Oct: the ballistic package against all three CHPs.

What the plants do. Kyiv's CHP-4, CHP-5 and CHP-6 supply electricity and district heating to a city of over three million people. Heating season begins in October; the strike came as night temperatures fell below 5 °C.

Casualties. A ballistic missile or its warhead struck a residential nine-storey building in Desnianskyi district: three women killed; a 7-year-old among the injured. Kharkiv's energy system was hit the same night; Lutsk and Rivne were struck on the morning of 14 Oct (3 killed, 20 injured).

The UN said. Spokesperson for the Secretary-General, 14 Oct: "all three major heat and power plants in the capital were attacked" — about 600,000 people without power and water; energy facilities in Kyiv region and Kharkiv also targeted. Secretary-General, 7 Oct: attacks on energy facilities "disrupting electricity supplies nationwide".

Official media. SES Kyiv, 10 Oct (Desnianskyi block: 2 found dead, 16 rescued, 21 injured incl. 1 child) with photo gallery — kyiv.dsns.gov.ua/news/nadzvicaini-podiyi/tri-liudini-zaginuli-vnaslidok-rosiiskogo-obstrilu



Kyiv, Desnianskyi district, night of 9–10 Oct: the residential block burning. Photo: State Emergency Service, Kyiv · CC BY 4.0 · kyiv.dsns.gov.ua

WHO VERIFIED IT

- A ICC Pre-Trial Chamber II: strikes on Ukrainian electricity infrastructure, Oct 2022 – Mar 2023, were war crimes and crimes against humanity — warrants for Kobylash and Sokolov (5 Mar 2024), Shoigu and Gerasimov (24 Jun 2024)
- A Commission of Inquiry: the winter 2022–23 energy campaign constituted war crimes and may amount to crimes against humanity (A/HRC/52/62); statement of 21 Sep 2026 on continued systematic targeting of energy
- A UN ASG Khiari, Security Council, 9 Oct 2026: "All attacks on energy infrastructure and on population centres must cease immediately."
- B Air Force of Ukraine; Ukrenergo; Ministry of Energy; Prime Minister; State Emergency Service; Kyiv city administration (14 Oct 2026)
- C Kyiv Independent; Ukrinform; ABC News; Al Jazeera; Interfax (Russian MoD statement), 14 Oct 2026

LEGAL QUALIFICATION — THREE LAYERS

ESTABLISHED The ICC has already found reasonable grounds that this conduct — strikes on electricity infrastructure serving the civilian population — constitutes the war crime of attacking civilian objects and the crime against humanity of inhumane acts (warrants of 5 Mar and 24 Jun 2024). The 2026 campaign repeats the 2022–23 conduct at the same command level.

PATTERN Rome Statute art. 8(2)(b)(ii), (iv); AP I arts. 52, 54 (objects indispensable to survival), 57. A CHP plant that heats a city is not converted into a military objective by the assertion that factories are also on the grid.

POSITION Ukraine qualifies the four winter campaigns (2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25, 2025–26) as a single continuing crime against humanity — art. 7(1)(k) — directed at the civilian population through cold and darkness.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE

Long-Range Aviation / Missile forces	Iskander-M brigades, KN-23 (DPRK-supplied), Zircon/Oniks; Lt Gen Kobylash (LRA)	ICC arrest warrant, 5 Mar 2024
General Staff	Planning of the combined ballistic-drone package; Gen Gerasimov	ICC arrest warrant, 24 Jun 2024
Ministry of Defence	Published the list of the five energy facilities hit (14 Oct, 09:13 MSK)	Minister Belousov; former minister Shoigu under ICC warrant, 24 Jun 2024
Supreme Commander	Energy strikes acknowledged as policy	Vladimir Putin — ICC warrant 17 Mar 2023; command responsibility, art. 28

RUSSIA SAID / THE RECORD SAYS

RUSSIAN MOD, 14 OCT 2026

"Five energy facilities used for the needs of Ukraine's military-industrial complex" were hit: CHP-4 "supplying power to military-industrial facilities", CHP-5 and CHP-6 "supplying military logistics", Trypilska TPP, a Kyiv substation.

AMB. NEBENZIA, UNSC, 9 OCT 2026

A "predictable response" against "energy infrastructure involved in military production and logistics"; Kyiv "deliberately chose... escalation".

ZAKHAROVA, 13 OCT 2026

Strikes "were carried out only on facilities linked to the military-industrial complex" and became "a painful boomerang for Kyiv".

THE RECORD

The MoD confirms the targets. The ICC has already qualified precisely this conduct as war crimes and crimes against humanity. The "military logistics" label has been applied to every plant that heats the capital.

THE RECORD

Reprisals against the civilian population are prohibited (AP I art. 51(6)). The framing concedes the targets are energy facilities and the motive is retaliation.

THE RECORD

600,000 people without power, hospitals on generators, heating off at the start of the heating season. The "boomerang" fell on residents.

WHAT WE ASK
OF MEMBER STATES

- Treat the energy campaign as a continuing crime already qualified by the ICC: cite the warrants whenever Russia says "military-industrial".
- Enforce any energy ceasefire with verification; Russia's own MoD lists provide the baseline.
- Deliver air-defence interceptors capable against ballistic missiles (only 4 of 39 were intercepted), transformers and gas turbines before December.
- Support the Register of Damage energy category and the Energy Support Fund.

Sources: Air Force of Ukraine, 14 Oct 2026 (via Ukrinform) · Ukrenergo; Ministry of Energy of Ukraine; Prime Minister of Ukraine; State Emergency Service; Kyiv city administration, 14 Oct 2026 · Kyiv Independent; ABC News; Al Jazeera; Ukrainska Pravda, 14 Oct 2026 · Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation via Interfax, 14 Oct 2026, 09:13 MSK · Russian Mission to the UN, 9 Oct 2026; Vedomosti (Zakharova), 13 Oct 2026 · ICC, warrants of 5 Mar and 24 Jun 2024 · COI A/HRC/52/62; statement 21 Sep 2026 · UN Security Council, 9 Oct 2026 (SC/16472).

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