

850 DRONES IN 33 HOURS

From midnight on 14 October to 09:00 on 15 October Russia launched more than 850 Shahed-type attack drones at Ukraine, in waves that left no hour without drones in the sky. A jet-powered Shahed burned out a wholesale market in Lutsk, far from the front line. Overnight almost 360 drones hit Kirovohrad region — the largest attack on it since 2022. At least 17 people were killed in six regions.

UKRAINE EVIDENCE HUB

VERIFIED RECORD

OCT 2026

850+

Shahed-type drones from 00:00 on 14 Oct to 09:00 on 15 Oct, in continuous waves B

President of Ukraine, 15 Oct 2026

17

killed in six regions, 67 injured, over 14–15 Oct (preliminary, regional administrations) B

Volyn, Kirovohrad, Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv and Kherson regional administrations, 15 Oct 2026

6

killed at the "Yevrohurt" wholesale market in Lutsk, 14 Oct; 12 injured B

Lutsk City Council; Volyn regional administration, 14 Oct 2026

~360

drones over Kirovohrad region in one night, 26 locations hit, more than ten hours of attack B

Kirovohrad regional administration; State Emergency Service, 15 Oct 2026

WHAT HAPPENED

14 Oct, Lutsk. A jet-powered Shahed hit the "Yevrohurt" wholesale market pavilion on Koniakina Street; the building burned out. Five bodies were found in the rubble and one person died in hospital — 6 killed, 12 injured across the city. Debris damaged an apartment on Sobornosti Avenue. Rivne was hit the same morning: 8 injured.

Night of 14–15 Oct. The Air Force counted 580 drones and 2 Kh-59 guided missiles launched from 18:00; 536 drones were shot down or suppressed; hits were recorded at 31 locations.

Kirovohrad region. Almost 360 drones over the region in more than ten hours, 26 locations hit: critical infrastructure, transport and logistics companies and housing in Kropyvnytskyi, Znamianka, Oleksandriia, Svitlovodsk and Pomichna. Three residents of Kropyvnytskyi killed, six injured.

Other regions. Killed: Dnipropetrovsk region 3, Donetsk region 3, Kharkiv region 1, Kherson region 1. Injured also in Kyiv region (4), Zaporizhzhia region (7) and Ternopil region (5). All figures preliminary.

The UN said. Spokesperson, 14 Oct: drone strikes in Rivne and Volyn — regions "previously less impacted" — hit a university, a shopping centre and housing. WHO, 15 Oct: more than 3,300 verified attacks on health care since February 2022.

WHO VERIFIED IT

- B President of Ukraine (15 Oct); Air Force of Ukraine (14–15 Oct summaries); Lutsk City Council; Volyn, Kirovohrad, Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv and Kherson regional military administrations; State Emergency Service; National Police (photographs of the Lutsk site)
- A UN Spokesperson, noon briefing, 14 Oct 2026; WHO via UN News, 15 Oct 2026. OHCHR verification of these casualties pending.
- C Kyiv Independent, 15 Oct (compiled regional figures); UNIAN, 14 Oct; Ukrinform, 15 Oct; ZN.UA, 15 Oct

LEGAL QUALIFICATION — THREE LAYERS

ESTABLISHED

The UN Commission of Inquiry found in 2025 that Russian drone attacks on civilians in Kherson region amounted to war crimes and to the crime against humanity of murder. No mandated body has yet ruled on the strikes of 14–15 October; OHCHR verification is pending.

PATTERN

A wholesale market and apartment blocks are civilian objects (AP I art. 52). Launching hundreds of drones of limited accuracy at cities over 33 hours is incompatible with the duty to distinguish and to take precautions (AP I arts. 48, 51(4)–(5), 57); Rome Statute art. 8(2)(b)(i), (ii).

POSITION

Ukraine qualifies the long-range drone and missile campaign as a widespread and systematic attack on the civilian population — Rome Statute art. 7(1)(a), (k). Pending international findings.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE

Drone launch units	Units of the Russian Armed Forces launching Geran-2/Geran-3 (Shahed-type) drones from Russian and occupied territory	Identified in Ukrainian proceedings; no international warrant on this node yet
Production	Alabuga special economic zone (Tatarstan) — mass production of Geran drones	Sanctioned by the EU, UK and US
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

RUSSIAN MOD, 15 OCT 2026

Overnight strikes hit the port of Izmail, "used for unloading and storing military and dual-use cargo", and two cargo ships.

RUSSIAN MOD, 14 OCT 2026

Strikes on energy facilities "powering military-industrial facilities" in Kyiv and Kharkiv.

THE RECORD

The MoD account names no target in Lutsk, Kropyvnytskyi or the other cities where people were killed. A wholesale market and apartment blocks are not military objectives.

THE RECORD

The same justification is applied to every power plant that heats a city (see Case file 06); it does not explain a market in Lutsk.

WHAT WE ASK OF MEMBER STATES

- Cite the scale: more than 850 attack drones in 33 hours, and at least 17 civilians killed in six regions.
- Deliver short-range air defence and interceptor drones to western and central regions now in range — Volyn, Rivne, Kirovohrad.
- Enforce sanctions on the Geran supply chain: Alabuga, foreign components and the intermediaries that ship them.
- Request HRMMU verification of the Lutsk and Kropyvnytskyi casualties and their inclusion in the October Protection of Civilians update.

Sources: President of Ukraine, 15 Oct 2026 (via Ukrinform) · Air Force of Ukraine, 14–15 Oct 2026 · Lutsk City Council; Volyn regional military administration (R. Romaniuk), 14 Oct 2026 (via UNIAN) · Kirovohrad regional military administration (A. Raikovych); State Emergency Service, 15 Oct 2026 (via ZN.UA) · Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Rivne, Kyiv, Zaporizhzhia and Ternopil regional administrations, 15 Oct 2026 (compiled by Kyiv Independent) · UN Spokesperson, noon briefing, 14 Oct 2026 · WHO via UN News, 15 Oct 2026 · Russian MoD via Interfax and Lenta.ru, 15 Oct 2026; TASS, 14 Oct 2026 · UN Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine, 28 May 2025 (Kherson drone attacks) · ICC warrants, 17 Mar 2023, 24 Jun 2024.

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