

KYIV, 25 SEPTEMBER 2026

A night drone attack followed by daytime strikes on the capital. A drone hit a 16-storey apartment block in Pecherskyi district, killing a 14-year-old boy; another hit an office building in Solomianskyi district, killing four people in its car park. By evening seven people were dead and 59 injured, children among them (Kyiv mayor, 25 Sep, 21:20).

UKRAINE EVIDENCE HUB
VERIFIED RECORD
SEP 2026

7

killed, including 1 child (14-year-old boy); early reports of "2 children" referred to the injured

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Kyiv mayor V. Klitschko (Telegram), via Censor.net and UNN · 25 Sep 2026

59

injured, including at least 2 children; 25 hospitalised (interim counts: 46, then 57)

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Kyiv mayor V. Klitschko, 25 Sep 2026, 21:20

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districts hit: Pecherskyi, Solomianskyi, Shevchenkivskyi, Podilskyi; High Council of Justice building damaged

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Kyiv city military administration; State Emergency Service (via Kyiv Post, UNITED24) · 25 Sep 2026

295

drones launched nationwide on the night of 24–25 Sep, 52 of them jet-powered; 267 shot down or suppressed

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Air Force of Ukraine, 25 Sep 2026, 07:30

WHAT HAPPENED

Night strike on an apartment block. At about 08:00 a drone hit a 16-storey residential building in Pecherskyi district at the level of the 10th–11th floors (National Police). A 14-year-old boy was killed; a 9-year-old child was among the injured. Debris also fell on a 25-storey residential building in Solomianskyi district.

Daytime strike on an office building. In the afternoon a drone hit a five-storey office building in Solomianskyi district. Cars in the car park caught fire; four people were killed, most of them passers-by and drivers. A medical facility, a business centre, a shopping mall and a data centre nearby were damaged.

Courts and food supply hit. A drone damaged the High Council of Justice building in Shevchenkivskyi district (6 injured); the Council suspended its work. President Zelensky reported a strike on a food warehouse used by McDonald's. The previous night, 24 Sep, ballistic missiles had killed 2 people in Kyiv.

A nationwide night attack. The Air Force recorded 295 drones (Shahed-type, Gerbera and decoys) launched from 6 p.m. on 24 Sep from Orel, Kursk, Millerovo, Primorsko-Akhtarsk, Shatalovo and occupied Donetsk region and Crimea; 267 were downed; hits at 16 locations.

The UN said. No UN statement specific to the 25 Sep Kyiv strikes was found as of 16 Oct. The UN monitoring mission (HRMMU) reported more than 15,000 civilians killed or injured in Ukraine in January–August 2026 (reported 4 Oct 2026).



Kyiv, Solomianskyi district, 25 Sep: rescuers at the office building and car park hit by a drone. Photo: State Emergency Service, Kyiv · CC BY 4.0 · kyiv.dsns.gov.ua

WHO VERIFIED IT

- B Kyiv mayor / Kyiv city military administration; State Emergency Service; National Police (Kyiv); Air Force of Ukraine; Office of the President
- B Final figures: 7 killed (1 child), 59 injured (at least 2 children) — mayor, 25 Sep, 21:20; no later revision found as of 16 Oct
- A OHCHR/HRMMU verification pending — expected in the September Protection of Civilians update (Tier B figures shown until then)
- C Reuters; Ukrinform; Kyiv Post; Euronews; Meduza; UNITED24 Media (25 Sep 2026)

LEGAL QUALIFICATION — THREE LAYERS

ESTABLISHED The Commission of Inquiry has found that Russia's use of explosive weapons 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), 52, 57. An apartment block, an office car park, a court building and a food warehouse hit in one day in the capital is not a single error of precaution.

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

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE		
Drone launch units (Geran-type)	Launches from Orel, Kursk, Millerovo, Primorsko-Akhtarsk, Shatalovo and occupied Donetsk region and Crimea (Air Force of Ukraine, 25 Sep)	Units not publicly identified; no ICC warrant
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, 25 SEP 2026
Overnight drone strikes hit Ukrainian "defence industry sites, logistics centres and vessels" used by the armed forces (as reported by Reuters).

RUSSIA, STANDING POSITION
Russia "denies targeting civilians" (Reuters, 25 Sep 2026).

THE RECORD
A 16-storey apartment block, an office car park, the High Council of Justice and a food warehouse are none of these. The MoD statement does not mention Kyiv's dead.

THE RECORD
A child killed in his home and four passers-by killed in a car park in daylight. Repetition across districts and hours is inconsistent with incidental harm.

WHAT WE ASK OF MEMBER STATES

- Name Kyiv, 25 September, in national statements: a child killed in his home, a court building hit.
- Support OHCHR/HRMMU verification of the 24–25 Sep strikes on Kyiv and publication of its findings.
- More interceptors and counter-drone capability for Ukrainian cities — 295 drones in one night.
- Support the Register of Damage claim category for damaged housing and civilian infrastructure.