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killed in the office-building strike

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Dnipropetrovsk regional military administration (O. Hanzha) · 28 Sep 2026

21

injured, incl. an 8-year-old girl; 3 women still in hospital on 29 Sep (interim counts 12 → 15 → 18)

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Dnipropetrovsk regional military administration · 28–29 Sep 2026

49

people evacuated by State Emergency Service ladder crews from the burning building

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State Emergency Service of Ukraine · 28 Sep 2026

124

strike drones launched nationwide on 28 Sep, 86 of them jet-powered; hits recorded at 26 locations

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Air Force of Ukraine · 28 Sep 2026

WHAT HAPPENED

Midday strike on a city-centre office block. At 11:14 the Air Force warned of a jet-powered drone heading for Dnipro from the south-west; at about 11:20 it hit an office building in Shevchenkivskiy district. The fifth and sixth floors were heavily damaged and a fire broke out. Tenants include a bank and a medical centre; a neighbouring café was wrecked and windows were blown out in six residential buildings.

"Hundreds of people here." Regional head Oleksandr Hanzha, 28 Sep: "The centre of Dnipro. In the middle of the working day there are hundreds of people here. This is exactly where the Russians struck." Across the region that day Russia attacked six districts nearly 30 times: 6 killed, 28 injured (incl. 1 killed in Synelnykove).

Six days earlier: Interpipe. Overnight on 21–22 Sep a ballistic missile hit the Interpipe pipe-and-wheel plant in Dnipro: 4 employees killed, 7 injured, main production equipment destroyed and output halted (Interpipe, 22 Sep). The plant supplies steel pipes and railway products to 50+ countries. The same night Russia launched Iskander-M/KN-23 ballistic missiles, Oniks, 4 Kalibr, 8 Banderol/Dan-T and 212 drones (Air Force).

The UN said. HRMMU, 16 Oct: at least 328 civilians killed and 2,105 injured across Ukraine in September 2026 — 85% more than in September 2025. Head of Mission Danielle Bell: "The first two weeks of October were among the deadliest periods for civilians in years." The Dnipro strikes are not itemised in that update.

Official media. ArmyInform (Ministry of Defence of Ukraine), 28 Sep: three killed, at least 12 injured (interim) after a strike drone hit an office building in central Dnipro; heaviest damage on floors 5–6 — armyinform.com.ua/2026/09/28/u-dnipro-troye-zagyblyh-unaslidok-udaru-rf-po-ofisnij-budivli/



Dnipro, 28 Sep: firefighters at the burning office building in the city centre.
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WHO VERIFIED IT

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 Dnipropetrovsk regional military administration (O. Hanzha); Dnipropetrovsk regional council (M. Lukashuk); State Emergency Service of Ukraine; Air Force of Ukraine
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 National Police, Dnipropetrovsk region: documenting the strike as a war crime; mobile point on site to take statements from victims. Prosecutorial qualification (art. 438 CCU) not yet seen in published sources
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 OHCHR/HRMMU verification pending — September national figures published 16 Oct; incident not itemised (Tier B figures shown until then)
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 RFE/RL; Kyiv Independent; Ukrainska Pravda; Suspilne; UNN; Mezha; NV; RBC-Ukraine (22–29 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 civilian objects without a military objective are war crimes (A/77/533; A/79/549). No mandated body has yet ruled on the Dnipro strikes of 22 and 28 September.

PATTERN

Rome Statute art. 8(2)(b)(i), (ii), (iv); AP I arts. 48, 51(4)–(5), 52, 57. A drone guided onto an occupied office block in a city centre during working hours is a choice of target, not interception debris. Interpipe is a civilian manufacturer; even if Russia called it "military-industrial", four workers killed and the plant halted engage proportionality and precaution duties.

POSITION

Ukraine's position: the National Police are documenting the 28 September strike as a war crime; Ukraine qualifies the long-range campaign against its cities as a widespread and systematic attack on the civilian population — art. 7(1)(a), (k). Pending international findings.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE

Long-range strike-drone units	Launch of jet-powered Geran-type drones; the unit that struck Dnipro is not publicly identified	Not identified in published sources
Missile forces (22 Sep)	Ballistic launches (Iskander-M / KN-23) from Kursk, Rostov and Voronezh regions, per the Air Force	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, 28 SEP 2026

Its forces struck Ukrainian logistics, communications, port infrastructure and vessels overnight (as summarised by RFE/RL).

RUSSIAN MOD, 28 SEP 2026 ("DNEPR" GROUP SUMMARY, RIA NOVOSTI)

Reports only "defeat of formations" of the Ukrainian armed forces in Zaporizhzhia region.

RUSSIA, 22 SEP 2026

No statement naming the Interpipe plant found in published sources.

THE RECORD

The Dnipro office building was hit in daylight at about 11:20, not overnight, and is none of these. No MoD, MFA or Kremlin statement mentions it.

THE RECORD

Three civilians killed in a regional capital 100+ km from the front went unmentioned.

THE RECORD

Interpipe makes steel pipes and railway products for 50+ countries; four of its workers were killed. A "military-industrial" label would not remove the duties of proportionality and precaution (AP I arts. 51(5)(b), 57).

WHAT WE ASK OF MEMBER STATES

- Name Dnipro, 28 September: a jet drone into an occupied office block at midday — three dead, 21 injured, including a child.
- Ask OHCHR/HRMMU to verify and itemise the 22 and 28 September Dnipro strikes in its next update.
- Interceptors and counter-drone systems against jet-powered drones: on 28 Sep only 49 of 86 jet drones launched were downed.
- Support Register of Damage claims for commercial property and lost livelihoods, including the halted Interpipe plant.

Sources: Dnipropetrovsk regional military administration (O. Hanzha), 22–29 Sep 2026 · Dnipropetrovsk regional council (M. Lukashuk), 28 Sep 2026 · State Emergency Service of Ukraine, 28 Sep 2026 · Air Force of Ukraine, 22 and 28 Sep 2026 · National Police, Dnipropetrovsk region, 28 Sep 2026 · Interpipe, 22 Sep 2026 · ArmyInform, 28 Sep 2026 · HRMMU/OHCHR monthly update, 16 Oct 2026 · RFE/RL; Kyiv Independent; Ukrainska Pravda; Suspilne; UNN; Mezha; NV; RBC-Ukraine; Informator; RegioNews, 22–29 Sep 2026 · RIA Novosti, 28 Sep 2026 (MoD summary) · COI A/77/533, A/79/549 · ICC warrants, 17 Mar 2023, 24 Jun 2024.

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