

4th day

without electricity for most of the city on 27 Oct 2026; no forecast for restoration B

Konotop mayor A. Semenikhin (Telegram; Suspilne), 26–27 Oct 2026 · preliminary

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water a day — 06:00–09:00 and 18:00–21:00 — after the water intakes stopped B

Konotop mayor A. Semenikhin, via Suspilne Sumy and LB.ua, 26–27 Oct 2026

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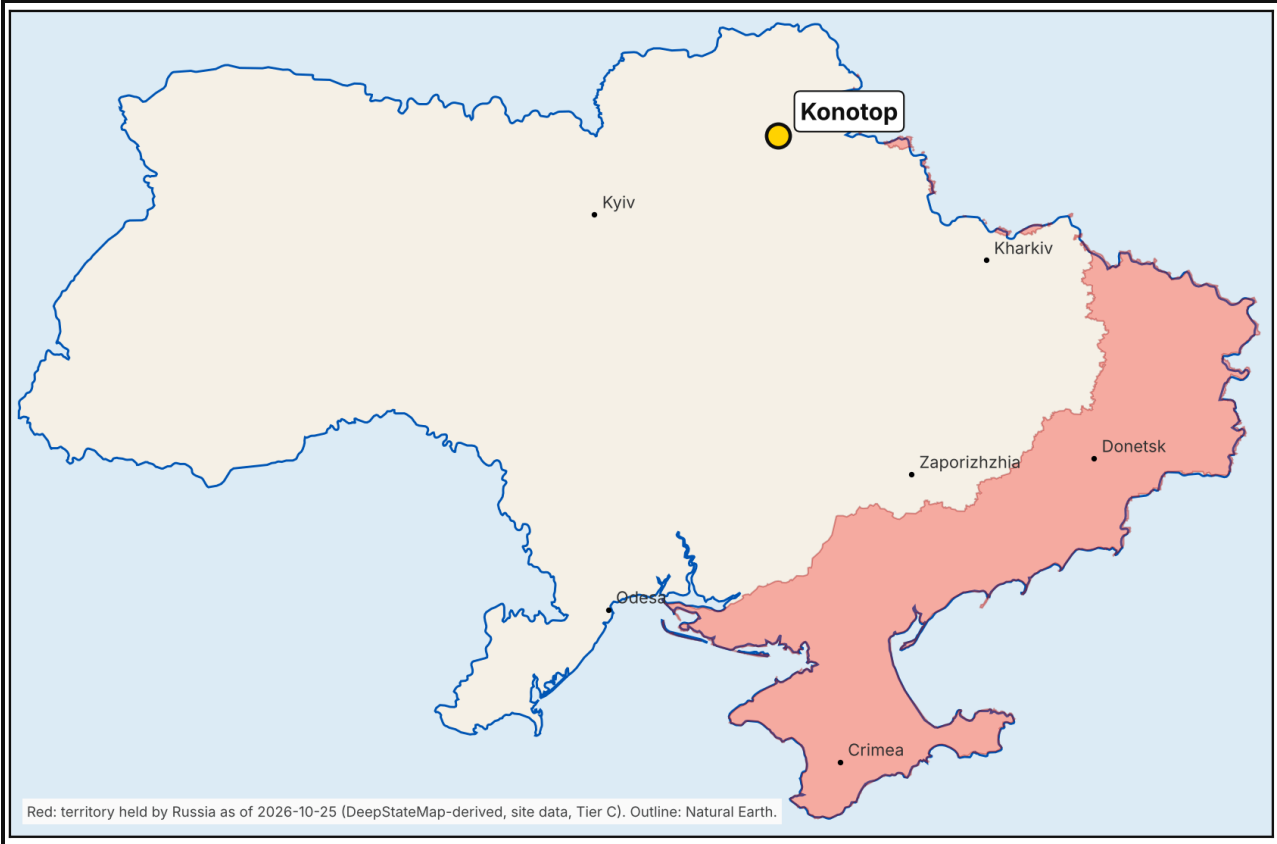
city hospital working on generators; educational institutions damaged B

Konotop mayor A. Semenikhin, via Suspilne, 26 Oct 2026

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Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, 24 Oct 2026



BOTTOM LINE

A whole city switched off. Russian drones hit Konotop's energy infrastructure overnight into 24 October. Most of the city lost electricity and, for the most part, gas; part of the critical infrastructure moved to backup power (Konotop mayor, via Suspilne).

Water by the clock, a hospital on generators. With the water intakes stopped, water runs twice a day, 06:00–09:00 and 18:00–21:00. The hospital works on generators, schools were damaged, electric transport stopped, and "resilience points" opened for people to warm up and charge phones.

No end date. On 27 October, the fourth day, the mayor wrote that there was "no forecast" for power. The regional grid company said repair times depend on security and access to the damaged sites. The UN Commission of Inquiry found on 26 October that Russia's attacks on Ukraine's energy system are crimes against humanity.

LEGAL QUALIFICATION IN THREE LAYERS

DRONE STRIKE ON THE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE OF A CITY; MOST OF KONOTOP WITHOUT POWER FOR FOUR DAYS — ESTABLISHED (UKRAINIAN AUTHORITIES)

ATTACKS ON UKRAINE'S ENERGY SYSTEM AS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY — FINDING OF A UN-MANDATED BODY (A/81/440)

DELIBERATE ATTACK TO CUT A CITY OFF FROM POWER, HEAT AND WATER — POSITION (UKRAINE)

Established. Overnight into 24 October 2026 Russian drones hit Konotop's energy infrastructure; most of the city has been without electricity since, water runs on a schedule and the hospital works on generators (Konotop mayor; Sumyoblenergo). **Pattern.** The UN Commission of Inquiry found that Russia's attacks on the energy system are a war crime and the crime against humanity of other inhumane acts (A/81/440, 26 Oct 2026). **Position.** Ukraine treats the strike as a deliberate attack on civilian infrastructure.

WHAT WE ASK

Ask HRMMU and OCHA to report on Konotop's power, water and heating; at the Security Council, ask Russia what military objective justified switching off a whole city before winter.

A NIGHT STRIKE, A CITY IN THE DARK

Konotop is a railway city in the north of the Sumy region. The drones came at night; by morning most of the city had no electricity.

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15 Oct 2026	HRMMU: 328 civilians killed and 2,105 injured in Ukraine in September 2026 — the highest September toll since February 2022. A — HRMMU, 15 Oct 2026
23-24 Oct 2026, night	126 drones (61 jet-powered) launched at Ukraine from 18:00; 101 downed or suppressed; hits at 14 locations. B — Air Force, 24 Oct 2026
24 Oct 2026, night	Russian drones hit Konotop's energy infrastructure: most of the city loses electricity and, for the most part, gas; the water intakes stop; part of the critical infrastructure moves to backup power. B — Konotop mayor A. Semenikhin, via Suspilne Sumy, 24–26 Oct 2026
24 Oct 2026, day	A Russian drone hits a farm in Konotop district: a woman who worked there is killed and 4 people are injured. B — Sumy regional military administration, 24 Oct 2026 (Hub strike log)
26 Oct 2026	Day three: water on a schedule (06:00–09:00, 18:00–21:00); the hospital on generators; electric transport suspended; resilience points open. B — Konotop mayor A. Semenikhin; Konotop transport department; via Suspilne Sumy, 26 Oct 2026
26 Oct 2026	The UN Commission of Inquiry reports to the General Assembly: Russia's attacks on Ukraine's energy system are a war crime and the crime against humanity of other inhumane acts. A — Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine, A/81/440, 26 Oct 2026
27 Oct 2026, morning	Day four: "No forecast for power. None." Sumyoblenergo: repair times depend on security and access to the damaged sites. Ukrenergo lists Sumy among seven regions with new outages after the morning attacks. B — Konotop mayor A. Semenikhin (Telegram); Sumyoblenergo (Facebook); Ukrenergo, via LB.ua and DSnews, 27 Oct 2026

WHAT IS ON THE RECORD SO FAR

The mayor of Konotop, Artem Semenikhin, reported Russian strikes on the city's energy infrastructure overnight into 24 October. He called it "a treacherous strike in the middle of the night on civilian infrastructure".

Most of the city was left without electricity and, for the most part, without gas. The water intakes stopped; part of the critical infrastructure switched to backup power. Educational institutions were damaged.

No authority has named the drone type or the exact facilities hit; the Hub does not publish them.



Konotop district, 24 Oct: rescuers on the ruins of a farm hit by Russian drones, where a woman was killed. Photo: State Emergency Service of Ukraine (DSNS), Sumy region · 2026-10-24 · CC BY 4.0

WHO IS AFFECTED

The people of Konotop: water only twice a day, three hours each; most homes without electricity and gas four days on (mayor, 26–27 Oct).

Patients: the city hospital works on generators (mayor, 26 Oct).

Commuters and pupils: electric transport has stopped until power returns (Konotop transport department); schools were damaged. Bakeries and shops keep going on generators; residents charge phones at resilience points (Suspilne Sumy, 26 Oct).

In Konotop district on 24 October a drone hit a farm: a woman was killed and 4 people injured (Sumy regional military administration). No casualties have been reported from the strike on the city's grid.

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THE MAYOR AND THE GRID COMPANY ON THE RECORD; THE UN ON THE PATTERN

Four days after the strike the record on Konotop rests on the mayor and the regional grid company. No UN body has reported on Konotop itself; the Commission of Inquiry has made a finding on the campaign against the energy system as a whole.

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ESTABLISHED BY BODIES WITH A MANDATE

No HRMMU, OCHA or Secretary-General's spokesperson statement specific to Konotop found as of 27 Oct 2026. A

Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine, A/81/440, 26 Oct 2026: Russia's attacks on the energy system are a war crime and the crime against humanity of other inhumane acts. A

HRMMU, 15 Oct 2026: 328 civilians killed and 2,105 injured in Ukraine in September 2026. A

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UKRAINIAN INVESTIGATION

Konotop mayor A. Semenikhin, 24–27 Oct 2026 (Telegram; interview with Suspilne): most of the city without electricity and gas; water intakes stopped; hospital on generators; schools damaged; no forecast. B

Sumyoblenergo, 26–27 Oct 2026: crews working continuously; repair times depend on security and access. B

Air Force, 24 Oct 2026; Ukrenergo, 27 Oct 2026; Sumy regional military administration, 24 Oct 2026 (farm in Konotop district). B

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INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Suspilne Sumy (24 and 26 Oct), LB.ua, DSnews, ForUA (27 Oct 2026). C

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THE NUMBERS — EVERY SOURCE, AS PUBLISHED

Figure	What it counts	Source · date · tier
4	days without electricity for most of the city by 27 Oct	Konotop mayor
06–09 · 18–21	hours of water supply a day	Konotop mayor
0	forecast dates for restoration as of 27 Oct	Konotop mayor; Sumyoblenergo
1 · 4	killed · injured on a farm in Konotop district, 24 Oct	Sumy regional military administration
7	regions with new outages on 27 Oct, Sumy among them	Ukrenergo

PHOTO SLOT · DRAFT

A resilience point or a street in Konotop during the blackout — State Emergency Service of Ukraine or Konotop city council, CC BY 4.0, with credit

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Neither the city nor the grid company has published the number of households cut off; the Hub gives none until an official figure appears. The drone type has not been named.

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RUSSIAN DRONES; THE UNIT NOT YET NAMED

No suspect has been named. What is on the record is the Ukrainian authorities' account of a Russian drone attack on the city's energy infrastructure. The table separates what is case-specific from what is general.

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Who	Role in the case	Proceedings	Sanctions · courts
Drone operators and unit not identified	Launched the drones that hit Konotop's grid, per the Ukrainian authorities	No investigation result published as of 27 Oct	—
Armed Forces of the Russian Federation	Carried out the attack, per the Konotop mayor	Konotop mayor, 24–26 Oct 2026	B
Russian Ministry of Defence	No statement on Konotop found; its daily reports describe strikes on "energy facilities used in the interests of the military-industrial complex and the AFU"	MoD statement, 14 Oct 2026 (Interfax.ru, translated)	RU
Prosecutor General of Ukraine	Competent to open proceedings for a war crime (art. 438 of the Criminal Code)	—	—

CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY

Ukraine's prosecutors and police document the strike and the damage.

HRMMU and OCHA may report on the humanitarian impact — power, water, heating — in their updates.

The Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine has already examined the energy campaign (A/81/440) and may add Konotop to its record.

THE RUSSIAN STATE'S OWN ACTS

No Russian official statement on Konotop found as of 27 Oct 2026.

Russia's standing line at the UN is that it strikes only military facilities (V. Nebenzia, Security Council, 9 Oct 2026).

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Attribution rests on the Ukrainian authorities' account. Use "Russian drones hit Konotop's energy infrastructure; most of the city has been without power since 24 October" and give the source and date.

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"ENERGY FACILITIES USED BY THE AFU" — A CITY'S WATER AND A HOSPITAL

Russia has said nothing about Konotop. Its standing claim is that it strikes energy facilities serving the military. The claim is tested here against what is known.

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**VASSILY NEBENZIA · PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF RUSSIA,
SECURITY COUNCIL, 9 OCT 2026**

"Our targets have been and remain only military facilities and infrastructure."

Russian Mission to the UN, statement of 9 Oct 2026

RUSSIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE · 14 OCT 2026

"Energy facilities used in the interests of the military-industrial complex and the AFU."

MoD daily statement; Interfax.ru, 14 Oct 2026 (translated)

NOT CONSISTENT WITH A CITY CUT OFF FROM POWER, WATER AND HEAT

Since the night of 24 October 2026 most of Konotop has had no electricity and, for the most part, no gas; water runs six hours a day and the hospital works on generators (Konotop mayor, 26–27 Oct 2026).

What the claim concedes: That the law requires attacks to be limited to military objectives.

SAYS NOTHING ABOUT THE CIVILIANS WHO DEPEND ON THE SAME GRID

The UN Commission of Inquiry found on 26 October 2026 that the attacks on Ukraine's energy system are a war crime and a crime against humanity, because of what they do to the civilian population (A/81/440).

What the claim concedes: That the strikes on energy facilities are deliberate and planned.

FAIR TO SAY

The exact facilities hit have not been named by the Ukrainian authorities, and the Hub does not publish them.

Energy infrastructure can serve both civilian and military users; that does not make a city's whole supply a lawful target.

The number of households cut off has not been published.

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POWER, WATER AND HEAT ARE LIFELINES

Electricity, water and heating for a whole city are objects indispensable to the survival of the civilian population. Even where a facility has a military use, an attack is unlawful if the expected harm to civilians is excessive.

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ESTABLISHED — BY BODIES WITH A MANDATE

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Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine, A/81/440, 26 Oct 2026: Russia's attacks on Ukraine's energy system are a war crime and the crime against humanity of other inhumane acts (finding on the campaign; Konotop not examined).

PATTERN — WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS

Konotop's grid has been hit before: on 28 April 2026 Russian drones destroyed part of the city's energy infrastructure, damaged the central district hospital and stopped city transport (Konotop mayor, via Ukrainska Pravda).

Ukrenergo, 27 Oct 2026: new outages in seven regions after Russian attacks, Sumy among them.

ICC arrest warrants (2024) for strikes on Ukraine's electric infrastructure in 2022–23.

POSITION — UKRAINE'S QUALIFICATION

Ukraine's authorities treat the strike as a deliberate attack on civilian infrastructure.

THE RULES THAT APPLY

Additional Protocol I arts. 48, 51(5)(b) and 52: distinction; attacks causing excessive civilian harm are prohibited.

Additional Protocol I art. 54(2): objects indispensable to the survival of the civilian population, such as drinking-water installations, may not be attacked.

Rome Statute art. 7(1)(k) and art. 8(2)(b)(ii) and (iv): other inhumane acts; attacks on civilian objects; disproportionate attacks.

WHAT WE DO NOT KNOW

The drone type and the exact facilities hit.

The number of households cut off and when power will return.

Whether proceedings have been opened and under which article.

Whether HRMMU or OCHA will report on Konotop.

WHAT WE ASK

Cite the strike — with its sources. Overnight into 24 October 2026 Russian drones hit the energy infrastructure of Konotop, Sumy region; four days later most of the city was still without electricity, water ran six hours a day and the hospital worked on generators (Konotop mayor; Sumyoblenergo).

Ask Russia to explain. At the Security Council, ask Russia what military objective justified switching off a whole city before winter.

Ask the UN to report. Ask HRMMU and OCHA to report on Konotop's power, water and heating in their next updates.

Keep the lights on. Support the repair of Ukraine's grid and air defence for the cities of the Sumy region; call on Russia to stop attacks on the energy system, as the Commission of Inquiry found them to be crimes against humanity.

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Konotop district, 24 Oct: rescuers on the ruins of a farm hit by Russian drones, where a woman was killed

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**SENSITIVE — GRAPHIC AFTERMATH
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Konotop district, 24 Oct: livestock trapped under the collapsed farm building

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Konotop district, 24 Oct: a rescuer inside the destroyed farm building

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