

SLOVIANSK: A BOY OF 16 IN HIS PARENTS' CAR

On 30 October 2026 Russian aircraft dropped three FAB-250 aerial bombs on two parts of Sloviansk, and a Russian FPV drone hit a car in which a 16-year-old railway college student was travelling with his parents. The boy was killed on the spot. Two people were killed in the city that day and twelve injured, the boy's mother and father among them.

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injured in Sloviansk, among them the boy's parents, aged 43 and 57 B

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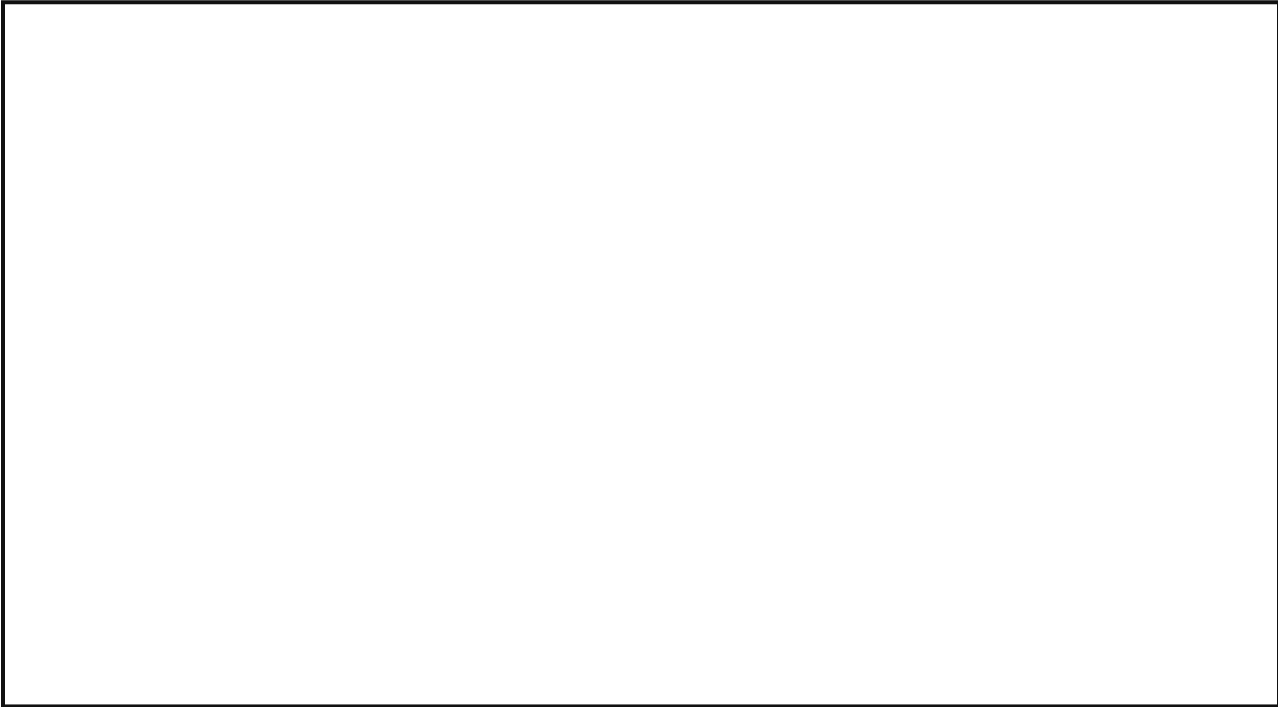
FAB-250 aerial bombs dropped on two parts of the city at about 14:40 B

Sloviansk city military administration (V. Liakh), via Suspilne Donbas, 30 Oct 2026

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private houses damaged or destroyed, with an apartment building, a post office branch and a petrol station B

Sloviansk city military administration (V. Liakh); Donetsk regional military administration, 31 Oct 2026



BOTTOM LINE

A child killed on the road. A Russian FPV drone hit a car carrying a family in Sloviansk on 30 October. The son, a 16-year-old railway college student, was killed on the spot; his mother and father were injured and taken to hospital (Sloviansk city military administration).

Bombs on homes. At about 14:40 the same day three FAB-250 aerial bombs fell on two parts of the city, damaging about 30 private houses, an apartment building, a post office branch and a petrol station. By the next morning the city counted 2 killed and 12 injured.

A drone is aimed. An FPV drone is flown by an operator who sees the target through its camera. The UN Commission of Inquiry has found that Russian drone attacks on civilians in Kherson region amount to crimes against humanity; no UN body has yet examined the Sloviansk strike.

LEGAL QUALIFICATION IN THREE LAYERS

RUSSIAN AERIAL BOMBS AND AN FPV DRONE ON SLOVIANSK; 2 KILLED, AMONG THEM A BOY AGED 16 — ESTABLISHED (UKRAINIAN AUTHORITIES)

SHORT-RANGE DRONES HUNTING CIVILIANS NEAR THE FRONT LINE — PATTERN (UN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, KHERSON REGION)

A DELIBERATE ATTACK ON CIVILIANS — POSITION (UKRAINE)

Established. On 30 October 2026 Russian aerial bombs hit two parts of Sloviansk and a Russian FPV drone hit a family car; 2 people were killed, among them a boy aged 16, and 12 injured (Sloviansk city and Donetsk regional military administrations). **Pattern.** The UN Commission of Inquiry found Russian drone attacks on civilians in Kherson region to be crimes against humanity. **Position.** Ukraine treats the strikes as deliberate attacks on civilians.

WHAT WE ASK

Ask HRMMU to verify the Sloviansk strikes for its October update; at the Security Council, ask Russia what military objective an FPV operator saw in a family car.

Sources: A — Spokesperson for the Secretary-General, noon briefing, 30 Oct 2026; Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine (May 2025); HRMMU, 15 Oct 2026. B — Sloviansk city military administration (V. Liakh), 30–31 Oct 2026; Donetsk regional military administration (V. Filashkin), 31 Oct 2026. C — Suspilne Donbas, ostro.org, LB.ua, Censor.NET (30–31 Oct 2026); Ukrainska Pravda (21 Oct 2026). RU — Russian Mission to the UN (9 Oct 2026).



BOMBS ON TWO DISTRICTS, A DRONE ON A CAR

Sloviansk lies about 20 km from the front line. On 30 October it was hit from the air twice: by heavy aerial bombs and by a short-range drone.

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15 Oct 2026	HRMMU: 328 civilians killed and 2,105 injured in Ukraine in September 2026; most casualties near the front line, Donetsk region among the hardest hit. A — HRMMU, 15 Oct 2026
21 Oct 2026	A Russian strike on the centre of Sloviansk injures five people, children among them. C — Ukrainska Pravda, 21 Oct 2026
30 Oct 2026, ~14:40	Three FAB-250 aerial bombs fall on two parts of Sloviansk: about 30 private houses and a post office branch damaged; 2 people injured at first count. B — Sloviansk city military administration (V. Liakh), via Suspilne Donbas, 30 Oct 2026
30 Oct 2026	A Russian FPV drone hits a car carrying a family; the son, a 16-year-old railway college student, is killed on the spot and his parents are injured. B — Sloviansk city military administration (V. Liakh), via Suspilne Donbas, 31 Oct 2026
30 Oct 2026	The Secretary-General's Spokesperson says attacks targeting humanitarians are unacceptable and cites an armoured evacuation vehicle hit in Sloviansk. A — Spokesperson for the Secretary-General S. Dujarric, noon briefing, 30 Oct 2026
31 Oct 2026, morning	Day toll for Sloviansk: 2 killed, a man aged 73 and the boy aged 16; 12 injured. Donetsk region: 23 attacks on settlements on 30 October; 519 people evacuated from the front line, 44 of them children. B — Donetsk regional military administration (V. Filashkin); Sloviansk city military administration (V. Liakh), 31 Oct 2026

WHAT IS ON THE RECORD SO FAR

The head of the Sloviansk city military administration, Vadym Liakh, reported that at about 14:40 Russian forces dropped three FAB-250 aerial bombs on two locations in different parts of the city. About 30 private houses and a post office branch were damaged.

On the same day a Russian FPV drone hit a car in which a 16-year-old railway college student was travelling with his parents. He died on the spot; his parents were injured and are in hospital.

The next morning the regional administration reported that Russian forces had killed two residents of Sloviansk on 30 October, a man aged 73 and a boy aged 16.

PHOTO SLOT · DRAFT

Sloviansk after the strikes of 30 October — State Emergency Service of Ukraine (Donetsk region) or the National Police, CC BY 4.0, with credit and link

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WHO WAS HARMED

A family on the road: the son, 16, killed; his mother, 43, and father, 57, injured (Donetsk regional military administration).

A man aged 73 killed (Donetsk regional military administration).

Ten more people injured, aged 33 to 73 (Donetsk regional military administration); the toll from the bombs rose to five injured (Sloviansk city military administration).

Homes and services: about 30 private houses, an apartment building, a post office branch, a petrol station, technical buildings and cars damaged or destroyed.

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THE CITY AND THE REGION ON THE RECORD; THE UN NOT YET ON THIS STRIKE

The record rests on the head of the Sloviansk city military administration and the head of the Donetsk regional military administration. The counts changed overnight and both are shown.

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ESTABLISHED BY BODIES WITH A MANDATE

No HRMMU or OCHA statement specific to the Sloviansk strikes of 30 Oct found as of 31 Oct 2026. A

Spokesperson for the Secretary-General, 30 Oct 2026: attacks targeting humanitarians are unacceptable; an armoured evacuation vehicle was hit in Sloviansk. A

Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine (May 2025): Russian drone attacks on civilians in Kherson region are crimes against humanity of murder. A

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

UKRAINIAN INVESTIGATION

Sloviansk city military administration (V. Liakh), 30 Oct 2026: three FAB-250 bombs at about 14:40; 2 injured; about 30 houses and a post office branch damaged. B

Sloviansk city military administration (V. Liakh), 31 Oct 2026: 2 killed, among them a 16-year-old student in a car hit by an FPV drone; 12 injured; 5 injured by the bombs. B

Donetsk regional military administration (V. Filashkin), 31 Oct 2026: 2 killed in Sloviansk, a man aged 73 and a boy aged 16; the boy's parents and 10 more people injured. B

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INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Suspilne Donbas, ostro.org, LB.ua, Censor.NET, 30–31 Oct 2026. C

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THE NUMBERS — EVERY SOURCE, AS PUBLISHED

Figure	What it counts	Source · date · tier
2	killed in Sloviansk on 30 October — a man aged 73 and a boy aged 16	Donetsk regional military administration
2 · 5 · 12	injured — after the bombs at first count · from the bombs, next morning · in the city for the whole day	Sloviansk city military administration
3	FAB-250 aerial bombs	Sloviansk city military administration

PHOTO SLOT · DRAFT

Rescuers in Sloviansk after the strikes — State Emergency Service of Ukraine, CC BY 4.0, with credit

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The time of the drone strike on the car has not been published. The Hub does not name the boy or his family.

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RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT AND A DRONE CREW; NO ONE NAMED YET

No suspect has been named. What is on the record is the Ukrainian authorities' account of Russian aerial bombs and a Russian FPV drone. The table separates what is case-specific from what is general.

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Who	Role in the case	Proceedings	Sanctions · courts
FPV drone operator and unit not identified	Flew the drone that hit the family car, per the Sloviansk city military administration	No investigation result published as of 31 Oct	—
Russian aviation crews not identified	Dropped three FAB-250 bombs on Sloviansk, per the city military administration	Sloviansk city military administration, 30 Oct 2026	B
Armed Forces of the Russian Federation	Carried out the attacks, per the city and regional military administrations	Sloviansk city and Donetsk regional military administrations, 30–31 Oct 2026	B
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 strikes and the deaths.

HRMMU may verify the tolls for its monthly update.

The Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine may add the drone strike on the car to its record of drone attacks on civilians.

THE RUSSIAN STATE'S OWN ACTS

No Russian official statement on the Sloviansk strikes found as of 31 Oct 2026.

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

Attribution rests on the Ukrainian authorities' account. Use "Russian aerial bombs and an FPV drone hit Sloviansk on 30 October 2026; 2 people were killed, among them a boy aged 16" and give the source and date.

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"ONLY MILITARY FACILITIES" — A FAMILY CAR

Russia has said nothing about the Sloviansk strikes. Its standing claim at the UN is that it strikes only military targets. 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

NOT CONSISTENT WITH A DRONE STRIKE ON A CAR CARRYING A FAMILY

On 30 October 2026 a Russian FPV drone hit a car in Sloviansk in which a 16-year-old student was travelling with his parents; he was killed and they were injured (Sloviansk city military administration). The same day three aerial bombs damaged about 30 private houses.

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

FAIR TO SAY

Sloviansk is a front-line city and military personnel and vehicles may be present in it; no authority has said the car carried anything but a family.

The drone crew and their orders have not been identified by an independent body.

The second person killed — a man aged 73 — has not been linked to a specific strike in the official reports.

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A FAMILY CAR IS NOT A TARGET

A car carrying civilians is a civilian object and the people in it are civilians. An FPV drone is steered by an operator watching through its camera, so the choice of target is made by a person. Unguided heavy bombs on residential streets risk striking civilians and military objectives without distinction.

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ESTABLISHED — BY BODIES WITH A MANDATE

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Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine (May 2025): Russian drone attacks on civilians in Kherson region are crimes against humanity of murder (finding on Kherson region; Sloviansk not examined).

No body with an international mandate has yet examined the Sloviansk strikes (as of 31 Oct 2026).

PATTERN — WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS

Kherson, 25 October 2026: a Russian drone on a passenger minibus (Hub case file).

Kramatorsk, 8 October 2026: a guided bomb on two passenger buses; UN Assistant Secretary-General Khiari cited at least 33 killed at the Security Council.

HRMMU, 15 Oct 2026: 328 civilians killed in Ukraine in September 2026, the highest September toll since February 2022.

POSITION — UKRAINE'S QUALIFICATION

Ukraine treats the strikes as deliberate attacks on civilians.

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THE RULES THAT APPLY

Additional Protocol I arts. 48, 51(2) and 52 and customary IHL rules 1, 2 and 7: civilians may not be attacked; acts whose primary purpose is to spread terror are prohibited.

Additional Protocol I art. 51(4)–(5): indiscriminate attacks, including bombardment that treats a town as a single target, are prohibited.

Rome Statute art. 8(2)(b)(i) and (ii): intentionally directing attacks against civilians and civilian objects — war crimes.

WHAT WE DO NOT KNOW

The time of the drone strike and the unit that flew the drone.

Which strike killed the man aged 73.

Whether proceedings have been opened and under which article.

Whether HRMMU will verify the strikes in its October update.

WHAT WE ASK

Cite the strike — with its sources. On 30 October 2026 a Russian FPV drone hit a family car in Sloviansk, killing a 16-year-old student and injuring his parents; Russian aerial bombs damaged about 30 houses the same day; 2 killed and 12 injured in the city (Sloviansk city and Donetsk regional military administrations).

Ask Russia to explain. At the Security Council, ask Russia what military objective an FPV operator saw in a family car.

Ask the UN to verify. Ask HRMMU to verify the Sloviansk strikes for its October update, and the Commission of Inquiry to examine drone attacks on civilians in Donetsk region as it did in Kherson region.

Protect children near the front line. Support evacuation and protection of families in front-line towns; call on Russia to stop drone and bomb attacks on residential areas.

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