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KOMYSHUVAKHA, ZAPORIZHZHIA REGION · 2 NOVEMBER 2026 · FROM THE MORNING

KOMYSHUVAKHA: BOMBS ON AN AID POINT, THEN ON ITS SHELTER

On Monday 2 November 2026 Russian guided aerial bombs hit a school in Komyshuvakha, Zaporizhzhia region, where residents received humanitarian aid every week. A second strike of nine more bombs hit the shelter where people, rescuers and police had taken cover. By the evening at least 26 people were dead and 27 were missing.

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26

killed, among them two rescuers and four police officers B

President of Ukraine; Zaporizhzhia regional military administration (M. Semikin); State Emergency Service, evening of 2 Nov 2026 · preliminary

27

people missing under the ruins as of the evening of 2 Nov B

Zaporizhzhia regional military administration (M. Semikin), 2 Nov 2026 · preliminary

9

more aerial bombs in the second strike, on the shelter B

President of Ukraine, 2 Nov 2026

5

injured, among them two rescuers, in hospital B

State Emergency Service; President of Ukraine, 2 Nov 2026 · preliminary

BOTTOM LINE

An aid point, then its shelter. On 2 November Russian guided aerial bombs hit a school in Komyshuvakha used to hand out humanitarian aid; a second strike of nine more bombs hit the shelter where people, rescuers and police had taken cover (President of Ukraine; State Emergency Service).

At least 26 dead, 27 missing. Two rescuers of the State Emergency Service and four police officers are among the dead; the search went on into the night (Zaporizhzhia regional military administration).

The day after the Oleshky truce. The strike came a day after a local truce around occupied Oleshky ended. The UN Spokesperson said the UN condemns all attacks against civilians; no UN body has yet verified the toll.

LEGAL QUALIFICATION IN THREE LAYERS

AERIAL BOMBS ON A SCHOOL USED AS AN AID POINT AND ON ITS SHELTER; AT LEAST 26 KILLED — ESTABLISHED (UKRAINIAN AUTHORITIES)

REPEAT STRIKES ON A SITE AFTER RESCUERS ARRIVE; EARLIER STRIKES ON KOMYSHUVAKHA — PATTERN

RUSSIA KNEW RESIDENTS RECEIVED AID THERE EVERY WEEK — POSITION (UKRAINE)

Established. On 2 November 2026 Russian guided aerial bombs hit a school in Komyshuvakha used as a humanitarian aid point and then its shelter; at least 26 people were killed, among them two rescuers and four police officers, and 27 were missing (President of Ukraine; Zaporizhzhia regional military administration; State Emergency Service). **Pattern.** Komyshuvakha has been hit before during aid distribution and on its roads. **Position.** Ukraine says Russia knew residents received aid there every week.

WHAT WE ASK

Ask HRMMU to verify the Komyshuvakha toll and the second strike on the shelter; at the Security Council, ask Russia what military objective it attacked at a school where aid was handed out every week.

Sources: A — UN noon briefing transcript, 2 Nov 2026; HRMMU, 15 Oct 2026. B — President of Ukraine, 2 Nov 2026; Zaporizhzhia regional military administration (M. Semikin), 21 Oct and 2 Nov 2026; State Emergency Service of Ukraine, 2 Nov 2026; Ombudsman of Ukraine. C — Kyiv Post, Suspilne Zaporizhzhia, ZMINA, UNITED24 Media, Kyiv Independent (2 Nov 2026). RU — Russian Mission to the UN (9 Oct 2026).

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CASE FILE HOW IT HAPPENED

A WEEKLY AID POINT, STRUCK TWICE

Komyshuvakha is a settlement in Zaporizhzhia district, about 20 km from the front line. Residents who stayed came to the school each week for humanitarian aid.

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15 Jun 2026	Russian drones attack the area of a school in Komyshuvakha where the Proliska humanitarian mission is working: 4 civilians injured. C — Proliska mission, via ZMINA, 2 Nov 2026
21 Oct 2026	A Russian drone hits a civilian car near Komyshuvakha: a man aged 73 and a woman aged 71 killed. B — Zaporizhzhia regional military administration (M. Semikin), 21 Oct 2026
27 Oct – 1 Nov 2026	A local truce around occupied Oleshky, Kherson region, allows an evacuation; it ends at 22:59 on 1 November (Kyiv time). B — Ombudsman of Ukraine; Hub Negotiations track
2 Nov 2026, morning	Russian guided aerial bombs hit Komyshuvakha; one hits a school where residents receive humanitarian aid every week. The first report counts 1 killed and 2 injured. B — President of Ukraine; Zaporizhzhia regional military administration (M. Semikin), 2 Nov 2026
2 Nov 2026, later	Rescuers and police who have arrived take cover in the school's shelter as another strike threatens; a second strike of nine more bombs hits the site. A gym, an outbuilding and a fire engine are destroyed. B — State Emergency Service of Ukraine; President of Ukraine, 2 Nov 2026
2 Nov 2026, noon in New York	Asked about Komyshuvakha, the UN Spokesperson says the UN condemns all attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure, which must stop. A — UN noon briefing transcript, 2 Nov 2026
2 Nov 2026, evening	The count rises from 18 to 24 and then 26 killed; 27 people are missing. The regional head says FAB-3000 guided bombs were used and declares 3 November a day of mourning. B — President of Ukraine; Zaporizhzhia regional military administration (M. Semikin), via Kyiv Post and Suspilne, 2 Nov 2026 · preliminary

WHAT IS ON THE RECORD SO FAR

The President of Ukraine said there had been several aerial bomb strikes on the settlement since the morning, and that after the first strike there was a repeat strike with nine more bombs on a shelter where people were hiding.

The State Emergency Service said its rescuers arrived after the first strike, took cover in the shelter with police officers when a new strike threatened, and that Russia then struck the site again. A gym and an outbuilding were destroyed, the school building damaged and a fire engine destroyed.

The head of the Zaporizhzhia regional military administration, Mykhailo Semikin, said FAB-3000 guided aerial bombs were used, reported 27 people missing and declared 3 November a day of mourning.

PHOTO SLOT · DRAFT

Komyshuvakha after the strikes of 2 November — State Emergency Service of Ukraine or National Police of Ukraine, CC BY 4.0, with credit and link

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WHO WAS HARMED

At least 26 people killed, most of them civilians who had come for aid, by the President's account (President of Ukraine; Zaporizhzhia regional military administration).

Two rescuers of the State Emergency Service, both aged 44, killed on duty (State Emergency Service).

Four police officers killed (State Emergency Service; President of Ukraine).

At least 5 injured, two rescuers among them, and 27 missing as of the evening (State Emergency Service; Zaporizhzhia regional military administration).

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CASE FILE THE EVIDENCE, BY TIER

THE PRESIDENT, THE REGION AND THE RESCUERS ON THE RECORD; THE UN HAS CONDEMNED, NOT YET VERIFIED

The record rests on the President of Ukraine, the head of the Zaporizhzhia regional military administration and the State Emergency Service. The count rose through the day and every version is shown.

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ESTABLISHED BY BODIES WITH A MANDATE

UN noon briefing, 2 Nov 2026: asked about Komyshuvakha, the Spokesperson said the UN condemns all attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure (transcript). [A]

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

No HRMMU or OCHA verification specific to the Komyshuvakha strike as of 2 Nov 2026. [A]

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UKRAINIAN INVESTIGATION

President of Ukraine, 2 Nov 2026: several aerial bomb strikes since the morning; a repeat strike with nine more bombs on a shelter; at least 26 killed, among them four police officers and two rescuers. [B]

Zaporizhzhia regional military administration (M. Semikin), 2 Nov 2026: FAB-3000 guided bombs; 27 missing; day of mourning on 3 Nov. The first report that morning counted 1 killed and 2 injured. [B]

State Emergency Service of Ukraine, 2 Nov 2026: two rescuers killed and two injured; a gym, an outbuilding and a fire engine destroyed. [B]

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INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Kyiv Post, Suspilne Zaporizhzhia, ZMINA, UNITED24 Media, Kyiv Independent, 2 Nov 2026; Suspilne reported at least 10 injured; the Kyiv Independent put the settlement about 20 km from the front line. [C]

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THE NUMBERS — EVERY SOURCE, AS PUBLISHED

Figure	What it counts	Source · date · tier
1 · 18 · 24 · 26	killed — first report · afternoon · evening · late evening	Zaporizhzhia regional military administration; President of Ukraine; State Emergency Service
5 · 10	injured — President and State Emergency Service · Suspilne	President of Ukraine; State Emergency Service; Suspilne Zaporizhzhia
27	missing as of the evening	Zaporizhzhia regional military administration

PHOTO SLOT · DRAFT

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

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The exact times of the strikes have not been published. The Hub does not name the civilian victims.

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CASE FILE RESPONSIBILITY

RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT; NO ONE NAMED YET

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

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Who	Role in the case	Proceedings	Sanctions · courts
Aircrew and unit not identified	Released the guided aerial bombs on the school and on its shelter, per the President and the State Emergency Service	No investigation result published as of 2 Nov	—
Armed Forces of the Russian Federation	Carried out the strikes, per the President, the regional military administration and the State Emergency Service	President of Ukraine; Zaporizhzhia regional military administration; State Emergency Service, 2 Nov 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 toll for its monthly update.

The Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine may examine the strike in its record of attacks on civilians and on humanitarian work.

THE RUSSIAN STATE'S OWN ACTS

No Russian official statement on the Komyshuvakha strike found as of the evening of 2 Nov 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 guided aerial bombs hit a school used as a humanitarian aid point in Komyshuvakha, Zaporizhzhia region, on 2 November 2026, then its shelter; at least 26 people were killed" and give the source and date.

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CASE FILE FACT-CHECK · WHAT RUSSIA SAYS

"ONLY MILITARY FACILITIES" — A SCHOOL WHERE AID WAS HANDED OUT

Russia has said nothing about the Komyshuvakha strike. 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 BOMBS ON A HUMANITARIAN AID POINT AND ON THE SHELTER WHERE PEOPLE TOOK COVER

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

FAIR TO SAY

Komyshuvakha lies about 20 km from the front line, in an area of fighting; police officers and rescuers were at the site after the first strike.

No authority has said there was a military objective at the school; the intended target and the crew's orders have not been identified by an independent body.

The exact times of the strikes have not been published.

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CASE FILE THE LAW AND WHAT WE ASK

AID, RESCUERS AND A SHELTER ARE NOT TARGETS

A school, a humanitarian aid point and a shelter are civilian objects; the people queuing for aid, the rescuers and the police helping them are protected. A second strike on the same place after rescuers arrive hits the people who come to help.

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ESTABLISHED — BY BODIES WITH A MANDATE

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No body with an international mandate has yet verified the Komyshuvakha toll (as of 2 Nov 2026).

PATTERN — WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS

Komyshuvakha, 15 June 2026: drones near a school where a humanitarian mission was working, 4 injured (Proliska, via ZMINA); 21 Oct 2026: a drone on a civilian car, 2 killed (Zaporizhzhia regional military administration).

UN Spokesperson, 30 Oct 2026: attacks targeting humanitarians are unacceptable and must stop (noon briefing).

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

POSITION — UKRAINE'S QUALIFICATION

Ukraine says Russia knew for certain that residents received aid at this place every week, and treats the strike as a deliberate attack on civilians.

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THE RULES THAT APPLY

Additional Protocol I arts. 48, 51(2) and 52 and customary IHL rules 1 and 7: civilians and civilian objects may not be attacked.

Additional Protocol I arts. 61–62 and customary IHL rules 31 and 32: civil defence personnel, humanitarian relief personnel and objects used for relief must be respected and protected.

Rome Statute art. 8(2)(b)(i), (ii) and (ix): intentionally directing attacks against civilians, civilian objects and buildings dedicated to education — war crimes.

WHAT WE DO NOT KNOW

The exact times of the strikes, the bomb types confirmed by investigators and the unit that released them.

How many people were at the aid point and in the shelter.

Whether proceedings have been opened and under which article.

Whether HRMMU will verify the strike in its November update.

WHAT WE ASK

Cite the strike — with its sources. On 2 November 2026 Russian guided aerial bombs hit a school used as a humanitarian aid point in Komyshuvakha, Zaporizhzhia region, then its shelter; at least 26 people were killed, among them two rescuers and four police officers, and 27 were missing (President of Ukraine; Zaporizhzhia regional military administration; State Emergency Service).

Ask Russia to explain. At the Security Council, ask Russia what military objective it attacked at a school where aid was handed out every week, and why the site was struck again after rescuers arrived.

Ask the UN to verify. Ask HRMMU to verify the Komyshuvakha toll for its November update, and OCHA to record the strike as an attack on a humanitarian aid point.

Protect aid and rescuers. Call on Russia to stop strikes on aid distribution points and on rescuers; build on the Oleshky truce with humanitarian pauses under UN or ICRC monitoring.

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