CASE FILE CHORNOMORSK, ODESA REGION · 11 NOVEMBER 2026

CHORNOMORSK: A STRIKE ON A CROWDED MARKET AT MIDDAY

Around midday on 11 November 2026, the second day of the US-mediated talks in Abu Dhabi, a Russian strike hit the market in the centre of Chornomorsk, a Black Sea port city of about 50,000 south of Odesa, while it was full of people. Four people were killed — one at the scene, three who died in hospital — and 11 were hurt, 9 of them hospitalised and 4 in critical condition. Market stalls, homes and cars were damaged.

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Odesa regional military administration (O. Kiper), 11 Nov 2026, via UNITED24 Media, Glavnoe and UA.NEWS · preliminary

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hurt in all; 9 hospitalised, 4 in critical condition B

Odesa regional military administration (O. Kiper), 11 Nov 2026 · preliminary

~11:00

air-raid alert; the Air Force reported a jet-powered drone heading for Chornomorsk B

Air Force of Ukraine, 11 Nov 2026, via the Kyiv Independent

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Russian strikes on Chornomorsk in three days — a two-storey residential building on 9 November, the market on 11 November C

Kyiv Independent, 11 Nov 2026

BOTTOM LINE

A market, at midday, full of people. The strike hit the market in the centre of Chornomorsk while it was crowded; stalls, a private house, nearby homes and cars were damaged and a fire broke out (Odesa regional military administration; State Emergency Service).

4 killed, 11 hurt, 4 critical. One person died at the scene and three in hospital; 9 of the 11 hurt were hospitalised.

During the talks. It came on the second day of the US-mediated talks in Abu Dhabi, as Russia said it was against a ceasefire that would give Ukraine "a respite" (Kremlin, 30 Oct 2026).

LEGAL QUALIFICATION IN THREE LAYERS

A RUSSIAN STRIKE ON THE CHORNOMORSK MARKET KILLED 4 AND HURT 11 — ESTABLISHED (UKRAINIAN AUTHORITIES)

STRIKES ON MARKETS, CAFÉS AND SHOPS IN DAYLIGHT — PATTERN

RUSSIA: "ONLY MILITARY FACILITIES" — POSITION

Established. Around midday on 11 November 2026 a Russian strike hit the crowded market in the centre of Chornomorsk, Odesa region, killing 4 people and hurting 11, 4 of them critically (Odesa regional military administration, preliminary). The weapon has not been confirmed. **Pattern.** Russian strikes have hit markets, cafés and shopping centres in daylight — Hroza (2023), Pechenihy and the Kryvyi Rih shopping centre (2026). **Position.** Russia says it strikes only military facilities.

WHAT WE ASK

Ask HRMMU to verify the casualties for its November update; at the Security Council, ask Russia what military objective it attacked at a city market at midday — on the second day of the talks it attends.

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CASE FILE HOW IT HAPPENED

A CITY MARKET, AT THE BUSIEST HOUR

Chornomorsk is the third-largest city of Odesa region and one of the three ports of the Black Sea grain corridor. The market is in the city centre, among homes.

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30 Oct 2026	The Kremlin says Russia is "against a ceasefire that will give Ukrainians a respite" and will not halt combat operations before the Abu Dhabi talks. RUSSIA SAYS — Dmitry Peskov, via TASS, 30 Oct 2026
9 Nov 2026	A Russian strike hits a two-storey residential building in Chornomorsk. C — Kyiv Independent, 11 Nov 2026
10 Nov 2026	US-mediated talks between Ukraine, the United States and Russia open in Abu Dhabi. C — PBS, 10 Nov 2026
11 Nov 2026, about 11:00	Air-raid alert; the Air Force reports a jet-powered drone heading for Chornomorsk. B — Air Force of Ukraine, 11 Nov 2026, via the Kyiv Independent
11 Nov 2026, around midday	A Russian strike hits the market in the city centre while it is crowded; stalls, homes and cars are damaged and a fire breaks out. One person is killed at the scene. B — Odesa regional military administration (O. Kiper); State Emergency Service, 11 Nov 2026
11 Nov 2026, afternoon	Two of the injured die in hospital; 11 hurt in all, 9 hospitalised, 4 in critical condition. B — Odesa regional military administration (O. Kiper), 11 Nov 2026, via UNITED24 Media and Glavnoe
11 Nov 2026	The talks in Abu Dhabi end with an agreement on a large prisoner exchange; no ceasefire. C — Euronews; UNN (R. Umerov), 11 Nov 2026

WHAT IS ON THE RECORD SO FAR

The head of the Odesa regional military administration said the strike hit the market in the city centre while it was crowded, damaging homes and cars nearby.

The State Emergency Service said market stalls and a private house were damaged and a fire broke out; it was put out before it spread. Nine firefighters and two engines worked at the site.

The Air Force had reported a jet-powered drone heading for the city; the authorities have not said whether the market was hit by a drone, by debris or by another weapon.

WHO WAS HARMED

4 killed: one person at the scene and three who died in hospital, the fourth reported on the evening of 11 November (Odesa regional military administration).

11 hurt in all; 9 were hospitalised and doctors assessed 4 as critical (Odesa regional military administration).

The first reports gave 1 killed and 4 injured; the count rose through the afternoon. Every version is shown on page 3.

The Hub does not name the dead or the injured.

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CASE FILE THE EVIDENCE, BY TIER

THE REGION, THE RESCUERS AND THE AIR FORCE ON THE RECORD

The record rests on the Odesa regional military administration, the State Emergency Service and the Air Force. No UN body had spoken on this strike as of 11 November. The counts changed during the day and every version is shown.

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ESTABLISHED BY BODIES WITH A MANDATE

No HRMMU or UN statement specific to this strike as of 11 Nov 2026. A

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UKRAINIAN INVESTIGATION

Odesa regional military administration (O. Kiper), 11 Nov 2026: 4 killed (the fourth death in hospital reported that evening), 11 hurt, 9 hospitalised, 4 critical; homes and cars damaged. B

State Emergency Service, Odesa region, 11 Nov 2026: market stalls and a private house damaged; fire put out; 9 firefighters, 2 engines. B

Air Force of Ukraine, 11 Nov 2026: a jet-powered drone heading for Chornomorsk. B

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INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Kyiv Independent, 11 Nov 2026: the alert at about 11:00; the second strike on the city in three days. C

UNITED24 Media, Glavnoe, Interfax-Ukraine, Ukrinform, UNN, NV, 11 Nov 2026. C

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THE NUMBERS — EVERY SOURCE, AS PUBLISHED

Figure	What it counts	Source · date · tier
1 · 3 · 4	killed — first report · afternoon count · evening count	Odesa regional military administration
4 · 8 · 11	hurt — first report · midday · later count	Odesa regional military administration, via Ukrinform, the Kyiv Independent and Glavnoe
9 · 4	hospitalised · in critical condition	Odesa regional military administration

Figures are preliminary and may rise.

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CASE FILE RESPONSIBILITY

A RUSSIAN STRIKE; NO UNIT NAMED YET

No suspect has been named. What is on the record is the Ukrainian authorities' account of a Russian strike on the market, with the Air Force tracking a jet-powered drone towards the city.

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Who	Role in the case	Proceedings	Sanctions · courts
Drone or missile unit not identified	Carried out the strike on the market, per the Ukrainian authorities	No investigation result published as of 11 Nov	—
Armed Forces of the Russian Federation	Carried out the strike on Chornomorsk	Odesa regional military administration; Air Force, 11 Nov 2026	B
Prosecutor General of Ukraine	Competent for war crimes (art. 438 of the Criminal Code)	—	B

CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY

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

HRMMU may verify the casualties for its monthly update.

The weapon will be identified from the debris.

THE RUSSIAN STATE'S OWN ACTS

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

Kremlin, 30 Oct 2026: against a ceasefire "that will give Ukrainians a respite".

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Use "Around midday on 11 November 2026 a Russian strike hit the crowded market in the centre of Chornomorsk, Odesa region, killing 4 people and hurting 11" and give the source and date.

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CASE FILE FACT-CHECK · WHAT RUSSIA SAYS

"ONLY MILITARY FACILITIES" — A CITY MARKET

Russia says it strikes only military targets. The claim is tested here against what is known about the Chornomorsk strike.

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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 STRIKE ON A CROWDED CITY MARKET AT MIDDAY

Around midday on 11 November 2026 a Russian strike hit the market in the centre of Chornomorsk while it was crowded: 4 killed, 11 hurt, 4 critically (Odesa regional military administration).

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

FAIR TO SAY

Chornomorsk has a seaport that Russia has attacked repeatedly; the port is several kilometres from the central market.

The weapon and the intended target have not been confirmed by investigators or an independent body.

The authorities have not said whether the market was hit directly or by debris.

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CASE FILE THE LAW AND WHAT WE ASK

MARKETS ARE CIVILIAN

A market is a civilian object and the people in it are civilians. Attacks may be directed only at military objectives, and every feasible precaution must be taken to spare civilians — above all in a crowded place at midday.

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ESTABLISHED — BY BODIES WITH A MANDATE

Around midday on 11 November 2026 a Russian strike hit the crowded market in the centre of Chornomorsk, killing 4 people and hurting 11, 4 of them critically (Odesa regional military administration, preliminary).

No body with an international mandate has yet verified this strike (as of 11 Nov 2026).

PATTERN — WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS

Strikes on markets, cafés and shopping centres in daylight: Hroza (5 Oct 2023), Pechenihy (18 Aug 2026), the Kryvyi Rih shopping centre (21 Aug 2026) — Hub dossiers.

Chornomorsk was struck twice in three days: a residential building on 9 November, the market on 11 November.

POSITION — UKRAINE'S QUALIFICATION

Russia says it strikes only military facilities.

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THE RULES THAT APPLY

Additional Protocol I arts. 48 and 52: attacks may be directed only at military objectives; civilian objects may not be attacked.

Additional Protocol I arts. 51(4)–(5) and 57: indiscriminate attacks are prohibited and all feasible precautions must be taken.

Rome Statute art. 8(2)(b)(i)–(ii): intentionally directing attacks against civilians or civilian objects — a war crime.

WHAT WE DO NOT KNOW

The weapon and the intended target.

Whether the market was hit directly or by debris.

Whether HRMMU will verify the casualties.

WHAT WE ASK

Cite the strike — with its source. Around midday on 11 November 2026 a Russian strike hit the crowded market in the centre of Chornomorsk, Odesa region, killing 4 people and hurting 11 (Odesa regional military administration).

Ask Russia to explain. At the Security Council, ask Russia what military objective it attacked at a city market at midday — on the second day of talks it attended.

Ask the UN to verify. Ask HRMMU to verify the casualties for its November update.

Keep civilians out of the fighting. Back the Secretary-General's call for an immediate, full and unconditional ceasefire.

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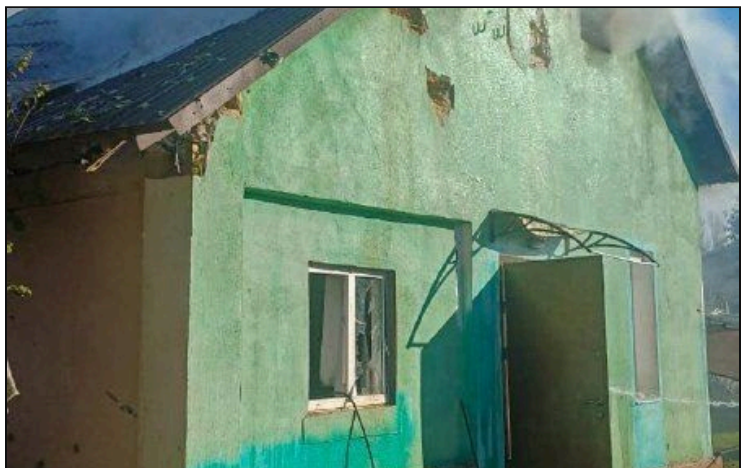
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