CASE FILE

KOMYSHUVAKHA, KHARKIV, ZHYTOMYR, KYIV, VINNYTSIA AND ZAPORIZHZHIA REGIONS · 6–11 NOVEMBER 2026

SECOND STRIKES: RESCUERS AND POLICE HIT AT WORK

In six days, from 6 to 11 November 2026, Ukrainian authorities reported seven Russian attacks that hit rescuers, police officers or their vehicles while they worked at strike sites. On 11 November in Yahotyn, Kyiv region, repeat drone strikes on a fire killed 2 State Emergency Service rescuers and injured 2. In Komyshuvakha drones hit a fire engine twice at the site of the 2 November bombing; in Zhytomyr region police officers documenting damage were hit by a repeat strike. At least 2 responders were killed and at least 8 injured.

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attacks that hit rescuers, police or their vehicles at work, 6–11 November B

State Emergency Service; regional military administrations; Kharkiv mayor, 6–11 Nov 2026 · Hub strike log

2 · 2

rescuers killed · injured by repeat Russian drone strikes while putting out a fire in Yahotyn, Kyiv region, 11 November B

State Emergency Service (head A. Danyk), 11 Nov 2026, via LB.ua and Espreso

4 · 5

police officers or people injured by a repeat strike in Zhytomyr region, 10–11 November — regional head · State Emergency Service B

Zhytomyr regional military administration (V. Bunechko) · State Emergency Service, 11 Nov 2026

478

civilians killed by glide bombs in Ukraine in 2026; UN monitors warn that repeated strikes on the same area may substantially increase civilian harm A

HRMMU, 3 Nov 2026

BOTTOM LINE

The second strike comes for the people who help. Rescuers working at a strike site, a fire engine on a call, police documenting damage: seven times in six days Russian strikes hit them at work, and on 11 November two rescuers were killed (Ukrainian authorities).

Yahotyn, 11 November. Russian strike drones attacked the town by day; while State Emergency Service units put out the fire, repeat strikes killed 2 rescuers and injured 2 more (State Emergency Service).

Komyshuvakha and Zhytomyr region. On 8 November drones hit a fire engine twice at the Komyshuvakha bomb site — 2 rescuers injured; on the night of 10–11 November police officers documenting damage in Zhytomyr region were hit by a repeat strike — 4 injured, per the regional head; 5, per the State Emergency Service.

LEGAL QUALIFICATION IN THREE LAYERS

RUSSIAN STRIKES HIT RESCUERS AND POLICE AT WORK SEVEN TIMES, 6-11 NOVEMBER; 2 RESCUERS KILLED — ESTABLISHED (UKRAINIAN AUTHORITIES)

REPEAT ("DOUBLE-TAP") STRIKES ON STRIKE SITES — PATTERN

RUSSIA: "ONLY MILITARY FACILITIES" — POSITION

Established. Between 6 and 11 November 2026 Ukrainian authorities reported seven Russian attacks that hit rescuers, police officers or their vehicles at work, killing 2 rescuers and injuring at least 8 responders — 2 rescuers killed and 2 injured in Yahotyn on 11 November, 2 rescuers injured in Komyshuvakha on 8 November and 4 police officers in Zhytomyr region on 10–11 November (State Emergency Service; regional military administrations; preliminary). **Pattern.** Repeat strikes on the same site after rescuers arrive: UN monitors warn they may substantially increase civilian harm (HRMMU, 3 Nov 2026); the Kryvyi Rih shopping centre, 21 Aug 2026 (Hub dossier). **Position.** Russia says it strikes only military facilities.

WHAT WE ASK

Ask HRMMU to document repeat strikes on rescuers and police as a category in its next update; at the Security Council, ask Russia why its drones return to a strike site after the rescuers arrive.

Sources: A — HRMMU, 3 Nov 2026. B — State Emergency Service of Ukraine (incl. head A. Danyk on Yahotyn), 6–11 Nov 2026; Zhytomyr regional military administration (V. Bunechko), 11 Nov 2026; Kharkiv mayor Ihor Terekhov, 7–8 Nov 2026; National Police, 9 Nov 2026. C — Ukrinform, Suspilne Zhytomyr, Korosten.today, LB.ua, WeUkraine, the Kyiv Independent, Espreso (6–11 Nov 2026). RU — Russian Mission to the UN (9 Oct 2026).

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CASE FILE HOW IT HAPPENED

SEVEN ATTACKS, ONE PATTERN

In each case the people hit were there because of an earlier strike: to put out a fire, to dig out survivors, to document the damage.

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21 Aug 2026	Kryvyi Rih: the second drone hits the rescuers at the shopping centre. B — Hub dossier, Kryvyi Rih shopping centre, 21 Aug 2026
2 Nov 2026	Komyshuvakha: guided bombs on an aid point and then on its shelter; 55 bodies recovered by 9 November. B — Hub case file, Komyshuvakha; National Police, 9 Nov 2026
3 Nov 2026	UN monitors: repeated strikes in the same area may substantially increase civilian harm. A — HRMMU, 3 Nov 2026
Night of 6–7 Nov	Vinnytsia region: a Russian attack damages a fire and rescue station and rescue vehicles — 1 injured. B — State Emergency Service, via the Kyiv Independent
7–8 Nov, morning	Zaporizhzhia district: a Russian drone hits the site where rescuers are working after an air strike on a shelter; rescue equipment damaged. B — State Emergency Service, via WeUkraine
7–8 Nov, morning	Kharkiv, Kyivskyi district: drones hit the roof of a multi-storey building, then strike again — 1 injured. B — Kharkiv mayor Ihor Terekhov, via LB.ua
8 Nov, day	Komyshuvakha: drones hit a State Emergency Service fire engine twice at the site of the 2 November strike — 2 rescuers injured. B — State Emergency Service, via Ukrinform
8 Nov, afternoon	Kharkiv, Kyivskyi district: after a drone sets a car on fire, an FPV drone hits a fire engine — 1 injured. B — Kharkiv mayor Ihor Terekhov, via Ukrinform
10–11 Nov, night	Zhytomyr region: police officers documenting damage after drone strikes are hit by a repeat strike — 4 · 5 injured. B — Zhytomyr regional military administration (V. Bunechko) · State Emergency Service, via Suspilne Zhytomyr
11 Nov, day	Yahotyn, Kyiv region: Russian strike drones attack the town; repeat strikes hit the rescuers putting out the fire — 2 rescuers killed, 2 injured. B — State Emergency Service (head A. Danyk), via LB.ua and Espreso

WHAT IS ON THE RECORD SO FAR

Yahotyn, Kyiv region, 11 Nov: Russian strike drones attacked the town by day; repeat strikes hit State Emergency Service units while they put out the fire (State Emergency Service).

Komyshuvakha, 8 Nov: drones hit a fire and rescue vehicle twice while State Emergency Service units worked at the site of the 2 November bombing (State Emergency Service).

Zhytomyr region, 10–11 Nov: drones hit energy, transport and fuel infrastructure in five communities; police officers documenting the damage were then hit by a repeat strike (regional military administration).

Kharkiv, 7–8 and 8 Nov: a repeat drone strike on the same building, and an FPV drone on a fire engine at the scene of a car fire (Kharkiv mayor).



Komyshuvakha, 8 Nov: the State Emergency Service fire engine hit by Russian drones at the site of the 2 November bombing. Photo: State Emergency Service of Ukraine (DSNS) · 2026-11-08 · CC BY 4.0

WHO WAS HARMED

Yahotyn: 2 rescuers killed and 2 injured, in hospital (State Emergency Service).

Komyshuvakha: 2 rescuers injured (State Emergency Service).

Zhytomyr region: 4 police officers injured, per the regional head; the State Emergency Service count is 5.

Kharkiv: 1 injured in the repeat strike on 7–8 Nov and 1 when the FPV drone hit the fire engine on 8 Nov.

Vinnytsia region: 1 injured when the fire and rescue station was hit; Zaporizhzhia district: no rescuers injured, equipment damaged.

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CASE FILE THE EVIDENCE, BY TIER

THE RESCUERS, THE REGIONS AND THE UN MONITORS ON THE RECORD

The record rests on the State Emergency Service, the regional military administrations and the Kharkiv mayor. UN monitors have described the pattern of repeat strikes but have not yet verified these seven attacks. Where counts differ, both are shown.

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ESTABLISHED BY BODIES WITH A MANDATE

HRMMU, 3 Nov 2026: glide bombs killed at least 478 civilians and injured 2,667 in Ukraine in 2026; repeated strikes in the same area may substantially increase civilian harm. A

No UN verification of the seven attacks of 6–11 November as of 12 Nov 2026. A

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UKRAINIAN INVESTIGATION

State Emergency Service, 6–11 Nov 2026: Vinnytsia region, Zaporizhzhia district, Komyshuvakha, Zhytomyr region, Yahotyn (Kyiv region). B

Zhytomyr regional military administration (V. Bunechko), 11 Nov 2026: police officers hit by a repeat strike — 4 injured. B

Kharkiv mayor Ihor Terekhov, 7–8 Nov 2026: the repeat strike on a building and the FPV drone on a fire engine. B

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INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Ukrinform, Suspilne Zhytomyr, Korosten.today, LB.ua, WeUkraine, the Kyiv Independent, 6–11 Nov 2026. C

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THE NUMBERS — EVERY SOURCE, AS PUBLISHED

Figure	What it counts	Source · date · tier
2 · 2	rescuers killed · injured in Yahotyn, 11 Nov	State Emergency Service
4 · 5	injured in the Zhytomyr region repeat strike — regional head · State Emergency Service	Zhytomyr regional military administration; State Emergency Service
7	attacks on responders at work, 6–11 Nov	Hub strike log, from the sources above



Kharkiv, 8 Nov: a fire engine with an anti-drone net at the scene of the drone strike. Photo: State Emergency Service of Ukraine (DSNS) · 2026-11-08 · CC BY 4.0

The Hub does not name the rescuers killed or injured, or the police officers.

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DRONE UNITS NOT NAMED

No suspect has been named. What is on the record is the Ukrainian authorities' account of Russian drones returning to strike sites where rescuers and police were working.

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Who	Role in the case	Proceedings	Sanctions · courts
Drone operators not identified	Carried out the repeat strikes, per the Ukrainian authorities; FPV drones are steered by an operator who sees the target	No investigation result published as of 12 Nov	—
Armed Forces of the Russian Federation	Carried out the attacks of 6–11 November	State Emergency Service; regional military administrations, 6–11 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 each attack.

HRMMU may record repeat strikes on responders in its monthly update.

The ICRC can raise the protection of rescuers with both parties.

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).

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Use "Between 6 and 11 November 2026 Ukrainian authorities reported seven Russian attacks that hit rescuers, police officers or their vehicles at work, killing 2 rescuers and injuring at least 8 responders" and give the sources and dates.

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CASE FILE FACT-CHECK · WHAT RUSSIA SAYS

"ONLY MILITARY FACILITIES" — A FIRE ENGINE AT A BOMB SITE

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

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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 DRONES HITTING A FIRE ENGINE TWICE AT A BOMB SITE

On 8 November 2026 Russian drones hit a State Emergency Service fire engine twice while rescuers worked at the site of the 2 November bombing in Komyshuvakha; 2 rescuers were injured (State Emergency Service).

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

FAIR TO SAY

Some of the first strikes hit energy, transport and fuel infrastructure, which Russia says serves the military.

The intended targets of the repeat strikes have not been confirmed by investigators or an independent body.

Police are civilians under international humanitarian law unless incorporated into the armed forces; Russia has not said it regards them otherwise.

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CASE FILE THE LAW AND WHAT WE ASK

RESCUERS ARE PROTECTED

Civil defence organisations and their personnel must be respected and protected, and so must medical units and the wounded. Police officers are civilians unless they are incorporated into the armed forces. A second strike on a site where rescuers are working is an attack on people the law protects.

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ESTABLISHED — BY BODIES WITH A MANDATE

Between 6 and 11 November 2026 Ukrainian authorities reported seven Russian attacks that hit rescuers, police officers or their vehicles at work, killing 2 rescuers and injuring at least 8 responders (State Emergency Service; regional military administrations; preliminary).

No body with an international mandate has yet verified these attacks (as of 12 Nov 2026).

PATTERN — WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS

UN monitors: repeated strikes in the same area may substantially increase civilian harm (HRMMU, 3 Nov 2026).

Kryvyi Rih shopping centre, 21 Aug 2026: the second drone came for the rescuers (Hub dossier).

POSITION — UKRAINE'S QUALIFICATION

Russia says it strikes only military facilities.

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THE RULES THAT APPLY

Additional Protocol I arts. 61–62 and 65: civil defence personnel and equipment must be respected and protected; protection is lost only for acts harmful to the enemy, after a warning.

Additional Protocol I arts. 50–51 and 57: civilians, police officers among them, may not be attacked; all feasible precautions must be taken.

Rome Statute art. 8(2)(b)(i): intentionally directing attacks against civilians not taking direct part in hostilities — a war crime.

WHAT WE DO NOT KNOW

The units and operators that carried out the repeat strikes.

Whether the operators could see that rescuers and police were at the sites.

Whether HRMMU will verify the attacks.

WHAT WE ASK

Cite the attacks — with their sources. Between 6 and 11 November 2026 Ukrainian authorities reported seven Russian attacks that hit rescuers, police officers or their vehicles at work, killing 2 rescuers and injuring at least 8 responders (State Emergency Service; regional military administrations).

Ask Russia to explain. At the Security Council, ask Russia why its drones return to a strike site after the rescuers arrive.

Ask the UN to document. Ask HRMMU to record repeat strikes on rescuers and police as a category in its next update.

Protect the rescuers. Ask the ICRC to raise the protection of civil defence personnel with Russia, and back the Secretary-General's call for an immediate, full and unconditional ceasefire.

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YAHOTYN, KOMYSHUVAKHA, KHARKIV, ZHYTOMYR, VINNYTSIA AND ZAPORIZHZHIA REGIONS, 6–11 NOV 2026

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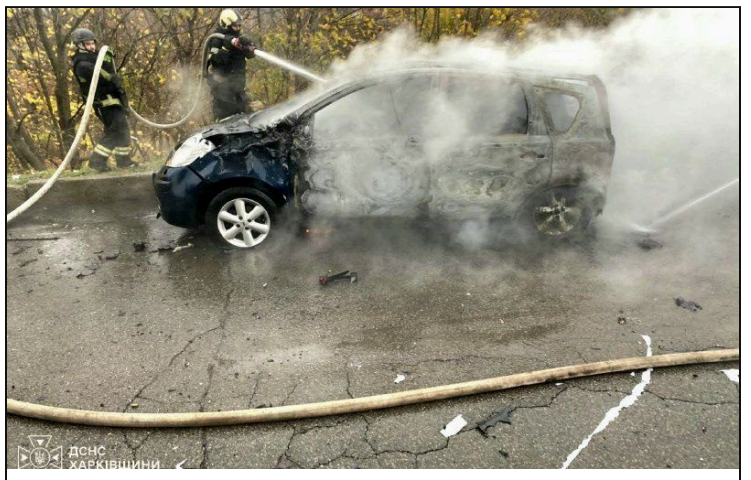
Komyshuvakha, 8 Nov: the State Emergency Service fire engine hit by Russian drones at the site of the 2 November bombing

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Kharkiv, 8 Nov: a fire engine with an anti-drone net at the scene of the drone strike

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Kharkiv, 8 Nov: firefighters put out the car set on fire by a Russian drone

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Kharkiv, 8 Nov: a damaged car outside an apartment block after the strike

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