CASE FILE

MAZIVKA, NOVOSLOBIDSKA COMMUNITY, SUMY REGION · MORNING OF 22 NOVEMBER 2026

SUMY REGION, 22 NOVEMBER: A RUSSIAN DRONE KILLS A BOY NEAR HIS VILLAGE

On the morning of Sunday 22 November 2026 two residents of Mazivka, a village in the Novoslobidska community of the Sumy region, came across a Russian FPV drone. It exploded. A boy of 14 — 15 according to the head of the community — died of his injuries on the spot. The regional head called on parents to explain to their children never to approach unknown objects. UNICEF reported two days earlier that at least 114 children had been killed in Ukraine from January to October 2026, the highest level in almost four years.

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boy killed, aged 14 according to the regional military administration, 15 according to the head of the community B

Head of the Sumy regional military administration O. Hryhorov; head of the Novoslobidska community O. Harkavenko, 22 Nov 2026, via Interfax-Ukraine and Suspilne Sumy

114

children killed in Ukraine from January to October 2026, and 1,030 injured — the highest level in almost four years A

UNICEF, 20 Nov 2026 (HRMMU data)

9

civilians injured in the Sumy region in the 24 hours to the morning of 22 November, in 19 settlements B

Sumy regional military administration and police, via Suspilne Sumy

BOTTOM LINE

A drone, a village, a Sunday morning. Two residents of Mazivka came across a Russian FPV drone; it exploded. A boy died of his injuries on the spot (O. Hryhorov; O. Harkavenko).

The danger stays after the strike. Drones that have not exploded remain a threat; the regional head warned that the risk is extremely high, especially in border communities, and urged parents to explain the rules to their children (O. Hryhorov, via Censor.net).

One of a rising number. UNICEF reported on 20 November that at least 114 children were killed in Ukraine from January to October 2026, using UN human rights monitoring data — the highest level in almost four years (UNICEF).

LEGAL QUALIFICATION IN THREE LAYERS

A BOY KILLED BY A RUSSIAN FPV DRONE IN MAZIVKA, SUMY REGION, 22 NOVEMBER — ESTABLISHED (UKRAINIAN AUTHORITIES)

CHILDREN KILLED AND INJURED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN ALMOST FOUR YEARS — ESTABLISHED (UNICEF, HRMMU DATA)

RUSSIA: "ONLY MILITARY FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE" — POSITION

Established. On the morning of 22 November 2026 a Russian FPV drone exploded when two residents of Mazivka, Sumy region, came across it, killing a boy aged 14 or 15 (Ukrainian authorities). UNICEF reports that at least 114 children were killed in Ukraine from January to October 2026 (HRMMU data). **Pattern.** In the Sumy region children have been killed before by explosive objects found near their homes: two boys aged 14 on 8 October 2026 (Sumy regional military administration). **Position.** Russia says its targets are only military facilities and infrastructure; it has not commented on Mazivka.

WHAT WE ASK

Ask HRMMU to verify the death of the boy in Mazivka; ask UNICEF and donors to support risk education on drones and explosive remnants for children in border communities.

Sources: A — UNICEF press release, 20 Nov 2026 (HRMMU data). B — Head of the Sumy regional military administration O. Hryhorov, 8 Oct and 22 Nov 2026; head of the Novoslobidska community O. Harkavenko, 22 Nov 2026; Sumy regional military administration and police, 22 Nov 2026. C — Interfax-Ukraine, Censor.net, Suspilne Sumy, UA.NEWS, Glavcom, LB.ua (22 Nov 2026); Kyiv24 (8 Oct 2026). RU — Russian Mission to the UN (9 Oct 2026).

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CASE FILE HOW IT HAPPENED

TWO PEOPLE, ONE DRONE, A SUNDAY MORNING

Mazivka is a village in the Novoslobidska community of the Sumy region, in the north-east of Ukraine. The Sumy region is attacked by Russian drones, guided bombs and artillery every day.

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8 Oct 2026	Two boys aged 14 are killed by an explosive object they found in a field in the Konotop area of the Sumy region. B — Head of the Sumy regional military administration O. Hryhorov, via Kyiv24
20 Nov 2026	UNICEF: at least 114 children killed and 1,030 injured in Ukraine from January to October 2026, the highest level in almost four years. A — UNICEF press release, 20 Nov 2026
21–22 Nov	9 civilians are injured by Russian attacks in 19 settlements of the Sumy region in 24 hours. B — Sumy regional military administration and police, via Suspilne Sumy
22 Nov, morning	Two residents of Mazivka, Novoslobidska community, come across a Russian FPV drone; it explodes, and a boy dies of his injuries on the spot. B — O. Hryhorov; O. Harkavenko, via Interfax-Ukraine, Censor.net and Suspilne Sumy
22 Nov, about 13:50	The regional head reports the death and warns residents and parents about unexploded drones and other explosive objects. B — O. Hryhorov, via Censor.net

WHAT IS ON THE RECORD SO FAR

Two residents of Mazivka came across a Russian drone in the morning of 22 November; it exploded (O. Hryhorov, via Interfax-Ukraine).

The head of the community describes it as an FPV-type drone (O. Harkavenko, via Suspilne Sumy).

The regional head called the information preliminary and asked residents who find suspicious objects to move away and call 101 or 102 (O. Hryhorov).

The exact time and the place where the drone lay have not been published.

WHO WAS HARMED

Killed: a boy who died of his injuries on the spot (O. Hryhorov; O. Harkavenko).

His age: 14 according to the regional military administration, 15 according to the head of the community.

The condition of the second resident has not been reported.

The Hub does not name the boy.

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CASE FILE THE EVIDENCE, BY TIER

THE REGION AND THE COMMUNITY ON THE RECORD

The record rests on the head of the Sumy regional military administration and the head of the Novoslobidska community. No UN body had verified the death as of 22 November.

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ESTABLISHED BY BODIES WITH A MANDATE

UNICEF, 20 Nov 2026: at least 114 children killed and 1,030 injured in Ukraine from January to October 2026, using HRMMU data; "Children must be protected, wherever they are" (A.-C. Dufay, UNICEF Representative in Ukraine). A

No HRMMU verification of the death in Mazivka as of 22 Nov 2026. A

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UKRAINIAN INVESTIGATION

Head of the Sumy regional military administration O. Hryhorov, 22 Nov 2026: the death, the boy's age (14), the warning to residents. B

Head of the Novoslobidska community O. Harkavenko, 22 Nov 2026: the village, the type of drone, the boy's age (15). B

Sumy regional military administration and police, 22 Nov 2026: 9 civilians injured in the region in 24 hours. B

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INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Interfax-Ukraine, Censor.net, Suspilne Sumy, UA.NEWS, Glavcom, LB.ua, 22 Nov 2026. C

Kyiv24, 8 Oct 2026. C

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THE NUMBERS — EVERY SOURCE, AS PUBLISHED

Figure	What it counts	Source · date · tier
14 · 15	the boy's age: the regional military administration, then the head of the community	O. Hryhorov; O. Harkavenko, 22 Nov 2026
2	residents who came across the drone	O. Hryhorov, 22 Nov 2026
114 · 1,030	children killed and injured in Ukraine, January–October 2026	UNICEF, 20 Nov 2026

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CASE FILE RESPONSIBILITY

THE FORCES BEHIND THE DRONES OVER THE SUMY REGION

No individual has been named. What is on the record is the weapon, the place, the day and Russia's standing account of its targets.

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Who	Role in the case	Proceedings	Sanctions · courts
Armed Forces of the Russian Federation drone units not identified	Fly FPV drones over the communities of the Sumy region every day; one of them exploded in Mazivka on 22 November	O. Hryhorov; O. Harkavenko, 22 Nov 2026	B
Permanent Representative of Russia to the UN	"Our targets have been and remain only military facilities and infrastructure"	V. Nebenzia, Security Council, 9 Oct 2026	RU
Russian Ministry of Defence	Made no statement on Mazivka	Searches of Russian official channels, 22 Nov 2026	RU

CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY

Ukraine's police and prosecutors document such deaths; no proceedings had been reported as of 22 November.

HRMMU may verify the death for its November update.

The Security Council meets on Ukraine at a high level on 23 November.

THE RUSSIAN STATE'S OWN ACTS

Russia's standing line at the UN is that its targets are only military facilities and infrastructure (V. Nebenzia, Security Council, 9 Oct 2026).

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Use "On the morning of 22 November 2026 a Russian FPV drone exploded when two residents of Mazivka, Sumy region, came across it, killing a boy aged 14 (regional military administration; 15 according to the head of the community)" and give the sources and dates.

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CASE FILE FACT-CHECK · WHAT RUSSIA SAYS

"ONLY MILITARY FACILITIES" — A BOY IN A VILLAGE

Russia says its targets are only military facilities and infrastructure. The claim is tested here against what is known about 22 November in Mazivka.

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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 RUSSIAN DRONE THAT KILLED A BOY NEAR HIS VILLAGE

On the morning of 22 November 2026 a Russian FPV drone exploded when two residents of Mazivka, Sumy region, came across it; a boy aged 14 (15 according to the head of the community) was killed (Sumy regional military administration; Novoslobidska community).

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

FAIR TO SAY

Russia has made no statement about Mazivka.

The record shows two civilians who came across a Russian drone near a village, and a boy who died.

Details are preliminary and come from Ukrainian officials; the place where the drone lay and how long it had been there are not known; UN verification is pending.

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CASE FILE THE LAW AND WHAT WE ASK

CHILDREN ARE PROTECTED

Civilians may not be attacked, and every feasible precaution must be taken to spare them. Children are the object of special respect.

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ESTABLISHED — BY BODIES WITH A MANDATE

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UNICEF: at least 114 children killed and 1,030 injured in Ukraine from January to October 2026 (HRMMU data).

No body with an international mandate has yet verified the death (as of 22 Nov 2026).

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PATTERN — WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS

Sumy region, 8 October 2026: two boys aged 14 killed by an explosive object found in a field near Konotop (Sumy regional military administration).

UNICEF: child casualties in Ukraine are at their highest level in almost four years.

POSITION — UKRAINE'S QUALIFICATION

Russia says its targets are only military facilities and infrastructure.

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THE RULES THAT APPLY

Additional Protocol I arts. 48 and 51: civilians may not be made the object of attack; indiscriminate attacks are prohibited.

Additional Protocol I art. 57: every feasible precaution must be taken to avoid harm to civilians.

Additional Protocol I art. 77 and Convention on the Rights of the Child art. 38: children are the object of special respect and protection.

WHAT WE DO NOT KNOW

Where the drone lay, how long it had been there and whether it was aimed at the village.

The condition of the second resident.

Whether police or prosecutors have opened proceedings, and whether HRMMU will verify the death.

WHAT WE ASK

Cite the record — with its sources. On the morning of 22 November 2026 a Russian FPV drone exploded when two residents of Mazivka, Sumy region, came across it, killing a boy aged 14 (Sumy regional military administration).

Ask Russia to explain. At the Security Council on 23 November, ask Russia why its drones keep killing children in border villages.

Ask the UN to verify. Ask HRMMU to verify the death and to report on children killed by drones and explosive remnants.

Protect children. Support risk education on drones and explosive remnants for children in the Sumy region and other border communities.

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