

KRYVYI RIH: THE SECOND DRONE CAME FOR THE RESCUERS

On a Friday afternoon two Russian strike drones hit the Sunny Gallery, the largest shopping centre in a city of 600,000, about half an hour apart. The first set the building on fire with shoppers and staff inside; the second arrived while firefighters and medics were working. Ukrainian authorities count 16 dead and about 140 injured, 23 of them children; the UN has verified 13 dead and 126 injured. No Russian ministry has claimed the strike.

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16

civilians killed, according to Ukrainian authorities (the UN has verified 13; verification continuing)

B

Dnipropetrovsk regional administration, 22 Aug 2026; OHCHR/HRMMU, 16 Sep 2026

130 → 140

injured, 23 of them children; 29 in a serious condition on the first night, five of them children

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O. Hanzha, 00:43 22 Aug 2026; O. Vilkul, 23 Aug 2026

~30 min

between the first and the second drone — the second hit while rescuers were inside

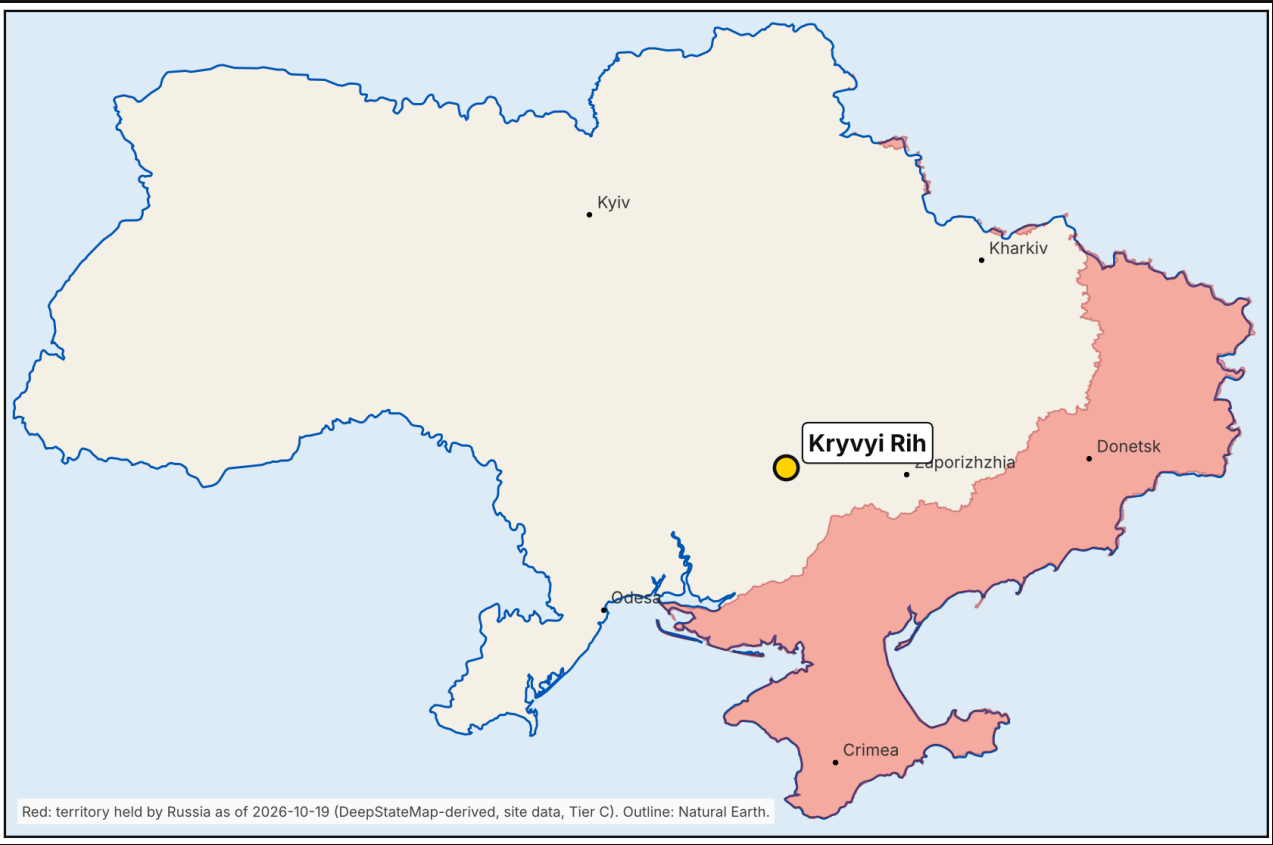
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Office of the Prosecutor General, 21 Aug 2026; OHCHR/HRMMU, 16 Sep 2026

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Russian official statements located on the strike — no target named, no claim made

Hub search of Russian MoD and Kremlin releases, 21 Aug – 21 Oct 2026



BOTTOM LINE

A civilian object, in daylight, full of people. The Sunny Gallery is a shopping centre with a Silpo supermarket, shops and a food court; the strike came at about 16:30 on a Friday. The dead named so far are shop assistants and shoppers; 23 of the injured are children.

A second strike timed for the rescue. The Prosecutor General's Office described a double-tap on the day; the UN's August update records two drones about 30 minutes apart. The second drone, a jet-powered Shahed by the city's account, arrived when firefighters and medics were already in the building.

Russia has said nothing. No Ministry of Defence bulletin or Kremlin remark on the Kryvyi Rih strike has been found. The silence contrasts with the detailed target lists Russia publishes for its Kyiv strikes.

LEGAL QUALIFICATION IN THREE LAYERS

- TWO DRONES ~30 MIN APART ON AN OPERATING SHOPPING CENTRE; 13 KILLED, 126 INJURED — ESTABLISHED (OHCHR, VERIFICATION CONTINUING)
- DOUBLE-TAP STRIKES ON RESCUERS; ATTACKS ON RETAIL AND LOGISTICS COMPANIES — PATTERN
- WAR CRIME: ATTACK ON CIVILIANS AND ON RESCUE PERSONNEL — POSITION (ART. 438(2) CCU)

Established. OHCHR/HRMMU (16 Sep 2026): two drones struck an operational shopping centre about 30 minutes apart; at least 13 civilians killed and 126 injured, among them 21 children; verification continuing. **Pattern.** A second strike on a site where rescuers are working; OHCHR counted 32 attacks on Ukrainian retail and logistics companies in August 2026. **Position.** Ukraine investigates the strike as a war crime combined with intentional killing (Art. 438(2) CCU); the hub's inference is that a second drone on a burning civilian building is a deliberate attack on those protected under Additional Protocol I.

WHAT WE ASK

Ask Russia, in the Security Council and the Third Committee, what it was aiming at in the Sunny Gallery and why a second drone followed the first. Share trajectory, launch-site and engine data with the Dnipropetrovsk regional prosecutor. Close gaps in national listings of the Geran/Shahed production chain. Cite the OHCHR verified figures with the national figures beside them.

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THIRTY MINUTES BETWEEN THE TWO DRONES

The Sunny Gallery stands in a city 60 km from the front that has been struck repeatedly since 2022. On 21 August the alert sounded, most of the city carried on, and the first drone hit a building full of Friday-afternoon shoppers. The second drone came when the people inside were firefighters and medics.

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4 Apr 2025	An Iskander-M detonates over a playground in Kryvyi Rih: 20 killed, nine of them children — the city's deadliest strike before 2026 (hub dossier). A — HRMMU, 24 Apr 2025
21 Aug 2026, ~16:10	Air-raid alert in the city. About 20 minutes pass before the first impact; the city had asked businesses to close during alerts. B — Interior Minister I. Vyhivskiy, 22 Aug 2026 (Slovo i Dilo)
21 Aug 2026, ~16:30	First strike drone hits the Sunny Gallery, the city's largest shopping centre; fire spreads through the building (9,000 m² by the end). B — Office of the Prosecutor General; DSNS
21 Aug 2026, ~17:00	Second drone — a jet-powered Shahed flying at very low altitude, by the city's account — hits the same building with firefighters and medics inside. 'Further strikes are possible' (Vilkul). B — O. Vilkul, Kryvyi Rih Defence Council; PGO (double-tap)
21 Aug 2026, 18:18	First consolidated toll: 5 killed, 91 injured, 21 of them seriously, one a child. B — O. Hanzha, Dnipropetrovsk regional administration
21 Aug 2026, evening	President Zelensky: a second drone struck 30 minutes after the first, 'a deliberate attempt to target emergency services'; the attack is 'cynical and despicable'. B — President of Ukraine; Al Jazeera, 21 Aug 2026
21 Aug 2026, 19:55	Toll rises to 14 killed, 121 injured including 22 children. B — O. Hanzha (Telegram); ArmyInform
22 Aug 2026, 00:43	16 killed, 130 injured including 23 children; 29 in a serious condition, five of them children; nine people reported missing. B — O. Hanzha; The Page, 22 Aug 2026
23 Aug 2026	Injured rise to 140 as eight more people seek care; 50 still in hospital, 13 of them children; three people missing, one a child. B — O. Vilkul, 23 Aug 2026
16 Sep 2026	OHCHR/HRMMU August update: two drones about 30 minutes apart on an operational shopping centre; at least 13 killed (9 women, 4 men), 126 injured (67 women, 38 men, 13 girls, 8 boys); verification continuing. Kryvyi Rih in August: 16 killed, 147 injured. A — OHCHR/HRMMU, Protection of Civilians, August 2026

WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS

The Prosecutor General set the first impact at about 16:30 and described a double-tap; OHCHR records 'two drones about 30 minutes apart' on an operational shopping centre. The city's Defence Council said the second was a jet-powered Shahed flying at very low altitude.

Fire covered 9,000 m² of the building; rescuers from seven regions and canine teams worked the rubble. Nine people were reported missing on the first night; by 23 August three remained unaccounted for, one of them a child.

Firefighters at the Sun Gallery shopping centre, 21 August 2026. Photo: State Emergency Service of Ukraine · CC BY 4.0 · via Wikimedia Commons

WHO THE DEAD AND INJURED WERE

The 16 dead counted by Ukrainian authorities were shoppers and staff; the first named were three women who worked in the centre. OHCHR's verified count — 9 women and 4 men killed; 67 women, 38 men, 13 girls and 8 boys injured — reflects a Friday-afternoon crowd of families and retail workers.

The Interior Minister said many of the dead were found in one supermarket that had kept trading during the alert; its director was served a notice of suspicion for negligence — a separate case that does not displace Russian responsibility.

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THREE TIERS, ONE SEQUENCE

The UN, the Ukrainian authorities and the press describe the same sequence — alert, first drone, fire, second drone on the rescue. Their casualty counts differ by the date and the standard of verification; the hub shows all of them.

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OHCHR/HRMMU, Protection of Civilians, August 2026 (16 Sep 2026): on 21 August two drones struck an operational shopping centre in Kryvyi Rih about 30 minutes apart; at least 13 civilians killed (9 women, 4 men) and 126 injured (67 women, 38 men, 13 girls, 8 boys); verification of some of the dead or missing continuing. A shop employee: 'There were so many injured people around.'

Same update: Kryvyi Rih recorded 16 killed and 147 injured in August 2026; Ukrainian retail and logistics companies were attacked at least 32 times in August, up from 11 in July.

UKRAINIAN INVESTIGATION

Office of the Prosecutor General, 21 Aug 2026: first strike at about 16:30; a double-tap; the Dnipropetrovsk regional prosecutor's office leads the investigation.

Dnipropetrovsk regional administration (O. Hanzha), 21–22 Aug 2026: 5 → 6 → 14 → 16 killed; 91 → 121 → 130 injured; 22 → 23 children; 29 in a serious condition including five children.

Kryvyi Rih Defence Council (O. Vilkul), 21–23 Aug 2026: weapon types; 'further strikes are possible'; 140 injured by 23 Aug; three missing including one child.

Interior Minister I. Vyhivskyi, 22 Aug 2026: about 20 minutes between the alert and the first impact; a supermarket director served with a notice of suspicion for negligence.

INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Scripps News / AP, 21 Aug 2026: the second drone hit the same building 'with firefighters and medics already inside'; Kryvyi Rih is about 40 miles from the front.

Al Jazeera, 21 Aug 2026: the Zelensky quotes; a correspondent's caution that drones are sometimes intercepted and fall at random, but that the footage suggests the attack was deliberate.

ArmyInform (English), 25 Aug 2026: gives 14 killed — the 19:55 figure of 21 Aug published late; it does not supersede the 16 of 22 Aug.

THE NUMBERS — EVERY SOURCE, AS PUBLISHED		
Figure	What it counts	Source · date · tier
5 · 6 · 14 · 16	killed — the count at 18:18, later on 21 Aug, 19:55 and 00:43 on 22 Aug; 16 stands as the Ukrainian figure	Dnipropetrovsk regional administration · B
13 (9 / 4)	killed, verified — women / men; 'verification of some of the dead or missing is ongoing'	OHCHR/HRMMU, 16 Sep 2026 · A
91 · 121 · 130 · 140	injured — 21 Aug 18:18, 19:55, 22 Aug 00:43, 23 Aug (eight more sought care)	Hanzha; Vilkul · B
126 (13 girls, 8 boys)	injured, verified — the UN's child count is 21 against the authorities' 23	OHCHR/HRMMU · A
16 / 147	Kryvyi Rih, whole of August 2026, killed / injured — the city total, not only the mall	OHCHR/HRMMU · A
~20 min · ~30 min	alert to first impact; first to second impact	Vyhivskyi; PGO; OHCHR · B/B/A



The shopping centre after the two strikes. Photo: State Emergency Service of Ukraine · CC BY 4.0 · via Wikimedia Commons

The hub shows the UN figure first (Tier A, 13 killed, verification continuing), the national figure as 'according to Ukrainian authorities' (Tier B, 16). An ArmyInform English item of 25 Aug gives 14 — a late reprint of the 19:55 count. The OHCHR city total for August (16/147) is not the same thing as the mall toll.

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A DRONE CAMPAIGN WITH A KNOWN CHAIN, AN UNNAMED CREW

No Russian body has claimed the strike, and no Ukrainian investigation has yet named the launch unit. What is known is the weapon family and the command chain that runs the long-range drone campaign.

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Who	Role in the case	Proceedings	Sanctions · courts
Shahed-136 / Geran-2 and jet-powered Geran series Iranian design, produced at the Alabuga SEZ (Tatarstan) and Izhevsk	Weapon of both strikes by the Ukrainian account; the second a jet-powered variant (Vilkul)	Production chain documented by Ukrainian intelligence and open-source research; no finding yet on this strike's launch unit	—
Gen. Valery Gerasimov Chief of the General Staff; overall commander of the 'special military operation'	Command responsibility for the long-range strike campaign (position)	ICC arrest warrant, 24 Jun 2024 (strikes on electrical infrastructure, Oct 2022 – Mar 2023); not charged for 2026 strikes	EU, US, UK, Canada listed (2022)
Unmanned Systems Forces / long-range drone units of the Russian Armed Forces units operating Geran launch sites	Operated the launches (inference from the weapon type and nightly launch geography)	Unit identity for 21 Aug not established	—
Unnamed supermarket director, Kryvyi Rih company leasing space in the Sunny Gallery	Kept the store trading during the alert; many of the dead were found in it (Interior Minister)	Notice of suspicion for official negligence, 22 Aug 2026 — a separate Ukrainian case that does not displace Russian responsibility for the strike	n/a

CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY

The weapon family is not in doubt: the Ukrainian authorities and the UN both record drones, and the city identifies a jet-powered Shahed for the second strike. Jet-powered Gerans were almost half of the 168 drones Russia launched on 19–20 August by the Air Force's count.

Long-range drone strikes are planned and launched at the level of the General Staff's strike campaign, not by a battery: a second drone on the same building 30 minutes after the first is a tasking decision.

THE RUSSIAN STATE'S OWN ACTS

No Russian Ministry of Defence bulletin or Kremlin remark on the Kryvyi Rih strike has been located (searched to 21 Oct 2026).

On 22 August President Putin told Vesti: 'We have begun to respond to the enemy's actions against our civilian industrial facilities and logistics ... It opened this Pandora's box itself' (Anadolu) — a general statement of intent, not a comment on the mall.

Sanctions column: a dash means no designation was identified for this case. The ICC warrants for Gerasimov (24 Jun 2024) concern the 2022–23 energy campaign; cited for the chain of command, not for this strike.

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NOTHING — AND WHAT THE SILENCE MEANS

Russia issued no account of the Kryvyi Rih strike. The hub therefore records the absence, quotes the one general statement made the next day, and answers in advance the two lines Russia uses when it does speak: that debris fell from an intercepted drone, and that the building was a military target.

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VLADIMIR PUTIN · PRESIDENT · VESTI INTERVIEW · 22 AUG 2026

“We have begun to respond to the enemy's actions against our civilian industrial facilities and logistics ... It opened this Pandora's box itself.”

Vesti interview, 22 Aug 2026, as reported by Anadolu Agency

A STATEMENT OF INTENT, NOT A LEGAL JUSTIFICATION

Reprisals against the civilian population are prohibited without exception (AP I art. 51(6)). A declared policy of 'response' the day after 16 civilians died in a shopping centre is evidence of state policy, not a defence.

What the claim concedes: That Russian strikes on Ukraine are calibrated politically, at the top, as a response — not confined to military necessity.

ANTICIPATED LINE · 'DEBRIS FROM AN INTERCEPTED DRONE' · NO RUSSIAN STATEMENT LOCATED

“(No Russian statement has been made. The standard Russian line in comparable cases is that Ukrainian air defence caused the damage.)”

Hub note; Al Jazeera, 21 Aug 2026, on the interception question

TWO IMPACTS 30 MINUTES APART ON THE SAME BUILDING ARE NOT DEBRIS

OHCHR records two drones about 30 minutes apart on the same operational shopping centre; the city identifies a low-flying jet-powered Shahed for the second. Video cited by the press shows the second impact on a building already burning. Interception debris does not return to the same roof half an hour later.

What the claim concedes: Nothing — the line has not been used; it is answered here so that it cannot be.

ANTICIPATED LINE · 'THE OBJECT WAS USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES' · NO RUSSIAN STATEMENT LOCATED

“(No Russian statement has been made. In Kyiv on 20 Aug 2026 the MoD listed drone and missile plants as its targets.)”

Hub note; Russian MoD statement on Kyiv, 20 Aug 2026 (Sputnik)

RUSSIA NAMED NO TARGET BECAUSE THERE WAS NONE TO NAME

The building housed a supermarket, retail units and a food court; the dead named so far are shop staff; 21–23 of the injured are children. OHCHR lists the site as a shopping centre. Where Russia believes it has a military target it says so within hours; here it said nothing.

What the claim concedes: Nothing stated — but the contrast with the detailed Kyiv target list is itself part of the record.

FAIR TO SAY

Russia has not published a target, an investigation or a casualty figure for the Sunny Gallery. Ukraine's figures moved through the night (5, 6, 14, 16 killed); the UN has verified 13 and says verification continues.

A Ukrainian negligence case is open against a supermarket director for trading during the alert. That is a question of precautions on the defending side; it does not make the shopping centre a military objective or excuse the second strike.

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A SHOPPING CENTRE, A FIRE, AND A SECOND DRONE

The first drone raises the ordinary question of a strike on a civilian object in daylight. The second drone raises a different one: an attack on the people who came to put out the fire and carry out the wounded. Both are prohibited; the second is a method, and the hub treats it as such.

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ESTABLISHED — BY BODIES WITH A MANDATE

OHCHR/HRMMU (16 Sep 2026): two drones about 30 minutes apart struck an operational shopping centre; at least 13 civilians killed and 126 injured, 21 of them children; verification continuing.

Office of the Prosecutor General (21 Aug 2026): a double-tap strike with the first impact at about 16:30; criminal proceedings under Art. 438 CCU opened by the Dnipropetrovsk regional prosecutor.

PATTERN — WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS

Second strikes on sites where rescuers are working: the Commission of Inquiry found Russian drone attacks on civilians in Kherson region to be crimes against humanity (May 2025) — the same weapon family.

Shopping centres as targets: Kremenchuk Amstor (27 Jun 2022, 20+ killed), Kharkiv Epicentr (25 May 2024, 19 killed), Kryvyi Rih Sunny Gallery (21 Aug 2026).

Kryvyi Rih as a repeated target far from the front: the playground strike of 4 Apr 2025 (20 killed, 9 children), the steelworks on 16 Aug 2026, the mall five days later.

POSITION — UKRAINE'S QUALIFICATION

Ukraine investigates the strike as a violation of the laws and customs of war combined with intentional killing (Art. 438(2) CCU); no suspect has yet been named for the launch.

The hub's inference: the second drone was directed at the rescue. Firefighters, medics and civil-defence personnel are protected under Additional Protocol I (arts. 15, 62); an attack intended for them is a war crime under Rome Statute art. 8(2)(b)(i) and (iii) by analogy with attacks on humanitarian personnel — an inference pending adjudication.

THE RULES THAT APPLY

Additional Protocol I arts. 48, 51(2), 52 and 57: civilians and civilian objects may not be attacked; a shopping centre is presumed civilian; feasible precautions and verification are required before every attack.

AP I arts. 15 and 62, GC I art. 24: civilian medical and civil-defence personnel shall be protected; AP I art. 51(6): reprisals prohibited; Rome Statute art. 8(2)(b)(i), (ii), (iv); art. 28.

WHAT WE DO NOT KNOW

The final toll and the fate of the three people missing on 23 Aug; the UN's 13 against the authorities' 16.

The launch site and unit of the two drones; whether the second was a jet-powered Geran as the city stated.

Whether OHCHR, the Commission of Inquiry or the ICC has opened a dedicated line of inquiry on the strike.

WHAT WE ASK

Put the question to Russia. In the Security Council and the Third Committee, ask what Russia was aiming at in the Sunny Gallery and why a second drone followed the first — and record the absence of an answer.

Give the prosecutors the trajectory. Share radar, launch-site and engine-origin data from partner intelligence with the Dnipropetrovsk regional prosecutor so that the launch unit can be named.

Sanction the drone chain. Close gaps in national listings of the Alabuga/Izhevsk Geran production chain, its foreign component suppliers and the units operating the launch sites named nightly by Ukraine's Air Force.

Use the UN's numbers. Cite OHCHR's verified count (13 killed, 126 injured, 21 children) with the national count (16, 140, 23) beside it, and OHCHR's finding that August's attacks on retail companies tripled.

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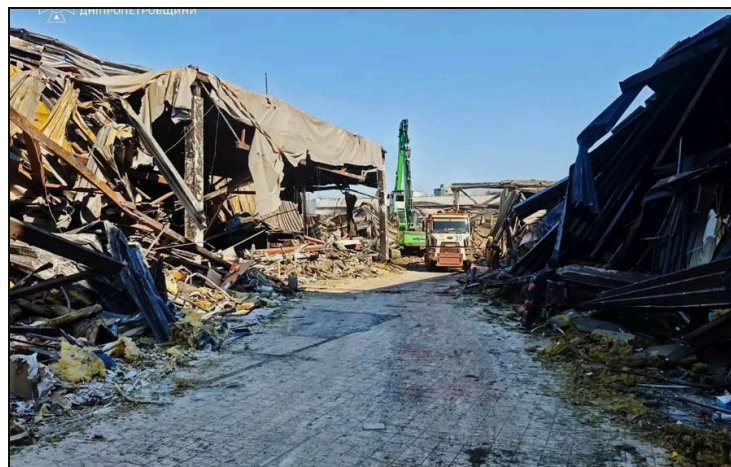
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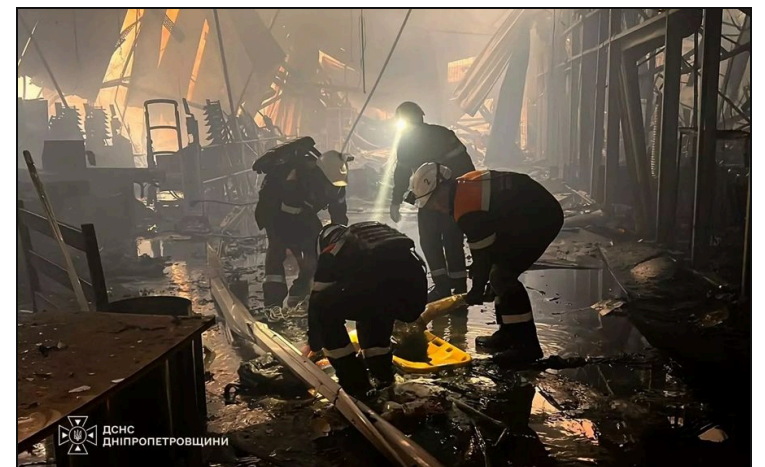
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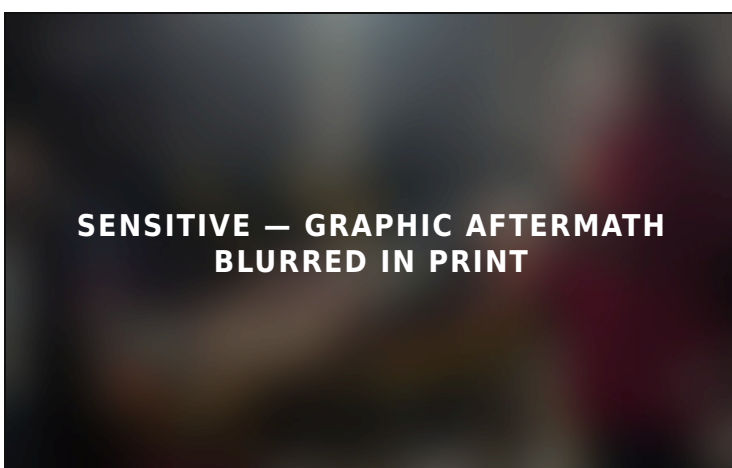
The shopping centre after the two strikes

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Rescuers searching inside the building

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An injured person carried out of the shopping centre

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