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KYIV, 14 NOVEMBER 2025: A WINTER STRIKE ON HOMES AND HEAT

On the night of 13–14 November 2025 Russia launched 430 drones and 19 missiles at Ukraine, with Kyiv as the main target. In the capital seven people were killed and at least 36 injured, two of them children aged 7 and 10. Twenty-seven residential buildings in six districts were damaged, and so were a hospital and a school. A damaged heating main left part of Desnianskyi district without heat. Among the dead was the 73-year-old widow of the first victim of the Chornobyl disaster. The UN Secretary-General condemned the attack. Russia's Ministry of Defence said it had struck defence-industry facilities and the energy facilities that support them.

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7

killed in Kyiv; the seventh, an elderly woman, died in hospital on 15 November B

Kyiv City Military Administration (T. Tkachenko), 15 Nov 2025 (via Ukrinform)

36

injured at least, among them two children aged 7 and 10 B

Mayor V. Klitschko, 14 Nov 2025, 20:54 (via Ukrinform); children's ages: KCMA, 14 Nov 2025, and UNICEF (via UN News)

27

residential buildings damaged in six districts; a hospital and a school also damaged B

Kyiv City Military Administration, 14 Nov 2025 (via Ukrainska Pravda); State Emergency Service (via the Kyiv Independent)

430 · 19

drones · missiles launched at Ukraine that night, 13 of the missiles ballistic; 405 drones and 14 missiles shot down or jammed B

Air Force of Ukraine, 14 Nov 2025 (via Interfax-Ukraine, RBC-Ukraine)

BOTTOM LINE

A capital hit in its sleep. Explosions began in Kyiv at about 00:45. Ballistic missiles and Shahed-type drones hit apartment blocks across the city. In Desnianskyi district six people died in one nine-storey building, and rescuers pulled 17 people out alive, one of them a child.

Heat went with the homes. Sections of the city's heating network were damaged and part of Desnianskyi district lost heat. The UN Spokesperson said parts of Kyiv were left without heating, and he placed the attack in 'the ongoing pattern of massive civilian harm caused by such strikes during the cold winter months'.

Russia named energy as a target. The Ministry of Defence said it struck defence-industry facilities 'and the energy facilities that support their work'. In October 2026 the UN Commission of Inquiry found that Russia's attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure are a war crime and a crime against humanity.

LEGAL QUALIFICATION IN THREE LAYERS

7 KILLED, AT LEAST 36 INJURED INCL. TWO CHILDREN, 27 RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS DAMAGED IN KYIV — TIER B: KYIV CITY MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE, AIR FORCE

WINTER STRIKES ON UKRAINE'S ENERGY SYSTEM: CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY OF OTHER INHUMANE ACTS AND WAR CRIME — UN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, A/81/440 (CAMPAIGN-LEVEL FINDING) — ESTABLISHED

PRE-TRIAL INVESTIGATION AS A WAR CRIME (ART. 438 CCU); INDISCRIMINATE ATTACK — UKRAINIAN PROSECUTOR AND HUB INFERENCE, POSITION

Established. At Tier B the Kyiv City Military Administration counts 7 killed and at least 36 injured in Kyiv, including two children, and 27 residential buildings damaged (14–15 Nov 2025). At Tier A the Spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General said on 14 Nov 2025 that 'attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure violate international humanitarian law'. At campaign level, the UN Commission of Inquiry (A/81/440, Oct 2026) found that Russia's attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure are the war crime of directing attacks against civilian objects and the crime against humanity of other inhumane acts, carried out under a state policy. **Pattern.** OHCHR recorded five large-scale combined attacks on energy facilities in November 2025. **Position.** The Prosecutor General's Office opened a war-crimes investigation (Art. 438 CCU). The hub's inference is that a mass night attack on a capital that hit 27 residential buildings is at least an indiscriminate attack (AP I art. 51(4)–(5)).

WHAT WE ASK

Cite the Commission of Inquiry's finding (A/81/440) whenever Russia calls energy strikes legitimate. Fund winter repairs to heat and power networks and supply interceptors for ballistic missiles. Sanction the suppliers of the drones and missiles used against cities. Support the prosecution of those who order winter strikes on homes and heat.

Sources: A — Spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General, 14 Nov 2025 (UNifeed, media.un.org/unifeed/en/asset/d350/d3500720; via APA, en.apa.az); UN Secretary-General on X, 14 Nov 2025 (via Ukrainska Pravda, pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2025/11/15/8007389); UN Humanitarian Coordinator M. Schmale and UNICEF, 14 Nov 2025 (UN News, news.un.org/en/story/2025/11/1166367); OHCHR/HRMMU November update, 12 Dec 2025 (via UNN); UN Commission of Inquiry, A/81/440, 26 Oct 2026 (via Interfax-Ukraine, en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/1226289.html; UNN; Justiceinfo); ICC press release, 25 Jun 2024 (via GlobalSecurity.org). B — Air Force of Ukraine, 14 Nov 2025 (via Interfax-Ukraine, en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/1120538-amp.html; RBC-Ukraine); Kyiv City Military Administration (T. Tkachenko), 14–15 Nov 2025 (via Ukrainska Pravda, pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2025/11/14/8007250 and /2025/11/15/8007416; Ukrinform); State Emergency Service, 14–15 Nov 2025 (via Ukrinform, Censor.NET, the Kyiv Independent); Prosecutor General's Office (en.gp.gov.ua); Mayor V. Klitschko; State Agency for Exclusion Zone Management (via the Kyiv Independent). C — the Kyiv Independent, Ukrainska Pravda, Ukrinform, Interfax-Ukraine, RBC-Ukraine, Censor.NET, RFE/RL (14–15 Nov 2025). RU — Russian Ministry of Defence, 14 Nov 2025 (via VZGLYAD, vz.ru/news/2025/11/14/1373777.html). All accessed 5 Nov 2026.

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KYIV, 14 NOV 2025 HOW IT HAPPENED

APARTMENT BLOCKS AND HEATING MAINS IN THE CAPITAL

The strike came in a month in which the UN recorded five large-scale combined attacks on Ukraine's energy facilities. Kyiv was the main target of a night-long attack on the country.

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13 Nov 2025, 18:00	The attack on Ukraine begins: 430 drones of various types, about 300 of them Shahed-type, and 19 air-, land- and sea-launched missiles, 13 of them ballistic. B — Air Force of Ukraine, 14 Nov 2025 (via Interfax-Ukraine)
14 Nov 2025, c. 00:45	Explosions in Kyiv, then more waves between 01:00 and 01:30. Nine Iskander-M/KN-23 ballistic missiles are launched at the capital; six are intercepted. C — Kyiv Independent, 14 Nov 2025; Air Force of Ukraine (via RBC-Ukraine)
14 Nov 2025, night	Drones and missiles hit high-rise blocks across the city. In Desnianskyi a Shahed-type drone partly pierces a nine-storey building; floors burn. Damage to a hospital, a school and heating mains; part of Desnianskyi loses heat. B — Kyiv City Military Administration (via Censor.NET); State Emergency Service (via the Kyiv Independent, Ukrainska Pravda)
14 Nov 2025, 05:45–07:20	First counts: 24 injured (KCMA), then 25, including a 10-year-old; nine people in hospital, among them a pregnant woman. B — KCMA; Mayor V. Klitschko, Telegram (via Censor.NET)
14 Nov 2025, 10:51	Air Force report: 419 of 449 air targets shot down or jammed — 405 drones and 14 missiles; hits at 13 locations. In the capital, 13 locations are hit directly and 44 more by falling fragments. B — Air Force of Ukraine (via Interfax-Ukraine); President of Ukraine (via RFE/RL)
14 Nov 2025, c. 12:00	Six dead in Kyiv as a sixth body is recovered from the rubble; 35 injured, including children aged 7 and 10; 27 residential buildings damaged in six districts. B — T. Tkachenko, KCMA (via Ukrainska Pravda, RFE/RL)
14 Nov 2025	Russia's Ministry of Defence says it struck 'facilities of the military-industrial complex and the energy facilities that support their work', in response to what it calls 'terrorist attacks'. C — Russian MoD, Telegram (via VZGLYAD, 14 Nov 2025)
14 Nov 2025	UN: the Secretary-General's Spokesperson condemns the strikes and says attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure violate international humanitarian law; parts of Kyiv are left without heating. The Humanitarian Coordinator condemns 'the ongoing pattern of massive civilian harm'. A — UN Spokesperson (via UNifeed, APA); M. Schmale (via UN News)
15 Nov 2025, 06:30	The emergency service ends the search at the Desnianskyi nine-storey building: six bodies recovered, 17 people rescued, one of them a child; 262 tonnes of debris removed. B — State Emergency Service, Kyiv (via Ukrinform, Censor.NET)
15 Nov 2025, morning	An elderly woman injured on 14 November dies in hospital: seven Kyiv residents killed; 36 injured. Nataliia Khodemchuk, 73, widow of the first victim of the Chornobyl disaster, dies at the Burn Center after a drone set her flat on fire. B — T. Tkachenko, KCMA (via Ukrinform, Ukrainska Pravda); State Agency for Exclusion Zone Management (via the Kyiv Independent)
26 Oct 2026	The UN Commission of Inquiry reports to the General Assembly that Russia's attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure are a war crime and a crime against humanity of other inhumane acts, under a state policy. A — Commission of Inquiry, A/81/440 (via Interfax-Ukraine, UNN, Justiceinfo)

WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS

The Air Force counted 430 drones and 19 missiles launched at Ukraine: 3 Kinzhal, 1 Zircon, 6 Iskander-K/Kalibr and 9 Iskander-M/KN-23. Nine ballistic missiles were aimed at Kyiv and six were intercepted. Most of the damage came from the debris of downed weapons, but there were direct hits too; damage was recorded at 44 locations nationwide, 28 of them in Kyiv and Kyiv region.

In Kyiv, 27 residential buildings were damaged in six districts. In Desnianskyi, where Troieshchyna lies, a Shahed-type drone hit a nine-storey block; six people died there. A hospital and a school were damaged, and so were heating mains: part of Desnianskyi lost heat. Ukrenergo reported attacks on energy facilities and damage at a thermal power plant in Kyiv region.

WHO WAS HURT

Seven people killed in Kyiv. Six died in one nine-storey building in Desnianskyi; an elderly woman died in hospital the next morning. Nataliia Khodemchuk, 73, died at the Burn Center after a drone set her flat in Troieshchyna on fire. Her husband Valerii was killed in the first blast at Chornobyl in 1986.

At least 36 injured, two of them children aged 7 and 10; a pregnant woman was among those taken to hospital. Rescuers pulled 17 people from the Desnianskyi building alive, one of them a child.

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KYIV, 14 NOV 2025 THE EVIDENCE, BY TIER

A CONSISTENT TIER B COUNT, A TIER A CONDEMNATION, A TIER A FINDING ON THE CAMPAIGN

The Ukrainian record — Air Force, city military administration, emergency service and prosecutor — was updated over two days as bodies were recovered. The UN condemned the attack the same day. There is no UN-verified count for this strike.

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Spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General, 14 Nov 2025: the strikes caused civilian injuries and damage to residential and energy infrastructure; 'Attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure violate international humanitarian law'. Parts of Kyiv were left without heating. The Secretary-General on X: attacks on civilians 'are unacceptable & must end immediately'. A

UN Humanitarian Coordinator M. Schmale: 'I condemn the ongoing pattern of massive civilian harm caused by these strikes.' UNICEF: two children, aged 7 and 10, reportedly injured. UN Commission of Inquiry (A/81/440, Oct 2026): attacks on the energy system are a war crime and a crime against humanity. A

UKRAINIAN INVESTIGATION

Air Force of Ukraine, 14 Nov 2025: 430 drones and 19 missiles (13 ballistic) launched at Ukraine overnight; 405 drones and 14 missiles shot down or jammed; hits at 13 locations. B

Kyiv City Military Administration, 14–15 Nov 2025: 7 killed, at least 36 injured, 27 residential buildings damaged in six districts. State Emergency Service: six bodies recovered and 17 people rescued at the Desnianskyi building. Prosecutor General's Office: pre-trial investigation under Art. 438 of the Criminal Code. B

INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Ukrainska Pravda, Ukrinform, Interfax-Ukraine, RBC-Ukraine, Censor.NET, the Kyiv Independent, 14–15 Nov 2025: hour-by-hour figures as the toll rose from one to seven. C

RFE/RL, 14 Nov 2025: the President on 13 locations hit directly in the capital and 44 more damaged by falling fragments. VZGLYAD, 14 Nov 2025: the Russian Ministry of Defence statement. C

THE NUMBERS — EVERY SOURCE, AS PUBLISHED

Figure	What it counts	Source · date · tier
7	killed in Kyiv	Kyiv City Military Administration, 15 Nov 2025 · B
36 · 2	injured at least · of them children	Kyiv City Military Administration, 14–15 Nov 2025 · B
17	people rescued alive from the Desnianskyi building	State Emergency Service, 15 Nov 2025 · B
9 · 6	ballistic missiles at Kyiv · intercepted	Air Force of Ukraine, 14 Nov 2025 · B

Killed, injured and damage figures are Tier B. Injured counts rose from 24 (05:45, 14 Nov) to 35 (noon) and 36 (15 Nov). Building counts differ by source and time: 27 in six districts (KCMA), about 30 (mayor), 36 (Prosecutor General, early post). The President said 18 missiles; the Air Force counted 19. The UN figures (Tier A) are statements, not a verified UN casualty count.

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KYIV, 14 NOV 2025 RESPONSIBILITY

A COMBINED STRIKE ORDERED AS ONE OPERATION

Russia's Ministry of Defence described the night as one massive strike using air-, ground- and sea-launched weapons, including Kinzhal missiles and strike drones. The Air Force of Ukraine names the missile types; the units, launch sites and aim points for Kyiv have not been published.

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Who	Role in the case	Proceedings	Sanctions · courts
Missile and drone launch units Russian Armed Forces	Launched Iskander-M/KN-23, Kinzhal, Zircon, Iskander-K/Kalibr missiles and about 300 Shahed-type drones that night	Not identified	—
Producers and component suppliers of Shahed-type drones and Iskander/Kinzhal missiles	Build the weapons that hit the residential buildings	n/a	To be established; the hub tracks listings in Sanctions
Gen. Valery Gerasimov Chief of the General Staff	Command responsibility for the strike campaign against the energy system (position)	ICC arrest warrant, 24 Jun 2024 (strikes on the electric power infrastructure, Oct 2022 – Mar 2023); no charge for this strike	To be checked against the Sanctions section

CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY

The weapons identify the attacker: Iskander-M, Kinzhal, Zircon and Kalibr are Russian missiles; Russia's Ministry of Defence itself claimed the night's strike.

The ministry named energy facilities as deliberate targets. In Kyiv the record shows heating mains damaged and residential buildings hit; an investigation should establish the aim points.

The ministry described the strike as a single operation 'in response to' alleged Ukrainian attacks, which places the decision above the level of the launching units.

THE RUSSIAN STATE'S OWN ACTS

Russian Ministry of Defence, 14 Nov 2025: a massive strike with high-precision long-range weapons, including Kinzhal missiles, and strike drones 'at facilities of the military-industrial complex and the energy facilities that support their work'. Kyiv and residential buildings were not mentioned.

The ministry presented the strike as a response to 'Kyiv's terrorist attacks on civilian objects on Russian territory' (via VZGLYAD; Censor.NET).

The ICC warrant is cited for the chain of command and the energy campaign of 2022–23, not for this strike. Unit identification requires an investigation.

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KYIV, 14 NOV 2025 FACT-CHECK · WHAT RUSSIA SAYS ABOUT 14 NOVEMBER

'THE ENERGY FACILITIES THAT SUPPORT THEIR WORK'

Russia did not mention Kyiv's apartment blocks. Its Ministry of Defence said it had struck defence-industry sites and the energy facilities supporting them. Set against the record, the statement names no target in the buildings that were hit, and it openly names the energy system as a target.

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RUSSIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE · TELEGRAM · 14 NOV 2025

"[Strikes] at facilities of the military-industrial complex and the energy facilities that support their work."

Russian MoD, 14 Nov 2025, via VZGLYAD (hub translation)

RUSSIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE · 14 NOV 2025

"In response to Kyiv's terrorist attacks on civilian objects on Russian territory."

Russian MoD, 14 Nov 2025, via VZGLYAD (hub translation); Censor.NET

NOT SHOWN FOR KYIV: NO SUCH FACILITY NAMED IN THE 27 RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS HIT

27 residential buildings damaged in six districts, a hospital and a school damaged (KCMA, 14 Nov 2025; State Emergency Service); 7 killed, at least 36 injured including two children (KCMA, 15 Nov 2025). Civilian objects are presumed civilian in case of doubt (AP I art. 52(3)).

What the claim concedes: That energy facilities were chosen as targets — the conduct the UN Commission of Inquiry has found to be a war crime and a crime against humanity (A/81/440).

SELF-INCRIMINATING: A STRIKE FRAMED AS A RESPONSE

Reprisals against civilians and civilian objects are prohibited (AP I art. 51(6), 52(1)). Whatever the stated motive, the rules on distinction and precautions apply to every strike.

What the claim concedes: That the strike was chosen as retaliation, not on the military advantage a specific target offered.

FAIR TO SAY

The ministry's statement covered the whole night's strikes on Ukraine, not Kyiv alone; the hub does not assess the other sites it may have meant. Most damage in Kyiv came from the debris of downed drones and missiles, by the Air Force's account, but there were also direct hits — and debris falls only because Russia launched the weapons.

The Russian wording is quoted in the hub's translation from the ministry's Telegram statement as published by VZGLYAD; the original was not located on mil.ru.

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KYIV, 14 NOV 2025 THE LAW AND WHAT WE ASK

HEAT IS NOT A TARGET

A night attack that hits 27 residential buildings and the heating mains of a capital at the start of winter is, on the record, either directed at civilian objects or launched without the precautions the law requires. The UN Commission of Inquiry has found the wider energy campaign to be a crime against humanity.

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ESTABLISHED — BY BODIES WITH A MANDATE

Tier B: 7 killed and at least 36 injured in Kyiv, including two children aged 7 and 10; 27 residential buildings damaged in six districts; a hospital, a school and heating mains damaged (KCMA, 14–15 Nov 2025; State Emergency Service).

Tier A: the Spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General: 'Attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure violate international humanitarian law' (14 Nov 2025). The UN Commission of Inquiry found that Russia's attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure are the war crime of intentionally directing attacks against civilian objects and the crime against humanity of other inhumane acts, under a state policy (A/81/440, Oct 2026). This is a finding on the campaign, not on this strike. The ICC issued arrest warrants for S. Shoigu and V. Gerasimov for strikes on the electric power infrastructure, Oct 2022 – Mar 2023 (24 Jun 2024).

PATTERN — WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS

OHCHR recorded five large-scale combined attacks on energy facilities in November 2025 and at least 226 civilians killed and 952 injured across Ukraine that month (12 Dec 2025).

The UN Spokesperson placed the strike in 'the ongoing pattern of massive civilian harm caused by such strikes during the cold winter months' (14 Nov 2025). The hub's case files record other mass strikes on Kyiv residential districts, among them 2 July and 20 August 2026.

POSITION — UKRAINE'S QUALIFICATION

The Prosecutor General's Office opened a pre-trial investigation into a war crime under Art. 438 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine.

The hub's inference: at least an indiscriminate attack (AP I art. 51(4)–(5)) and, for the heating mains, part of the conduct the Commission of Inquiry has qualified — pending an investigation of this strike.

THE RULES THAT APPLY

AP I arts. 48, 51(2), 51(4)–(6), 52 and 57: distinction, the ban on attacks on civilians, on indiscriminate attacks and on reprisals, the presumption of civilian character, precautions in attack; art. 54 on objects indispensable to the survival of the civilian population.

Rome Statute art. 7(1)(k) (other inhumane acts), art. 8(2)(b)(i), (ii) and (iv); art. 28 on command responsibility.

WHAT WE DO NOT KNOW

A UN-verified casualty count for this strike, and any final revision of the injured figure.

The aim points, the units and the launch sites — and whether a prosecutor's case names them.

How long the affected part of Desnianskyi was without heat, and how many residents it covered.

WHAT WE ASK

Cite the finding. When Russia calls energy strikes legitimate in the Security Council or the General Assembly, cite the Commission of Inquiry: a war crime and a crime against humanity (A/81/440).

Keep the heat on. Fund the repair of heating and power networks before and during winter, and supply interceptors for the ballistic missiles fired at Kyiv.

Sanction the weapons chain. List the producers of Shahed-type drones and Iskander and Kinzhal missiles, and their component suppliers, under every national regime.

Support accountability. Support the investigation and prosecution of those who ordered and carried out the strike on Kyiv of 14 November 2025, and of the winter campaign it belonged to.

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