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KYIV, 25 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2023: 75 DRONES EN EL DÍA DE CONMEMORACIÓN DEL HOLODOMOR

En la madrugada del 25 de noviembre de 2023, día en que Ucrania recuerda a las víctimas de la hambruna del Holodomor de 1932–33, Rusia lanzó 75 drones de ataque Shahed contra Ucrania, el mayor ataque con drones de la guerra hasta entonces. Kyiv fue el principal objetivo. La Fuerza Aérea informó de que 74 de los 75 fueron derribados; la caída de restos hirió a cinco personas en la capital, entre ellas un niño de 11 años, incendió un jardín de infancia y dejó sin electricidad a 77 edificios de viviendas y 120 instituciones del centro de Kyiv.

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75 · 74

drones Shahed lanzados · derribados, el mayor ataque con drones de la guerra hasta esa fecha B

Air Force of Ukraine, 25 Nov 2023 (via Ukrainska Pravda, ArmyInform)

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personas heridas en Kyiv, entre ellas un niño de 11 años; ninguna hospitalizada B

Kyiv City Military Administration (S. Popko), 25 Nov 2023 (via Suspilne); Prosecutor General's Office (via ArmyInform)

77 · 120

apartment buildings · institutions in central Kyiv left without power after an overhead line was cut B

Ministry of Energy and Kyiv City Military Administration, 25 Nov 2023 (via RFE/RL, Euromaidan Press)

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kindergarten set on fire in Solomianskyi district; about half of the building to be rebuilt B

Kyiv City State Administration (V. Nepop), 30 Nov 2023 (via Ukrinform, Suspilne)

CONCLUSIÓN

A record attack on a day of mourning. The Air Force counted 75 Shahed drones launched overnight from Primorsko-Akhtarsk and Kursk region, plus a Kh-59 guided missile; 74 drones and the missile were shot down. Kyiv was the main target, on Holodomor Remembrance Day.

Debris on homes and a kindergarten. Debris fell in four Kyiv districts. In Solomianskyi it set a kindergarten on fire and smashed part of a five-storey block of flats; five people were injured, an 11-year-old among them.

No UN finding on this night. The UN human rights monitors' November 2023 update does not name the attack. The UN's findings on Russia's attacks on Ukraine's energy system concern the campaign, not this strike.

CALIFICACIÓN JURÍDICA EN TRES NIVELES

75 DRONES SHAHED LANZADOS, 74 DERRIBADOS; 5 HERIDOS EN KYIV, ENTRE ELLOS UN NIÑO DE 11 AÑOS — NIVEL B: FUERZA AÉREA, ADMINISTRACIÓN MILITAR DE LA CIUDAD DE KYIV

ATAQUES CONTRA LA INFRAESTRUCTURA ENERGÉTICA DE UCRANIA DESDE EL OTOÑO DE 2022: CRIMEN DE GUERRA Y CRIMEN DE LESA HUMANIDAD — COMISIÓN DE INVESTIGACIÓN DE LA ONU, A/81/440 (CONCLUSIÓN RELATIVA A LA CAMPAÑA)

INVESTIGACIÓN PRELIMINAR POR CRIMEN DE GUERRA (ART. 438(1) DEL CÓDIGO PENAL DE UCRANIA) — FISCALES UCRANIANOS, POSICIÓN

Establecido. At Tier B the Air Force reports 75 Shahed drones launched at Ukraine on the night of 24–25 November 2023, with Kyiv the main target; the Kyiv City Military Administration counts five people injured, an 11-year-old among them, and damage in four districts. No court and no UN body has made a finding on this attack; the UN monitors' November 2023 update does not name it. **Patrón.** The attack came at the start of a winter of mass air strikes: the UN monitors recorded a 26% rise in civilian casualties in December 2023 after the wave of attacks from 29 December, and later found that Russia's 2024 attacks on the power grid point to breaches of the principles of distinction, proportionality and precaution. At campaign level, the UN Commission of Inquiry (A/81/440, Oct 2026) found attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure since autumn 2022 to be war crimes and a crime against humanity. **Posición.** Ukrainian prosecutors opened a war-crimes investigation (Art. 438(1) CCU); the hub's inference is an indiscriminate attack on a capital (AP I art. 51(4)–(5)).

QUÉ PEDIMOS

Ask the UN monitors to verify and report the 25 November 2023 attack on Kyiv. Keep air defence flowing to the cities that drone waves target. Name drone waves on cities, and their timing on days of remembrance, in UN reporting.

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KYIV CÓMO OCURRIÓ

DRONE WAVES OVER A CAPITAL AT DAWN

Ukraine marks Holodomor Remembrance Day on the fourth Saturday of November; 2023 was the 90th anniversary of the famine. In the hours before the commemorations began, Kyiv sat under a six-hour air raid alert.

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24 Nov 2023, evening	Russia carries out a combined missile and drone strike on Ukraine the evening before; a separate attack, listed to avoid confusion. C — Espreso, 25 Nov 2023
25 Nov 2023, 02:37	Air raid alert in Kyiv; it lasts more than six hours. Explosions are heard around 05:00. B — Mayor V. Klitschko; Suspilne Kyiv, 25 Nov 2023
25 Nov 2023, about 04:00	The Kyiv City Military Administration reports a drone attack on the capital, with drones arriving in groups and waves from several directions. B — S. Popko and M. Shamanov, KCMA (via the Kyiv Independent, Suspilne)
25 Nov 2023, morning	Debris falls in Solomianskyi, Dniprovskyi, Holosiivskyi and Pecherskyi districts. In Solomianskyi a kindergarten catches fire and part of a five-storey block of flats is destroyed; two women are rescued from the second floor. B — KCMA; Kyiv City Council; State Emergency Service (via Ukrainska Pravda, Suspilne, Meduza)
25 Nov 2023, 10:00	DTEK reports homes and 12 institutions in Kyiv and 16,000 customers in Kyiv region without power; the Ministry of Energy reports 77 apartment buildings and 120 institutions in central Kyiv cut off by a damaged overhead line. Ukrenergo reports damage to main lines in central Ukraine. B — DTEK, Ministry of Energy, Ukrenergo (via Suspilne, RFE/RL, Meduza)
25 Nov 2023, 11:00	The Air Force raises its count from 71 to 74 of 75 Shahed drones shot down; a Kh-59 guided missile is destroyed over Dnipropetrovsk region. Air defence worked in six regions. B — Air Force of Ukraine (via ArmyInform, Ukrainska Pravda)
25 Nov 2023, day	The President: 'Deliberate terror. At the exact time.' The EU High Representative: Russia 'unleashed its most extensive drone attack on Kyiv', 'instilling fear among the population'. The US Ambassador thanks Ukraine's air defenders. C — V. Zelensky, Telegram (via the Kyiv Independent); J. Borrell on X, 17:22; B. Brink on X (via Ukrainska Pravda)
25 Nov 2023	The Prosecutor General's Office opens a pre-trial investigation into a violation of the laws and customs of war (Art. 438(1)); five injured, aged 11 to 65. B — Prosecutor General's Office (via ArmyInform, 25 Nov 2023)
30 Nov 2023	City authorities say about half of the kindergarten must be rebuilt; a nearby new school needs more than 100 windows replaced. B — Kyiv City State Administration, V. Nepop (via Ukrinform, Suspilne)
11 Dec 2023	The UN human rights monitors report at least 461 civilians killed or injured in Ukraine in November 2023; the update does not name the attack on Kyiv. A — OHCHR/HRMMU, Protection of Civilians update, November 2023
26 oct. 2026	Since this file: the UN Commission of Inquiry reports to the General Assembly that Russia's attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure since autumn 2022 are war crimes and a crime against humanity. A — Commission of Inquiry, A/81/440 (via Al Jazeera, Interfax-Ukraine)

LO QUE MUESTRAN LOS HECHOS

The Air Force counted 75 Shahed-131/136 drones launched from Primorsko-Akhtarsk in Russia's Krasnodar region and from Kursk region, and a Kh-59 guided missile. Its commander said Kyiv was the main target. The first count, 71 shot down, was raised to 74 at 11:00. The city administration said more than 60 were downed over Kyiv.

Debris fell in four districts. In Solomianskyi it set a kindergarten and a non-residential building on fire, destroyed part of the second floor of a five-storey block and broke windows from the ground to the fifth floor. Debris also hit the top floor of a high-rise in Dniprovskyi and a four-storey building in Holosiivskyi.

QUIÉNES RESULTARON AFECTADOS

Five people injured, aged 11 to 65: two with cuts to the limbs, three with acute stress reactions. All were treated on site or in emergency rooms; none was hospitalised (KCMA; Prosecutor General's Office). No deaths were reported.

The power cut reached 77 apartment buildings and 120 institutions in central Kyiv (Ministry of Energy); DTEK also counted 16,000 customers without power in Kyiv region, most restored after the all-clear.

Fuentes: A — OHCHR/HRMMU, Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict, November 2023 update, 11 Dec 2023 (ukraine.un.org/en/node/254943; no mention of this attack); OHCHR/HRMMU press release, 16 Jan 2024 (ukraine.un.org/en/257916); OHCHR/HRMMU, Attacks on Ukraine's Energy Infrastructure: Harm to the Civilian Population, 19 Sep 2024 (ukraine.un.org/en/node/278995); UN Commission of Inquiry, A/81/440, 26 Oct 2026 (via Al Jazeera, aljazeera.com/news/2026/10/26/russian-attacks-on-ukraines-energy-infrastructure-a-war-crime-un; Interfax-Ukraine, en.interfax.com.ua/news/general/1226289.html). B — Air Force of Ukraine, 25 Nov 2023 (via ArmyInform, armyinform.com.ua/2023/11/25/74-iz-75-u-povitryanyh-sylah-utochnyly-kilkist-znyshhenyh-shahediv; Ukrainska Pravda, pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2023/11/25/7430307); Kyiv City Military Administration (S. Popko, M. Shamanov), 25 Nov 2023 (via Suspilne, suspilne.media/625031-nicna-ataka-dronami-na-kiiv-so-vidomo; Ukrainska Pravda, pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2023/11/25/7430306); Prosecutor General's Office, 25 Nov 2023 (via ArmyInform); Ministry of Energy, DTEK, Ukrenergo, 25 Nov 2023 (via RFE/RL, Meduza, Suspilne); Kyiv City State Administration (V. Nepop), 30 Nov 2023 (via Ukrinform, Suspilne); Mayor V. Klitschko; President V. Zelensky, Telegram, 25 Nov 2023 (via the Kyiv Independent). C — Suspilne, Ukrainska Pravda, the Kyiv Independent, Meduza, Euromaidan Press, RFE/RL (rferl.org/a/ukraine-drone-strikes-holodomor-day/32699366.html), Espreso, 25 Nov 2023; Ukrainska Pravda, 25 Nov 2023 (Holodomor 90th anniversary; EU High Representative J. Borrell and US Ambassador B. Brink reactions). RU — Kremlin spokesman D. Peskov, 6 Oct 2023 (The Insider, theins.ru/news/265638); The Moscow Times (Russian service), 25 Nov 2023 (no official Russian comment). All accessed 18 Nov 2026.

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KYIV LAS PRUEBAS, POR NIVEL

A TIER B RECORD, WITH NO UN FINDING ON THIS NIGHT

The attack is documented by the Air Force, the Kyiv City Military Administration, the Prosecutor General's Office and the energy companies. The UN has made findings on the energy campaign and on the winter's attacks, but not on this night.

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ESTABLECIDO POR ÓRGANOS CON MANDATO

No UN document checked names this attack: the OHCHR/HRMMU update for November 2023 (11 Dec 2023) gives at least 461 civilians killed or injured in Ukraine that month and does not mention Kyiv on 25 November. No UN statement on the attack was located. A

OHCHR/HRMMU, 16 Jan 2024: a 26% rise in civilian casualties in December 2023 after the wave of attacks from 29 December. HRMMU energy report, 19 Sep 2024: attacks on the grid point to breaches of distinction, proportionality and precaution. UN Commission of Inquiry, A/81/440 (Oct 2026): campaign-level finding. A

INVESTIGACIÓN UCRANIANA

Air Force of Ukraine, 25 Nov 2023: 75 Shahed drones from Primorsko-Akhtarsk and Kursk region, 74 shot down; a Kh-59 missile destroyed; air defence active in six regions (via ArmyInform, Ukrainska Pravda). B

Kyiv City Military Administration (S. Popko), 25 Nov 2023: five injured, aged 11 to 65; debris in four districts. Prosecutor General's Office: investigation under Art. 438(1). Ministry of Energy: 77 apartment buildings and 120 institutions without power. Kyiv City State Administration, 30 Nov 2023: kindergarten to be half rebuilt. B

INVESTIGACIONES INDEPENDIENTES

Suspilne, Ukrainska Pravda, the Kyiv Independent, Meduza, Euromaidan Press, RFE/RL, Espreso, 25 Nov 2023: hour-by-hour reports. C

The Moscow Times (Russian service), 25 Nov 2023: 'The Russian side has provided no official comment.' C

LAS CIFRAS — CADA FUENTE, TAL COMO SE PUBLICARON

Cifra	Qué cuenta	Fuente · fecha · nivel
75 · 74	Shahed drones launched · shot down	Air Force of Ukraine, 25 Nov 2023 · B
5 · 11	injured in Kyiv · age of the youngest	Kyiv City Military Administration, 25 Nov 2023 · B
4	Kyiv districts hit by debris	Kyiv City Military Administration; Prosecutor General's Office · B
77 · 120	apartment buildings · institutions without power in central Kyiv	Ministry of Energy, 25 Nov 2023 · B

Drone counts differ by time and body: the Air Force first reported 71 shot down, then 74 of 75; the city administration gave 'at least 40' and later 'more than 60' downed over Kyiv; the President wrote 'over 70'. Outage figures differ too: 77 apartment buildings and 120 institutions (Ministry of Energy) against 121 or 151 apartment buildings, 75 private houses and 12 institutions (DTEK at 10:00, as reported by Suspilne and Meduza respectively). The hub uses the Air Force's final figure and the Ministry of Energy's.

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KYIV RESPONSABILIDAD

NO UNIT NAMED YET

The launch sites are known from the Air Force; the units, the commanders and the aim points are not. The investigation opened on 25 November 2023 has, as far as the record checked shows, named no suspect.

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Quién	Papel en el caso	Procedimientos	Sanciones · tribunales
Russian Shahed launch crews Primorsko-Akhtarsk (Krasnodar region) and Kursk region	Launched 75 Shahed-131/136 drones at Ukraine, with Kyiv the main target, according to the Air Force	No identificada	—
Kh-59 launch aircraft	Fired a guided missile destroyed over Dnipropetrovsk region	No identificada	—
Russian military command	Ordered the night's attack	Pre-trial investigation under Art. 438(1), opened 25 Nov 2023; no suspect named in the sources checked	To be checked in Sanctions

CADENA DE RESPONSABILIDAD

The weapon identifies the system: Shahed-131/136 loitering munitions, launched from sites in Russia that the Air Force named.

The launch from two directions and the arrival in waves, changing course, is a planned, coordinated attack, not a stray launch.

Who ordered it and what the aim points were is for the investigation to establish; the hub draws no names.

LOS ACTOS PROPIOS DEL ESTADO RUSO

No Russian statement about the attack on Kyiv of 25 November 2023 has been located; The Moscow Times reported that the Russian side gave no official comment.

Seven weeks earlier, after the strike on Hroza, the Kremlin spokesman said Russia's military 'does not strike civilian targets' (6 Oct 2023) — the general line Russia maintained at the time.

An investigation is not a charge, and a charge is not a verdict.

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KYIV FACT-CHECK · WHAT RUSSIA SAYS ABOUT STRIKES LIKE THIS

'RUSSIAN FORCES DO NOT STRIKE CIVILIAN TARGETS'

Russia said nothing about Kyiv on 25 November 2023. Its official line that autumn was that its forces do not strike civilian targets. Set against the record, that line leaves the burning kindergarten and the damaged apartment blocks unexplained.

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DMITRY PESKOV · KREMLIN SPOKESMAN · 6 OCT 2023 (GENERAL LINE, NOT ABOUT KYIV)

“We keep repeating: the Russian military does not strike civilian targets.”

The Insider, 6 Oct 2023 (hub translation)

NOT SHOWN FOR KYIV: NO MILITARY TARGET NAMED, A KINDERGARTEN AND HOMES HIT

75 drones Shahed lanzados contra Ucrania, con Kyiv como objetivo principal (Fuerza Aérea); un jardín de infancia incendiado, un edificio de cinco plantas dañado, cinco personas heridas, entre ellas un niño de 11 años, 77 edificios de viviendas y 120 instituciones sin electricidad (Administración Militar de la Ciudad de Kyiv; Ministerio de Energía, 25 nov 2023). En caso de duda, los bienes de carácter civil se presumen civiles (Protocolo Adicional I, art. 52(3)).

Lo que concede la afirmación: That a strike on civilian objects would need an explanation — none has been given for Kyiv on 25 November 2023.

HAY QUE RECONOCER

The Kremlin statement was made about the strike on Hroza of 5 October 2023, not about Kyiv; it is cited as Russia's general position at the time.

The damage in Kyiv came from the debris of downed drones, by the city administration's account. Debris falls only because the drones were launched at a city; the hub has not examined what the drones were aimed at.

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KYIV EL DERECHO Y LO QUE PEDIMOS

A CAPITAL IS NOT A TARGET

Seventy-five loitering munitions sent at a capital of millions at night, in waves, put every district under the flight path at risk. The law requires that each one be aimed at a military objective and that civilians be spared as far as feasible.

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ESTABLECIDO — POR ÓRGANOS CON MANDATO

Tier B: 75 Shahed drones launched at Ukraine on the night of 24–25 November 2023, Kyiv the main target, 74 shot down (Air Force); five people injured in Kyiv including an 11-year-old, a kindergarten set on fire, debris in four districts (KCMA; Prosecutor General's Office).

No court or UN body has made a finding on this attack. At campaign level, the UN Commission of Inquiry found Russia's attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure since autumn 2022 to be war crimes of intentionally directing attacks against civilian objects and a crime against humanity (A/81/440, Oct 2026).

PATRÓN — LO QUE MUESTRAN LOS HECHOS

The UN monitors recorded a 26% rise in civilian casualties in December 2023 after a wave of attacks that began on 29 December; HRMMU head Danielle Bell: 'These attacks sow death and destruction on Ukraine's civilians' (16 Jan 2024).

HRMMU found that Russia's 2024 attacks on the power grid point to breaches of distinction, proportionality and precaution, and that the harm to civilians was 'imminently foreseeable' (19 Sep 2024).

POSICIÓN — CALIFICACIÓN DE UCRANIA

Ukrainian prosecutors: a violation of the laws and customs of war (Art. 438(1), Criminal Code of Ukraine). The President: 'Deliberate terror. At the exact time' — the night of Holodomor remembrance.

The hub's inference: at least an indiscriminate attack (AP I art. 51(4)–(5)) — pending an investigation that names the aim points.

LAS NORMAS APLICABLES

AP I arts. 48, 51(2), 51(4)–(5), 52 and 57: distinction, the ban on attacks on civilians and on indiscriminate attacks, the presumption of civilian character, precautions in attack; art. 51(2) also bans acts whose primary purpose is to spread terror among civilians.

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

LO QUE NO SABEMOS

The aim points of the drones sent at Kyiv, and the units that launched them.

Whether the investigation has named a suspect.

A UN-verified count for this attack.

QUÉ PEDIMOS

Verify the night. Ask the UN human rights monitors to verify and report the 25 November 2023 attack on Kyiv, alongside the winter attacks they have documented.

Keep the shield up. Sustain air defence and interceptor supplies for the cities that mass drone waves target.

Cut the supply. Sanction the producers and suppliers of Shahed-type drones and their components under every national regime.

Name the timing. In UN reporting and Security Council statements, name mass drone attacks on cities and their timing on days of national remembrance.

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