

أبراج مُسقطة: ضربات روسيا على البث الإذاعي والتلفزيوني في أوكرانيا، 2022-2026

في اليوم السادس من الغزو الشامل، أعلنت وزارة الدفاع الروسية عن ضربات على منشآت البث في كيف «بهدف إحباط الهجمات الإعلامية ضد روسيا». وفي عصر اليوم نفسه أصابت صواريخ برج تلفزيون كيف بجوار نصب بابين يار التذكاري وقتلت خمسة من المارة. وبعد أسبوعين قتلت ضربة صاروخية على برج التلفزيون قرب ريفنه 21 شخصًا. وفي أبريل 2024 أسقط صاروخ Kh-59 الجزء العلوي من صاري التلفزيون في خاركيف البالغ ارتفاعه 245 مترًا. ثلاثة أبراج ودافع معلن واحد: ما تقوله وسائل البث الأوكرانية، لا ما تفعله في الحرب.

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Draft for the editor. Kyiv figures and Russian statements are taken from the hub's fact-check 'Kyiv TV tower, March 2022' (merged 29 Oct 2026). Rivne: first مسودة — غير منشورة. Rivne: first count 19 killed and 9 injured (Rivne regional administration, V. Koval, 15 Mar 2022), final count 21 killed and 9 injured after the rubble was cleared (V. Koval, 16 Mar 2022, via Espresso and LB.ua). Kharkiv: Kh-59 per the Kharkiv regional prosecutor's preliminary data (State Special Communications Service, 22 Apr 2024); no casualties. No Russian statement on Rivne or Kharkiv located. Photos: State Special Communications Service / DSNS / regional administrations (CC BY 4.0), to be selected; no people

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facilities of the state
broadcasting network (RRT
Concern) damaged in the first
B ten weeks of the invasion

State Special Communications Service
(Y. Shchyhol), Government portal, 4
May 2022

US\$1.79
bn

needed to restore Ukraine's
telecoms sector to its pre-war
state — ITU's first assessment
A

ITU, assessment of Dec 2022, via
Reuters / Al Jazeera, 6 Jan 2023

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محطة بث في أوكرانيا تضررت من
الحرب A

ITU, activities under Council Resolution
1408 (accessed 29 Oct 2026)

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شخصًا قُتلوا في ضربتين على
برجي تلفزيون في مارس 2022: 5
في كيف (1 مارس) و21 قرب
ريفنه (14 مارس) — مجموع
محسوب B

State Emergency Service, 1 Mar 2022;
Rivne regional administration (V.
Koval), 16 Mar 2022

الخلاصة

Russia named the target and the reason. On 1 March 2022 its Ministry of Defence announced strikes on Kyiv's 'retransmitting hubs' to foil 'information attacks against Russia'. That is a reason about content, not about military advantage.

Two towers, 26 dead in two weeks. Five passers-by were killed at the Kyiv TV tower on 1 March 2022; 21 people were killed and 9 injured when missiles hit the TV tower near Rivne on 14 March.

It did not stop in 2022. On 22 April 2024 a Kh-59 missile brought down the top of the Kharkiv TV mast and cut the city's digital TV signal; regional transmitters are still being hit in 2026. ITU counts 40 broadcasting stations affected.

التكيف القانوني في ثلاث طبقات

ضربات على أبراج التلفزيون في كيف وريفنه وخاركيف؛ 26 قتيلاً في كيف وريفنه — المستوى B: خدمة الطوارئ الحكومية، الإدارات الإقليمية، النيابة العامة

ضربات على البنية التحتية للبث في جميع أنحاء أوكرانيا، 2022-2026؛ تضرر 40 محطة (الاتحاد الدولي للاتصالات) — نمط

هجمات على أعيان مدنية؛ الوظيفة الداعية وحدها ليست سبباً مشروعاً — استنتاج الموقع، موقف

نابث. At Tier B, missiles struck the Kyiv TV tower on 1 March 2022 (5 killed, all passers-by; two Russian aviation commanders charged in absentia, Aug 2025), the TV tower near Rivne on 14 March 2022 (21 killed, 9 injured) and the Kharkiv TV tower on 22 April 2024 (Kh-59; no casualties; investigation under art. 438 of Ukraine's Criminal Code). At Tier A, ITU counts 40 broadcasting stations affected by the war. Russia's own stated rationale in 2022 was the content of broadcasting; strikes. نمط. The hub's inference: TV towers are civilian objects unless they on broadcasting infrastructure continued in 2024-2026 without any specific military explanation make an effective contribution to military action (AP I art. 52(2)); disrupting propaganda alone does not offer the required definite military advantage (ICTY Committee report on the NATO bombing, 2000, para. 76). Deliberate attacks on civilian objects and civilians (Rome Statute art. 8(2)(b)(i)-(ii)), pending any investigation

ITU member states voting in Doha from 12 November: weigh the record on Ukraine's broadcasting when electing the ITU Council. Ask ITU to update its 2022 damage assessment of Ukraine's telecoms and broadcasting. Name broadcasting strikes in statements on the protection of journalists and media

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المصادر: A — ITU, activities under Council Resolution 1408 (accessed 29 Oct 2026); ITU assessment, Dec 2022 (via Reuters / Al Jazeera, 6 Jan 2023); Fifth Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment, Feb 2026 (via ITU). B — State Emergency Service, 1 Mar 2022 (via LB.ua); Office of the Prosecutor General and SSU, Aug 2025; Rivne regional administration (V. Koval), 14-16 Mar 2022 (via LB.ua, Ukrainska Pravda, Espresso); State Special Communications Service, 4 May 2022 and 22 Apr 2024 (Government portal); Office of the Prosecutor General, 22 Apr 2024 (via ArmyInform); Sumy region police, 10 Mar 2026 (via Ukrinform). C — CPJ, 2 Mar 2022; IMI, Kyiv Independent, RTVI (22 Apr 2024). RU — Russian MoD, 1 Mar 2022 (Interfax, TASS). All accessed 30 Oct 2026

THREE TOWERS, THREE CITIES

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Broadcasting towers are the tallest structures in most Ukrainian cities and carry television, radio and emergency alerts. Russia struck them in the first weeks of the invasion and has kept striking them .since

Russia's Ministry of Defence announces strikes on 'technological facilities' in Kyiv 'for the purpose of foiling information attacks against Russia' and tells residents near 'retransmitting hubs' to leave their homes. ما نقوله روسيا — Russian MoD statement, via Interfax and TASS, 1 Mar 2022	1 مارس 2022
Missiles hit the Kyiv TV tower beside the Babyn Yar memorial site: 5 killed, all passers-by, among them camera operator Yevhenii Sakun; channels briefly off air. B — State Emergency Service, 1 Mar 2022 (via LB.ua); CPJ, 2 Mar 2022	Mar 2022, ~17:10 1
A Russian missile strike hits the TV tower and its service building near Rivne (Antopil); regional TV and radio broadcasting goes down. B — Rivne regional administration (V. Koval), via LB.ua, 14 Mar 2022	Mar 2022, early 14 morning
The toll rises as the rubble is cleared: 19 killed and 9 injured on 15 March; final count 21 killed, 9 injured on 16 March. B — Rivne regional administration (V. Koval), via Ukrainska Pravda (15 Mar) and Espresso / LB.ua (16 Mar 2022)	Mar 2022 16-15
More than 20 facilities of the state broadcasting network (RRT Concern) damaged since 24 February. B — State Special Communications Service (Y. Shchyhol), Government portal, 4 May 2022	4 مايو 2022
A Kh-59 missile hits the Kharkiv TV tower; the upper part of the 245-metre mast falls; digital TV signal cut; no one killed or injured. Prosecutors open a war-crimes investigation (art. 438). B — Office of the Prosecutor General, via ArmyInform; State Special Communications Service, 22 Apr 2024	Apr 2024, 22 ~16:30
Two Russian commanders — of long-range aviation and of the 121st Heavy Bomber Aviation Regiment — charged in absentia with ordering the Kyiv TV tower strike. B — Office of the Prosecutor General and SSU, Aug 2025	Aug 2025
Strikes on Bilopillia, Sumy region, damage the local TV tower among other targets. B — Sumy region police, via Ukrinform, 10 Mar 2026	Mar 2026 9

مَن أُصِيب

Kyiv: five killed, all passers-by — among them Yevhenii Sakun, a camera operator for the LIVE channel; five injured in the first count, six in the .August 2025 charge sheet

Rivne region: 21 killed and 9 injured, by the regional administration's final count of 16 March 2022. The authorities did not publish the victims' .names or say how many were tower staff

Kharkiv: no casualties — staff were in a shelter. The city lost its over-the-air digital TV signal until broadcasting was restored (State Special .Communications Service, 22 Apr 2024)

ما يُظهره السجل

Kyiv, 1 March 2022: hours after Russia announced strikes on 'retransmitting hubs', missiles hit the TV tower in Shevchenkivskiyi district. The tower stood; five people walking nearby were killed. .Prosecutors later charged two Russian aviation commanders in absentia

Rivne region, 14 March 2022: a missile strike hit the TV tower and its service building in Antopil, outside Rivne. Rescuers worked for two days; .21 people were killed and 9 injured

Kharkiv, 22 April 2024: a Kh-59 missile struck the TV tower at about 16:30. The top of the 245-metre mast broke off and fell; the city lost its .digital TV signal. Staff were in a shelter and no one was hurt

موضع صورة • مسودة

The damaged Kharkiv TV tower, 22–23 Apr 2024 — State Special Communications Service or Kharkiv regional administration, CC BY 4.0, with credit and link

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A CONSISTENT TIER B RECORD AND AN ITU COUNT

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Each strike is documented by the emergency service, the regional administration or the prosecutor.
.ITU, the UN agency for telecommunications, counts the damage to the sector as a whole

التحقيقات المستقلة

LB.ua, Ukrainska Pravda, Espresso (Mar 2022); CPJ, 2 Mar 2022 (the camera operator killed in .Kyiv); IMI and Kyiv Independent (Apr 2024) C

Russian war correspondents celebrated the Kharkiv strike and claimed, without evidence, that air-defence equipment was on the tower C. (via RTVI, 22 Apr 2024)

التحقيق الأوكراني

State Emergency Service, 1 Mar 2022: 5 killed, 5 injured at the Kyiv TV tower, all passers-by. Office of the Prosecutor General and SSU, Aug 2025: 5 killed, 6 injured; two commanders B. charged in absentia

Rivne regional administration (V. Koval), 15–16 B. Mar 2022: 19, then 21 killed; 9 injured

Office of the Prosecutor General and State Special Communications Service, 22 Apr 2024: Kh-59 missile on the Kharkiv TV tower (prosecutor's preliminary data); no casualties; B. investigation under art. 438

ثابت لدى هيئات ذات ولاية

ITU, activities under Council Resolution 1408: 40 broadcasting stations in Ukraine affected by the war (accessed 29 Oct 2026). ITU's first assessment (Dec 2022): at least US\$1.79 bn needed to restore the telecoms sector (via A. Reuters / Al Jazeera, 6 Jan 2023)

Fifth Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment (World Bank, UN, European Commission, Government of Ukraine), Feb 2026: US\$2.48 bn direct damage to the telecom, digital and A. media sector (via ITU)

موضع صورة • مسودة

The TV tower near Rivne after the strike, Mar 2022 — Rivne regional administration or DSNS Rivne region, CC BY 4.0

مكان الصورة • مصدر رسمي مرخص

الأرقام — كل مصدر، كما نُشر		
الرقم	ما يشمل	المصدر • التاريخ • المستوى
5	killed at the Kyiv TV tower, 1 Mar 2022	State Emergency Service • B
9 • 21	killed • injured near Rivne, 14 Mar 2022	Rivne regional administration, 16 Mar 2022 • B
m 245	Kharkiv TV mast, top brought down, 22 Apr 2024	regional authorities, via IMI • B/C
40	broadcasting stations affected	ITU • A

Killed and injured are Tier B. The Rivne count rose from 19 to 21 as bodies were recovered; the final regional count is used. The ITU and RDNA figures cover the whole sector, not these .three towers

MISSILES AND THEIR COMMANDERS

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Missiles struck all three towers. For Kyiv, Ukraine's prosecutors have named the commanders; for Rivne and Kharkiv the units have not been identified

المستهدفون	الدور في القضية	الإجراءات	الجزاءات • المحاكم
Commander of Russian long-range aviation	Charged in absentia with ordering the strike on the Kyiv TV tower, 1 Mar 2022	Notice of suspicion, Aug 2025 (Office of the Prosecutor General, SSU)	—
Commander of the 121st Heavy Bomber Aviation Regiment	Charged in absentia over the Kyiv TV tower strike	Notice of suspicion, Aug 2025	—
Units that fired on Rivne (14 Mar 2022) and Kharkiv (22 Apr 2024)	Missile strikes on TV towers	Not identified; Kharkiv investigation under art. 438	—

سلسلة المسؤولية

The Russian Ministry of Defence announced the strikes on Kyiv's broadcasting in advance and gave their purpose: to foil 'information attacks

A missile is aimed at coordinates. A TV tower is a single, fixed, well-known structure; it is hit because it was chosen

The same kind of target was struck in Rivne two weeks later and in Kharkiv two years later — a pattern, not an accident

أفعال الدولة الروسية نفسها

Russian MoD, 1 Mar 2022: strikes on the 'technological facilities' of the Security Service of Ukraine and the 72nd centre of psychological and information operations in Kyiv 'for the purpose of foiling information attacks against Russia' (Interfax, TASS)

No Russian statement on the Rivne (2022) or Kharkiv (2024) strikes has been located; Russian officials routinely say only military infrastructure is targeted

The two Kyiv suspects are named in the hub's fact-check 'Kyiv TV tower, March 2022', with sources. Unit identification for Rivne and Kharkiv requires an investigation

TO FOIL INFORMATION' 'ATTACKS

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Russia gave a reason for the first strike, and the reason is the problem: broadcasting was targeted for .what it transmitted. The hub's full fact-check of the 1 March 2022 statement is on the site

إدانة للذات: الهدف المعلن ليس سبباً مشروعاً للهجوم

قُتل خمسة من المارة عند برج تلفزيون كييف عصر اليوم نفسه. وخلصت لجنة المحكمة الجنائية الدولية ليوغوسلافيا السابقة التي راجعت ضربة الناتو عام 1999 على التلفزيون الحكومي الصربي إلى أن تعطيل الدعاية لا يُرَجَّح أن يحقق الميزة العسكرية «الملموسة والمباشرة» المطلوبة (التقرير النهائي، 2000، الفقرة 76)؛ ويقصر البروتوكول الإضافي الأول الهجمات على الأعيان التي يحقق تدميرها «ميزة عسكرية أكيدة» (المادة 52(2)).
ما يُقَرَّر به الادعاء: That broadcasting was chosen as a target because of what it transmitted.

NO MILITARY USE OF THESE TOWERS HAS BEEN SHOWN

The Kharkiv strike cut the city's digital TV signal and hurt no one; the Rivne strike killed 21 .people. Russia has published no evidence of military equipment on either tower
ما يُقَرَّر به الادعاء: If used, it would concede that the towers were the intended targets

RUSSIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE · 1 MAR 2022

«بغرض إحباط الهجمات الإعلامية ضد روسيا، سُنَّشَ ضربات بأسلحة عالية الدقة على المنشآت التكنولوجية التابعة لجهاز أمن أوكرانيا وعلى المركز الرئيسي الثاني والسبعين للعمليات النفسية والإعلامية في كييف.»
Interfax, 1 Mar 2022; TASS, 1 Mar 2022

STANDARD LINE · 'ONLY MILITARY INFRASTRUCTURE' · RUSSIAN OFFICIALS ON STRIKES IN UKRAINE

Not stated for Rivne 2022 or Kharkiv 2024. Russia's general claim)“
”(is that it strikes only military infrastructure
ملاحظة المنصة؛ انظر تدقيق المنصة بشأن «أهداف عسكرية فقط»

من الإنصاف القول

Dual use is possible: military radio equipment can be mounted on any tall structure. Russia has offered no evidence of it for these towers; where a claim .exists (Kharkiv 2024) it came from war correspondents, not the Ministry of Defence
.The Rivne toll is given at the final count (21); first reports gave lower figures, then 19. The share of tower staff among the dead has not been published

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A TV TOWER IS A CIVILIAN OBJECT

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Broadcasting facilities are civilian objects. They lose protection only if they make an effective contribution to military action and their destruction offers a definite military advantage — not because of what they broadcast

موقف — التكييف الأوكراني

The hub's inference: attacks directed at civilian objects and, where people were killed, at civilians (Rome Statute art. 8(2)(b)(i)-(ii)); or disproportionate attacks (art. 8(2)(b)(iv)) — pending investigation

A propaganda function alone does not make a broadcaster a military objective (ICTY Committee report, 2000, para. 76)

نمط — ما يُظهره السجل

Over 20 facilities of the state broadcasting network damaged by May 2022 (State Special Communications Service); regional transmitters still hit in 2026

Russia's stated rationale in 2022 was the content of broadcasting; later strikes came without any specific military explanation

ثابت — من قبل هيئات ذات ولاية

Tier B: missile strikes on the Kyiv TV tower (1 Mar 2022, 5 killed), the TV tower near Rivne (14 Mar 2022, 21 killed, 9 injured) and the Kharkiv TV tower (22 Apr 2024, Kh-59, no casualties)

Tier B: two Russian aviation commanders charged in absentia over the Kyiv strike (Aug 2025). Tier A: 40 broadcasting stations affected (ITU)

ما لا نعرفه

The names of the dead in Rivne and how many were broadcasting staff

The units and launch platforms for Rivne (2022) and Kharkiv (2024)

A full, current ITU count of broadcasting damage beyond the 2022 assessment

القواعد المنطبقة

AP I arts. 48, 52(1)-(3) and 57: distinction, the definition of military objectives, the presumption of civilian character, precautions; AP I art. 79 and UN Security Council resolution 2222 (2015) on the protection of journalists and media professionals

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

Weigh the record in Doha. ITU member states electing the ITU Council at the Plenipotentiary Conference (Doha, from 12 November 2026): weigh the record of strikes on Ukraine's broadcasting

Update the damage count. Ask ITU to update its 2022 assessment of damage to Ukraine's telecoms and broadcasting under Council Resolution 1408

Name it with media freedom. In statements on the safety of journalists and media (UNSC res. 2222), name the strikes on broadcasting towers and the people killed beside them

Support the prosecutions. Support Ukraine's in-absentia cases over the Kyiv TV tower and the investigation into the Kharkiv strike

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