

ZAPORIJIA, 7 NOVEMBRE 2024 : BOMBES GUIDÉES SUR UN CENTRE D'ONCOLOGIE ET UN IMMEUBLE D'HABITATION

Un jeudi après-midi, l'aviation russe a largué une série de bombes aériennes guidées sur Zaporijia. L'une a frappé le centre d'oncologie de la ville vers 14 h 30, alors que des patients recevaient une chimiothérapie ; une autre a détruit la moitié d'un immeuble d'habitation. Dix personnes ont été tuées, dont un enfant, et 41 blessées, dont quatre enfants. La mission des droits de l'homme de l'ONU s'est rendue sur les deux sites douze jours plus tard. La ville a décrété une journée de deuil.

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10

tués, dont un enfant B

DSNS, 8 Nov 2024; OHCHR, 19 Nov 2024
(10 killed at the apartment building)

41

blessés, dont quatre enfants ; au moins huit membres du personnel hospitalier parmi les blessés B

DSNS, 8 Nov 2024; regional authorities, via Radio Svoboda, 8 Nov 2024

14:30

a glide bomb hits the oncology centre while cancer patients are undergoing chemotherapy A

OHCHR briefing notes, 19 Nov 2024

5–7

guided aerial bombs on the city that afternoon — accounts differ B

Ukrinform (five), Radio Svoboda (six, local authorities), LIGA (seven, I. Fedorov), 7–8 Nov 2024

L'ESSENTIEL

A cancer centre in the middle of a working day. The UN human rights mission records that a glide bomb hit Zaporizhzhia's oncology centre at 2:30 pm on 7 November 2024, when patients were undergoing chemotherapy. Operations were under way; costly equipment was destroyed and a doctor was seriously injured.

Half a block of flats gone. Another bomb destroyed half of a residential building. The UN counts ten dead there; the emergency service's final count for the city is ten killed, one of them a child, and 41 injured, four of them children.

One of a series. Glide bombs are released from aircraft beyond the reach of the city's air defence. The UN notes that their large explosive loads cause extensive civilian casualties when used in populated areas.

QUALIFICATION JURIDIQUE EN TROIS NIVEAUX

BOMBES PLANANTES SUR UN CENTRE D'ONCOLOGIE ET UN IMMEUBLE D'HABITATION ; 10 TUÉS DONT UN ENFANT ; 41 BLESSÉS DONT 4 ENFANTS — NIVEAU A : VISITE ET NOTES D'INFORMATION DU HCDH, 19 NOV. 2024

BOMBES PLANANTES SUR LA VILLE DE ZAPORIJIA — DE 2024 À CE JOUR — TENDANCE

ATTAQUE CONTRE UN ÉTABLISSEMENT MÉDICAL ET CONTRE DES CIVILS ; AUCUNE QUALIFICATION PAR UN PROCUREUR UKRAINIEN IDENTIFIÉE — DÉDUCTION DU HUB, POSITION

Établi. At Tier A, OHCHR's briefing notes of 19 November 2024 record that the head of the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission visited an oncology centre in Zaporizhzhia hit by a glide bomb on 7 November at 2:30 pm while cancer patients were undergoing chemotherapy, and an apartment building where another glide bomb destroyed half the structure and killed 10 people. At Tier B the emergency service gives 10 killed, including a child, and 41 injured, including four children. **Tendance.** The UN mission visited 'several locations in Zaporizhzhia that had recently been struck by Russian glide bombs' (OHCHR, 19 Nov 2024). **Position.** The hub's inference: an attack on a functioning hospital and on a residential building with no alleged military object is an attack directed at civilians and protected medical units (Rome Statute art. 8(2)(b)(i) and (ix)) or an indiscriminate attack (AP I art. 51(4)), pending any investigation.

CE QUE NOUS DEMANDONS

Name the weapon and the hospital in every Security Council statement on Zaporizhzhia. Ask WHO to record the strike in its Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care. Support air-defence measures that reach the aircraft releasing glide bombs on regional centres. Sanction the producers of the gliding kits.

Sources : A — OHCHR, Briefing notes on Ukraine, Geneva, 19 Nov 2024. B — State Emergency Service of Ukraine (Telegram), 8 Nov 2024; Zaporizhzhia regional administration (I. Fedorov, Telegram and national telethon), 7–8 Nov 2024. C — Ukrinform, Radio Svoboda, LIGA, United24 and Babel (7–8 Nov 2024). RU — none located. All accessed 28 Oct 2026.



A HOSPITAL AND A BLOCK OF FLATS, ONE AFTERNOON

Zaporizhzhia is a regional capital within range of Russian glide bombs. On 7 November 2024 the bombs fell in the afternoon, in the middle of a working day, on a cancer hospital and on homes.

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7 Nov 2024, afternoon	Russian aircraft release a series of guided aerial bombs on Zaporizhzhia city: a hospital, apartment buildings and private houses are hit; first reports of four killed. B — Zaporizhzhia regional administration (I. Fedorov), via LIGA and United24, 7 Nov 2024
7 Nov 2024, ~14:30	A glide bomb hits the city's oncology centre while cancer patients are undergoing chemotherapy; operations are under way; equipment destroyed; a doctor seriously injured. A — OHCHR briefing notes, 19 Nov 2024 (time and chemotherapy); I. Fedorov, via LIGA, 7–8 Nov 2024 (operations, doctor)
7 Nov 2024	A residential building is half destroyed; 15–17 private houses are damaged. B — I. Fedorov, via LIGA, 8 Nov 2024; OHCHR, 19 Nov 2024 (half the structure)
7-8 Nov 2024	The toll rises through the night and the next morning as bodies are recovered from the rubble: 8, then 9, then 10 killed. B — I. Fedorov (Telegram); DSNS, via LIGA and Radio Svoboda, 7–8 Nov 2024
8 Nov 2024	DSNS: 10 killed, one of them a child; 41 injured, four of them children; three people rescued, two of them children. Fedorov: 15 in hospital, a five-year-old boy in extremely serious condition. Day of mourning in Zaporizhzhia. B — DSNS (Telegram), via Ukrinform and Radio Svoboda, 8 Nov 2024
18-19 Nov 2024	The head of the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission, Danielle Bell, visits the oncology centre and the apartment building; OHCHR publishes the visit in its Geneva briefing notes. A — OHCHR briefing notes, Geneva, 19 Nov 2024

CE QUE MONTRENT LES FAITS

The UN mission gives the time of the strike on the oncology centre as 2:30 pm and records that cancer patients were undergoing chemotherapy. The regional governor said operations were in progress, high-value equipment was damaged and a doctor was seriously injured.

Another bomb destroyed half of a residential building — one and a half stairwells, according to the regional administration. Rescuers recovered bodies from the rubble into the next day; 15 to 17 private houses nearby were damaged.

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The damaged oncology centre building, 7–8 Nov 2024 — Zaporizhzhia regional administration or DSNS Zaporizhzhia region, CC BY 4.0, with credit and link

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LES VICTIMES

Ten people killed, one of them a child, by the emergency service's count of 8 November; the UN records ten killed at the apartment building. Their names have not been published by the authorities.

41 injured, four of them children — among them a five-year-old boy in extremely serious condition — and at least eight hospital staff. Rescuers pulled three people alive from the rubble, two of them children.

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A UN SITE VISIT ON TOP OF A CONSISTENT TIER B RECORD

The Ukrainian account is consistent across the emergency service and the regional administration. Unusually, the UN human rights mission visited both sites and described them in its own words.

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ÉTABLI PAR DES ORGANES DOTÉS D'UN MANDAT

OHCHR briefing notes, Geneva, 19 Nov 2024: the head of the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission visited 'an oncology centre hit by a glide bomb on 7 November at 2:30 PM', where cancer patients were undergoing chemotherapy, and an apartment building where another glide bomb destroyed half the structure, killing 10 people. **A**

ENQUÊTE UKRAINIENNE

State Emergency Service (DSNS), Telegram, 8 Nov 2024: 10 killed, including a child; 41 injured, including four children; three rescued, including two children. **B**

Zaporizhzhia regional administration (I. Fedorov), 7–8 Nov 2024: strikes with guided aerial bombs on the city; the oncology centre hit during operations; a doctor seriously injured; half of a residential building destroyed; 15 in hospital, a five-year-old in extremely serious condition. **B**

ENQUÊTES INDÉPENDANTES

Ukrinform, Radio Svoboda, LIGA, United24, Babel, 7–8 Nov 2024: hour-by-hour figures; the number of bombs reported as five, six or seven. **C**

Radio Svoboda, 8 Nov 2024: at least eight hospital staff injured (regional authorities). **C**

LES CHIFFRES — TOUTES LES SOURCES, TELS QUE PUBLIÉS

Chiffre	Ce qui est compté	Source · date · niveau
10	killed, including a child	DSNS · B; OHCHR · A (10 at the apartment building)
41 · 4	injured · of them children	DSNS, 8 Nov 2024 · B
14:30	time the oncology centre was hit	OHCHR, 19 Nov 2024 · A
5–7	guided bombs on the city that afternoon	regional authorities via media · B/C

EMPLACEMENT PHOTO · ÉBAUCHE

The half-destroyed residential building in daylight, 8 Nov 2024 — DSNS Zaporizhzhia region, CC BY 4.0

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Killed and injured are Tier B (DSNS final count); the time and the chemotherapy detail are Tier A. Injured were first reported as 50 and revised to 41. The number of bombs differs between accounts and is given as a range.

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BOMBS RELEASED FROM RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT

Guided aerial bombs are delivered by Russian Aerospace Forces aircraft, typically Su-34 bombers, released over occupied or Russian-controlled airspace. The aircraft and crews for 7 November 2024 have not been named.

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Destinataires	Rôle dans l'affaire	Procédures	Sanctions · tribunaux
Launch aircraft and crews Russian Aerospace Forces	Released the bombs on Zaporizhzhia city	Non identifiée	—
Gliding and guidance kit producers Russian manufacturers of UMPK modules	Permettent de larguer des bombes sans propulsion au-delà de la portée de la défense aérienne de la ville	s.o.	À établir ; le Hub suit les inscriptions dans la rubrique Sanctions
Gén. Valeri Guerassimov Chef d'état-major général	Responsabilité de commandement pour la campagne de frappes contre les villes (position)	Mandat d'arrêt de la CPI, 24 juin 2024 (campagne contre l'énergie 2022–23) ; aucune charge pour cette frappe	UE, États-Unis, Royaume-Uni, Canada (2022)

CHAÎNE DE RESPONSABILITÉ

The weapon identifies the platform: a guided aerial bomb is released from a combat aircraft, which places the launch with Russian Aerospace Forces units.

A guided bomb is aimed at coordinates. A functioning oncology hospital and a residential building in the afternoon are where the bombs struck; an investigation should establish the aim points and the units.

The UN mission recorded several recent glide-bomb strike sites in Zaporizhzhia in November 2024; the strike of 7 November is part of a pattern, not an isolated incident.

LES ACTES PROPRES DE L'ÉTAT RUSSE

No Russian Ministry of Defence statement on the 7 November 2024 strikes on Zaporizhzhia has been located.

Russian officials routinely describe strikes on Ukrainian cities as hitting military targets; none was named for a cancer hospital or a block of flats.

The ICC warrant is cited for the chain of command, not for this strike. Unit identification requires an investigation.

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NO TARGET NAMED FOR A CANCER HOSPITAL

Russia has not commented on these strikes. The hub records the silence and answers in advance the explanation Russia gives for strikes on cities: that only military targets are hit.

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RUSSIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE · NO STATEMENT · 7-8 NOV 2024

“(No Russian statement on the 7 November 2024 strikes on Zaporizhzhia has been located.)”

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LIGNE HABITUELLE · « SEULEMENT DES OBJECTIFS MILITAIRES » · RESPONSABLES RUSSES À PROPOS DES FRAPPES SUR LES VILLES UKRAINIENNES

« (Non indiqué pour cette frappe. La thèse générale de la Russie est qu'elle ne frappe que des objectifs militaires.) »

Note du Hub ; voir la vérification du Hub sur « seulement des objectifs militaires »

UNE FRAPPE QUE LA RUSSIE NE REVENDIQUE PAS RESTE UNE FRAPPE COMMISE PAR LA RUSSIE

Bombes aériennes guidées sur la ville de Zaporijia dans l'après-midi : l'une sur le centre d'oncologie pendant une chimiothérapie (ONU), l'autre sur un immeuble d'habitation ; 10 tués dont un enfant ; 41 blessés dont quatre enfants.

Ce que l'affirmation concède : Rien — et n'explique rien.

THE TARGET WAS A CANCER HOSPITAL WITH PATIENTS IN TREATMENT

Hospitals are specifically protected (Geneva Convention IV art. 18; AP I art. 12) and lose protection only if used for acts harmful to the enemy, and then only after a warning. No military use of the oncology centre has been alleged by anyone.

Ce que l'affirmation concède : If used, it would concede that the hospital was the intended target.

POUR ÊTRE JUSTE

No Russian statement exists to test; the hub does not invent one.

The number of bombs differs between Ukrainian accounts (five, six, seven); the injured count was revised from 50 to 41; the age of the child killed has not been given consistently and is not stated here.

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A HOSPITAL IS NOT A TARGET

A guided bomb that hits a cancer hospital during treatment and another that brings down half a block of flats are either aimed at civilians or launched without the precautions the law requires — a violation in either case.

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ÉTABLI — PAR DES ORGANES MANDATÉS

Tier A: the UN human rights mission visited the oncology centre hit at 2:30 pm on 7 November 2024 during chemotherapy, and the apartment building where a glide bomb killed 10 people (OHCHR, 19 Nov 2024).

Tier B: 10 killed including a child; 41 injured including four children (DSNS, 8 Nov 2024).

TENDANCE — CE QUE MONTRENT LES FAITS

The UN mission visited several locations in Zaporizhzhia recently struck by Russian glide bombs, among them a house almost completely levelled by a direct hit (OHCHR, 19 Nov 2024).

The UN warns that glide bombs' large explosive loads cause extensive civilian casualties when used in populated areas (OHCHR, 19 Nov 2024).

POSITION — QUALIFICATION RETENUE PAR L'UKRAINE

No qualification by a Ukrainian prosecutor for this strike has been located yet.

The hub's inference: deliberate attacks on civilians and on a hospital (Rome Statute art. 8(2)(b)(i) and (ix)) or an indiscriminate attack (AP I art. 51(4)) — pending an investigation.

LES RÈGLES APPLICABLES

Geneva Convention IV art. 18 and AP I arts. 12–13: civilian hospitals may not be attacked and lose protection only after a warning; AP I arts. 48, 51(2), 51(4), 52(3) and 57: distinction, the ban on indiscriminate attacks, the presumption of civilian character, precautions.

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

CE QUE NOUS NE SAVONS PAS

Whether WHO's Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care lists the strike.

The names of the ten dead, which the authorities have not published, and the age of the child.

The aircraft, units and aim points — and whether a prosecutor's case has been opened.

CE QUE NOUS DEMANDONS

Name the weapon and the hospital. In every Security Council statement on Zaporizhzhia, name glide bombs and the cancer hospital they hit during chemotherapy.

Get it into the health record. Ask WHO to record the 7 November 2024 strike on the oncology centre in its Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care.

Atteindre les aéronefs lanceurs. Support air-defence and other measures that protect regional centres within range of glide bombs and reach the aircraft releasing them.

Sanctionner les kits. List the producers of gliding and guidance kits and their component suppliers under every national regime.

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