

BLIND SPOTS THAT ARE NOT THERE

Russia convened an informal Security Council meeting to argue that the UN ignores violations by Ukrainian forces. The UN's own reports say otherwise: they record those violations — because Ukraine lets the UN in — and they record violations in Russian custody on a far larger scale, where Russia lets no one in. Eight claims, the record, and what each concedes.

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75 of 134

Russian POWs held by Ukraine who told the UN of torture or ill-treatment — published by the UN [A](#)

OHCHR, report of 29 Jun 2026, para. 93 · mostly in transit, before official internment

124 of 129

Ukrainian POWs released by Russia who told the UN of torture or ill-treatment [A](#)

OHCHR, report of 29 Jun 2026, para. 86

31 · 129

executions of POWs and persons hors de combat since Feb 2022: by Ukrainian forces · by Russian forces [A](#)

OHCHR, report of 29 Jun 2026, paras. 96, 85

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UN access to Russia or to occupied Ukraine; full access in territory held by Ukraine [A](#)

OHCHR, report of 29 Jun 2026, para. 14

BOTTOM LINE

The premise is wrong. The meeting's title promised to "pierce the blind spots" of UN reporting on Ukrainian forces. Those violations are in the UN's reports — the same reports Russia called biased in the meeting.

The scale runs the other way. On every measure the UN publishes — torture of prisoners, executions, sexual violence — the figures for Russian custody are several times higher, and the Commission of Inquiry has found crimes against humanity by Russian authorities.

The one UN body Russia quoted said the opposite. The Committee against Torture recorded *allegations* about Russian POWs in Ukraine. "Widespread and systemic torture, including sexual violence" is its finding about Ukrainians held by Russia.

The room did not agree. All 14 other Council members spoke. None endorsed the claim that the UN hides Ukrainian violations; Denmark, Latvia, the UK, France and Greece pointed to Russia's refusal of access, and even neutral members backed the UN's monitoring mechanisms.

Fair to say. Ukrainian violations are real and on record, and Ukraine has opened investigations. They are known because Ukraine grants the access Russia refuses.

THE EIGHT CLAIMS

Vassily Nebenzia · 14 Oct	"...the conclusions of the UN Committee against Torture regarding the systematic torture and sexual violence [against Russian servicemen in Ukrainian custody]"	Misquotes the Committee
Vassily Nebenzia · 14 Oct	"...it goes to great lengths to avoid documentation of the crimes of the Kiev regime... making unfounded accusations against Russia, which is particularly characteristic of the OHCHR headed by Mr. Volker Türk."	The UN documents both sides
Rodion Miroshnik · 14 Oct	"In the border area, which is controlled by Kyiv, there is a whole network of dozens of secret prisons, which in the reports of international human rights organizations are called "transit camps"..."	No evidence presented
Rodion Miroshnik · 14 Oct	"[Prisoners mention] electric chairs... field telephones... barbaric pseudo-medical procedures, the limbs amputated, medieval torture, being branded..."	Partly on the UN record, presented selectively
Vassily Nebenzia · 14 Oct	"...where Ukrainian forces are extensively imposing logistical blockades... [Miroshnik] personally visited the sites of shelling and blockades, including in Alyoshki."	The town is Russian-held
Vassily Nebenzia · 14 Oct	"Kiev terrorizes the civilian population even deep in Russia."	Unverified figures — and a rule that binds Russia too
Vassily Nebenzia · 14 Oct	"[The UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, Claudia Fuentes Julio,] couldn't make time to attend our meeting..."	Arria meetings are informal
Larry C. Johnson · 14 Oct	"At least 12,404 civilians have been killed by Ukrainian Armed Forces since 2014... The record of Russia in Ukraine is consistent with a policy of not targeting civilians."	Adds a UN total to a Russian figure

WHAT WE ASK

Answer the "blind spots" claim with the UN's own record — OHCHR report of 29 Jun 2026, paras. 85–86, 93, 96, 98–100 · call on Russia to grant OHCHR, the Commission of Inquiry and the ICRC access to every place where Ukrainians are held, as Ukraine does · support investigation of violations by any party, including the 20 Ukrainian cases noted by the Committee against Torture · on Oleshky, ask Russia to confirm the evacuation already prepared — list agreed, 358 people verified, the ICRC ready (Fact-check 04).

AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH A FORMAL TITLE

An Arria-formula meeting looks like a Council session and leaves no Council record. Three speakers, one convener, fourteen replies, and what the meeting did not mention.

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THE MEETING

Format	Arria-formula meeting — informal, not a meeting of the Security Council; convened by one member; usually no record and no outcome (Security Council Report, working methods)
Convener	Russian Federation (Council member)
Date and place	Tuesday 14 Oct 2026, 15:00, Conference Room 8, UN Headquarters; webcast on UN Web TV
Title	"Piercing the Blind Spots of Violations of International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law in the Context of the Ukrainian Crisis: Putting the Spotlight on Activities of Armed Forces of Ukraine"
Concept note (as summarised by Security Council Report)	"Institutional blind spots" in international reporting; attacks on civilians; access to supplies in frontline areas (Oleshky); treatment of Russian POWs; OHCHR to include such allegations in its reporting
Context	Five days after an emergency Security Council briefing on Russian strikes (9 Oct), at which the UN Secretariat reported on civilian casualties and on Oleshky

THE SPEAKERS

Vassily Nebenzia	Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation	Convener · opening and closing statement (published by the Russian Mission)
Rodion Miroshnik	Russian MFA ambassador-at-large "on the crimes of the Kyiv regime" · under EU sanctions since 24 Jun 2024 (also Switzerland, Australia, Ukraine)	Briefer · presented a report titled "Secret Prisons", videos of former POWs and a recorded statement by the Russian-installed head of the Oleshky district; repeated the claims at UN Headquarters on 15 Oct
Larry C. Johnson	Introduced by Russia as an "independent expert"; political commentator and former CIA analyst (Security Council Report)	Briefer · his remarks match the text he published (sonar21.com, 14 Oct 2026) · also briefed the Council at Russia's invitation on Nord Stream, 26 Apr 2024 (S/PV.9619)

WHAT THE OTHER 14 MEMBERS SAID

Denmark	Called the meeting a "charade" and a waste of the Council's time; Russia, as occupying power, must meet the basic needs of Oleshky's ~2,000 people and let them leave.
Latvia	The UN can verify violations in Ukraine because Ukraine gives full access; Russia denies it. Proposed a Council fact-finding visit to Ukraine, including to Russian POWs.
United Kingdom	Backs HRMMU, the Commission of Inquiry and the ICRC; Ukraine granted them access, Russia has not — including to Oleshky and to Olenivka.
France	The ICRC sees Russian POWs in Ukraine but not Ukrainian POWs in Russia; Ukraine's Ombudsman is ready to guarantee corridors in Oleshky — "Is Russia prepared to do the same?"
Greece	Ukraine proposed a local ceasefire and evacuation routes for Oleshky; urged Russia to accept and to give OHCHR access.
United States	Both sides should stop attacks on energy and food supply chains and return to negotiations.
Colombia	Valued OHCHR's reports, which document allegations against both parties; ceasefire.
China, Pakistan, Somalia, Bahrain, Panama, DRC, Liberia	IHL binds all parties; humane treatment of POWs; humanitarian access; dialogue and ceasefire. None endorsed the claim that the UN hides Ukrainian violations; Panama, Colombia and Liberia backed the UN's monitoring mechanisms.

WHAT THE MEETING LEFT OUT

- The UN's findings on Russian custody in the same report series: 124 of 129 released Ukrainian POWs described torture or ill-treatment; 129 executions of Ukrainian POWs and persons hors de combat; 817 cases of conflict-related sexual violence by Russian officials, 528 of them against Ukrainian POWs (OHCHR, 29 Jun 2026, paras. 85–86, 98).
- The Commission of Inquiry's finding that Russian authorities committed "crimes against humanity of torture, enforced disappearances, murder and forcible transfer of population... pursuant to a state policy" (7 Nov 2025).
- Access: OHCHR has full access in territory held by Ukraine and none in Russia or occupied Ukraine; its latest request to Russia (16 Jan 2026) is unanswered. The ICRC's visits to more than 9,800 POWs were mainly in Ukraine; its last visit in Russia was in 2024 (ICRC, 29 Sep 2026).
- Oleshky: a list of evacuees agreed with Russia, 358 people verified for immediate evacuation, the ICRC ready — and no Russian confirmation (Ombudsman, 16 Sep 2026) (see Fact-check 04).

HOW IT TRAVELS

Within two days the claims ran in Russian state and state-funded media — TASS, Izvestia, Vesti.ru, Gazeta, Rambler — under headlines such as "Nebenzia speaks of Kyiv's torture policy" and "Nebenzia accuses the UN of indulging the Kyiv regime". An Arria meeting leaves no Council record — only a webcast and an auto-generated transcript; the version that travels is Russia's.

The format is legitimate and used by many members. What it does not do is settle anything: no vote, no outcome document, and the briefers are chosen by the convener.



CLAIM, RECORD, CONCESSION (1-4)

Each claim as made, the record it runs into, and what it concedes. Quotations from the Russian Mission are as published in English; Miroshnik's are as reported by Russian state media.

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CLAIM 1 · VASSILY NEBENZIA · 14 OCT

“...the conclusions of the UN Committee against Torture regarding the systematic torture and sexual violence [against Russian servicemen in Ukrainian custody]”

Statement at the Arria-formula meeting, [russiaun.ru/en/news/514102026](#)

MISQUOTES THE COMMITTEE

The Committee's review of Ukraine (CAT/C/UKR/CO/7, adopted 1 May 2025) lists "allegations of torture, including sexual violence against" Russian prisoners of war, notes 20 investigations opened and asks for their results (para. 17(a)). It does not call them systematic. Its words "widespread and systemic torture, including sexual violence" are in para. 19 — about Ukrainian POWs and civilians held by the Russian occupying authorities.

What the claim concedes: That the Committee against Torture is an authority — including on Russia.

CLAIM 2 · VASSILY NEBENZIA · 14 OCT

“...it goes to great lengths to avoid documentation of the crimes of the Kiev regime... making unfounded accusations against Russia, which is particularly characteristic of the OHCHR headed by Mr. Volker Türk.”

Statement at the Arria-formula meeting, [russiaun.ru](#)

THE UN DOCUMENTS BOTH SIDES

OHCHR's latest report (29 Jun 2026): 75 of 134 POWs held by Ukraine reported torture or ill-treatment, mainly in transit facilities (para. 93); 31 executions of persons hors de combat by Ukrainian forces since Feb 2022 (para. 96); 108 cases of conflict-related sexual violence by Ukrainian officials (para. 100). The Commission of Inquiry found violations by Ukrainian authorities against people accused of collaboration (7 Nov 2025).

What the claim concedes: That UN documentation counts — yet Russia has not answered OHCHR's access requests.

CLAIM 3 · RODION MIROSHNIK · 14 OCT

“In the border area, which is controlled by Kyiv, there is a whole network of dozens of secret prisons, which in the reports of international human rights organizations are called "transit camps"...”

UN Web TV transcript, 14 Oct 2026 (auto-generated, English interpretation)

NO EVIDENCE PRESENTED

No number, list or location was put on the record. Miroshnik's own "Secret Prisons" material calls the sites "transit points" (360.ru, 26 Feb 2026) — the category the UN already reports: two unofficial places of internment in or near Kyiv in 2025, one in Donetsk region and one in Kharkiv region in 2024 (OHCHR, 30 Jun 2025, paras. 48–55). No UN body, the ICRC or the OSCE has confirmed a "network". In the meeting Miroshnik himself said an OHCHR report noted "accurately in passing" that most of the crimes were committed at the early stages of detention.

What the claim concedes: That the UN does report on Ukrainian detention — Miroshnik says so himself, which is the opposite of the meeting's premise.

CLAIM 4 · RODION MIROSHNIK · 14 OCT

“[Prisoners mention] electric chairs... field telephones... barbaric pseudo-medical procedures, the limbs amputated, medieval torture, being branded...”

UN Web TV transcript, 14 Oct 2026 (auto-generated, English interpretation); repeated at UN Headquarters on 15 Oct (TASS)

PARTLY ON THE UN RECORD, PRESENTED SELECTIVELY

OHCHR has published cases of torture of Russian POWs by Ukrainian personnel, including electric shocks at an unofficial site in Kharkiv region in 2024 (30 Jun 2025, para. 55). It has no record of amputations or branding. The same reports record torture in Russian custody on another scale: 124 of 129 released Ukrainian POWs (29 Jun 2026, para. 86); OHCHR has called it "widespread and systematic" (1 Oct 2024).

What the claim concedes: That torture of prisoners must be investigated — a standard Russia does not apply to its own facilities.

Sources: Russian Mission to the UN, 14 Oct 2026 · Izvestia, 16 Oct; TASS, 14–15 Oct 2026 · Security Council Report, 13 Oct 2026 and Working Methods · OHCHR periodic reports of 30 Jun 2025, 29 Jun 2026; POW report, 1 Oct 2024 · CAT/C/UKR/CO/7 · Commission of Inquiry, 7 Nov 2025 · UN News, 25 Jun 2026 · ICRC, 29 Sep 2026 · L. C. Johnson (sonar21.com), 14 Oct · HRMMU 14 Jul 2026 · COI 28 May 2025 · full list on page 6



CLAIM, RECORD, CONCESSION (5–8)

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CLAIM 5 · VASSILY NEBENZIA · 14 OCT

“...where Ukrainian forces are extensively imposing logistical blockades... [Miroshnik] personally visited the sites of shelling and blockades, including in Alyoshki.”

Statement at the Arria-formula meeting, [russiaun.ru](#)

THE TOWN IS RUSSIAN-HELD

Russia has occupied Oleshky since 24 Feb 2022 and controls every road into it. The UN monitoring mission: "an occupying power has the duty to ensure food and medical supplies for the population and to facilitate humanitarian relief" (25 Jun 2026). A list of evacuees was agreed with Russia, Ukraine's Ombudsman has verified 358 people who need immediate evacuation and the ICRC is ready to take part — Russia has not confirmed it will go ahead (Ombudsman, 16 Sep 2026); on 19 Oct the Ombudsman said the sides were agreeing the final details. Full check: Fact-check 04.

What the claim concedes: A humanitarian crisis in a town Russia occupies.

CLAIM 6 · VASSILY NEBENZIA · 14 OCT

“Kiev terrorizes the civilian population even deep in Russia.”

Statement at the Arria-formula meeting, [russiaun.ru](#)

UNVERIFIED FIGURES — AND A RULE THAT BINDS RUSSIA TOO

Russian authorities report 205 civilians killed and 1,302 injured by Ukrainian attacks across 27 regions (Dec 2025 – May 2026); OHCHR "has not been able to verify the circumstances" (para. 68). The Commission of Inquiry has found Ukrainian authorities responsible for some violations of humanitarian law. In the same six months OHCHR verified at least 1,272 civilians killed and 6,871 injured in Ukraine (para. 64).

What the claim concedes: His own principle: IHL "must be observed by all countries".

CLAIM 7 · VASSILY NEBENZIA · 14 OCT

“[The UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, Claudia Fuentes Julio,] couldn't make time to attend our meeting...”

UN Web TV transcript, 14 Oct 2026; statement published by the Russian Mission

ARRIA MEETINGS ARE INFORMAL

An Arria-formula meeting is not a meeting of the Security Council; it is convened by a member, usually leaves no record, and its briefers are mostly from civil society (Security Council Report). The Secretariat had briefed the Council formally on Ukraine five days earlier (9 Oct). OHCHR's findings — on both sides — are public.

What the claim concedes: That Russia wants the UN human rights office in the room — while barring it from Russia and occupied Ukraine.

CLAIM 8 · LARRY C. JOHNSON · 14 OCT

“At least 12,404 civilians have been killed by Ukrainian Armed Forces since 2014... The record of Russia in Ukraine is consistent with a policy of not targeting civilians.”

UN Web TV transcript, 14 Oct 2026; his own published text ([sonar21.com](#))

ADDS A UN TOTAL TO A RUSSIAN FIGURE

The number appears to add OHCHR's 2014–2021 total for Donbas to the Russian MFA's claim of "more than 9,000" since 2022. The OHCHR total counts civilians killed by all parties on both sides of the contact line, and includes the 298 people on flight MH17 (at least 3,393 as of 30 Sep 2021). The 9,000 is not UN-verified. On targeting: the Commission of Inquiry found that Russian forces committed murder of civilians with drones in Kherson as a crime against humanity, "part of a coordinated state policy" (28 May 2025); in Bucha the UN documented the killing of 73 civilians while Russian forces held the town (OHCHR, 7 Dec 2022).

What the claim concedes: The UN's count: he cites HRMMU's 16,431 civilians killed since Feb 2022 (as of 14 Jul 2026) as reliable.

FAIR TO SAY

The UN has documented real violations by Ukrainian forces and authorities: torture and ill-treatment of Russian POWs, mostly in transit facilities before official internment; 31 executions of persons hors de combat, most in 2022 and early 2023; 108 cases of conflict-related sexual violence; unofficial places of internment; violations against people accused of collaboration (OHCHR; Commission of Inquiry).

The Committee against Torture asked Ukraine for the outcome of 20 investigations. Ukraine should complete them and publish the results. None of this is a "blind spot": every item above is in a UN report.

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THE UN RECORD, BOTH SIDES

The same UN reports, read in full. Every row is a UN-mandated source.

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THE RECORD			
MEASURE	UKRAINIAN CUSTODY / FORCES	RUSSIAN CUSTODY / FORCES	SOURCE A
POWs interviewed by OHCHR who described torture or ill-treatment (Dec 2025 – May 2026)	75 of 134	124 of 129	OHCHR 29 Jun 2026, paras. 93, 86
Executions of POWs and persons hors de combat since Feb 2022	31	129	paras. 96, 85
Conflict-related sexual violence cases since Feb 2022	108	817 (528 against POWs)	paras. 100, 98
UN monitoring access	Full	None; requests unanswered	para. 14
Committee against Torture	Allegations; 20 investigations	"Widespread and systemic torture, including sexual violence"	CAT/C/UKR/CO/7, paras. 17, 19
Commission of Inquiry	Violations, incl. against people accused of collaboration	Crimes against humanity — torture, enforced disappearance, murder, forcible transfer — "pursuant to a state policy"	COI, 7 Nov 2025

THE LAW

Third Geneva Convention, arts. 13 and 17: prisoners of war must be treated humanely at all times; no physical or mental torture to obtain information. **Art. 126:** delegates of the ICRC may go to all places where prisoners of war may be. The rule binds both parties; only one grants the access.

Convention against Torture, art. 2(2): "No exceptional circumstances whatsoever" may justify torture. Whatever one side does, it does not excuse the other — *tu quoque* is no defence.

Three layers. *Established:* crimes against humanity of torture and enforced disappearance by Russian authorities (Commission of Inquiry). *Pattern:* UN-documented ill-treatment of Russian POWs in Ukrainian transit facilities. *Position:* Russia's "systematic torture policy" by Kyiv — not a finding of any mandated body.

FIVE LINES

- "Russia says the UN ignores Ukrainian violations. The UN's latest report lists them — because Ukraine lets the UN in."
- "The same report: 124 of 129 Ukrainian prisoners returned from Russia described torture. Russia lets no one in."
- "The Committee against Torture spoke of 'widespread and systemic torture, including sexual violence' — about Russia's treatment of Ukrainians."
- "An Arria meeting has no record and no outcome. The UN's reports are on the record."
- "Ask the Russian delegation: will you give the UN and the ICRC the access Ukraine gives?"

Q&A	
"So Ukraine also tortures prisoners?"	The UN has documented cases, mostly in transit before official internment, and Ukraine has opened investigations — we say so. They are known because Ukraine gives access. On the Russian side the UN documents a pattern, and the Commission of Inquiry has found crimes against humanity.
"What about the secret prisons?"	The UN itself has reported unofficial places of internment in Ukraine. No one has verified a "network of several dozen", and Russia put no list or location on the record.
"Why did the UN human rights office stay away?"	Arria meetings are informal and convened by a member; the Secretariat is not obliged to brief. OHCHR's findings, including on Ukraine, are public.
"Russian civilians are being killed too."	International humanitarian law protects all civilians. OHCHR could not verify the Russian figures; it verified at least 1,272 civilians killed in Ukraine in the same six months.
"The UN monitoring mission is a Ukrainian project."	Miroshnik said so in the meeting. HRMMU is OHCHR's field presence, in Ukraine since 2014 at the invitation of the government; its reports document violations by both sides, including by Ukrainian forces (claims 2–4). It cannot work in occupied territory or in Russia because Russia refuses access (OHCHR, 29 Jun 2026, para. 14).

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METHOD

Claims are taken from the Russian Mission's published statement and from Russian state media reports of the meeting; quotations from the statement are exact (English text as published by the Mission); Miroshnik's and Johnson's words were checked against the UN Web TV transcript (auto-generated from the English interpretation; wording may differ slightly from the Russian original). Johnson's remarks match the text he published. Words in square brackets are the Hub's.

Each claim is checked against documents of UN-mandated bodies (Tier A) first; independent sources (Tier C) only where no Tier A source exists. Ukrainian official data (Tier B) are not used to rebut Russian claims; the one Tier B figure (358 people verified for evacuation from Oleshky, Ukraine's Ombudsman) is context and is marked B.

All 14 other Council members spoke (UN Web TV transcript); their positions are summarised, not quoted in full. No non-member took the floor.