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VASSILY NEBENZIA · UN SECURITY COUNCIL, 10237TH MEETING · 9 OCT 2026

ONLY MILITARY TARGETS

Two days after a cruise missile destroyed a five-storey apartment block in Pryluky and a day after a glide bomb hit two buses in Kramatorsk, Russia's Permanent Representative told the Security Council that Russian targets "have been and remain only military facilities". The UN Secretariat had just put the week's toll on the record: more than 100 civilians killed. Seven claims, the record, and what each concedes.

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> 100

civilians killed in Ukraine in the week before the meeting, as reported to the Council by the UN Secretariat (OHCHR figures); at least 429 injured A

SC/16472, ASG Khiari, 9 Oct 2026

328

civilians killed in September 2026 — the highest September toll since February 2022; 2,105 injured; civilian casualties recorded in Kyiv on 22 of 30 days A

HRMMU, Protection of Civilians update, 15 Oct 2026

22 · 33

killed in Pryluky (7 Oct, incl. 5 children) · killed in Kramatorsk (8 Oct, two buses) A B

Pryluky: DSNS/regional administration, 8 Oct (B); Council record ≥19 and ≥33 (SC/16472, A)

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enterprise in Pryluky named by Russia's own Ministry of Defence as a target of the 7 Oct strike — "Plastmass-Pryluky" RU

Russian MoD via Telegram, 7 Oct 2026, as carried by news.ru: "the industrial enterprise Plastmass-Pryluky in Chernihiv region was hit"

ГЛАВНОЕ

The claim fails on the week it was made in. "Only military facilities" was said to a Council that had just heard the UN's count for that week — more than 100 civilians killed — with an apartment block in Pryluky and two buses in Kramatorsk among the sites.

Russia's own Ministry named the town. On 7 October the MoD listed "Plastmass-Pryluky" among the enterprises it struck. A Kh-101 hit a five-storey residential building in the same town the same morning; 22 people died. Whatever the aim-point, Russia admits it fired at Pryluky.

The energy strikes are conceded, not denied. Nebenzia calls them a response to Ukrainian strikes and frames the grid as "energy infrastructure used for military production". The ICC has already issued warrants for the earlier energy campaign; reprisals against civilian objects are prohibited.

"Never refused negotiations" sits beside "deep pause" and "no". The Kremlin spokesman declared the talks "deeply on pause" on 28 August and rejected a 60-day ceasefire on 12 October; Lavrov told the same Council on 23 September there would be "no pause". Ukraine has accepted an unconditional ceasefire since March 2025.

Справедливости ради. Ukraine did announce a 40-day campaign on 25 June; Ukrainian strikes inside Russia do kill civilians, and the UN relays Russian figures while saying it cannot verify them. Article 58 binds Ukraine. None of this makes a residential block or a city bus a military objective.

THE SEVEN CLAIMS

Vassily Nebenzia · 9 Oct	«Нашими целями были и остаются исключительно военные объекты и инфраструктура, задействованная в обеспечении боевых действий».	**Опровергается наблюдателями**
Vassily Nebenzia · 9 Oct	"…why Ukrainian forces are stationing air defense systems, weapons and ammunition depots… in residential areas… none of the Western countries would even consider blaming Kiev for violating Article 58 of Additional Protoco…"	**Опровергается самим Минобороны России**
Vassily Nebenzia · 9 Oct	"…the Russian Armed Forces naturally responded by targeting Ukrainian defense and industrial facilities, as well as energy infrastructure used for military production and logistics."	**Самообличение**
Vassily Nebenzia · 9 Oct	"As early as 25 June, the head of the Kiev junta loudly announced a 40-day operation to force Russia into peace…"	**Fair to say — the announcement is real**
Vassily Nebenzia · 9 Oct	"The latest example is the so-called drone incident in Leipzig… They're resorting to various provocations and hoaxes."	**Доказательства не представлены**
Vassily Nebenzia · 9 Oct	"Russia has never refused to engage in negotiations aimed at a just and sustainable resolution of the Ukrainian crisis. However, this is impossible without overcoming the legacy of the Maidan, removing the root causes… we…"	**Contradicted by Russia's own statements**
Vassily Nebenzia · 9 Oct	"…the total number of people injured by the AFU in various regions of Russia exceeded 8,000 people, including at least 425 children… Last week alone, 29 civilians, including two children, were killed… Out of 228 such inci…"	**Не подтверждено**

С КАКИМ ПРИЗЫВОМ МЫ ОБРАЩАЕМСЯ

Answer "only military targets" with the Council's own record of 9 Oct — SC/16472 (>100 killed in one week) — and the MoD's own 7 Oct target list naming Pryluky · ask Russia to name the military objective in the Pryluky apartment block and the Kramatorsk buses, or withdraw the claim · put the energy concession on the record alongside the ICC warrants of 5 Mar and 24 Jun 2024 and support the moratorium on energy and Black Sea attacks · ask the Russian delegation for a date for the unconditional ceasefire Ukraine accepted in March 2025 · request that OHCHR be given access to Russia so that Russian casualty figures can be verified like Ukraine's · circulate HRMMU's September 2026 update (15 Oct) to capitals before the next Council meeting.

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ФАКТЧЕК ПЛОЩАДКА И ВЫСТУПАЮЩИЕ

WHO SAID IT, WHERE, AND TO WHOM

Where each claim was made, who made it, how the others in the room answered, and what the statements left out.

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THE OCCASION AND THE RECORD

Формат	Security Council briefing, 10237th meeting, agenda "Maintenance of peace and security of Ukraine"; emergency meeting requested by the Council's five European members (Denmark, France, Greece, Latvia, UK) after Ukraine's request
Дата и место	Friday 9 Oct 2026, afternoon, Security Council Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York; Greece in the presidency
Briefers	Khaled Khiari, Assistant Secretary-General for the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific (DPPA/DPO); Gemma Connell, Director of OCHA's Crisis Response Division (for USG Tom Fletcher)
Источник	UN Meetings Coverage SC/16472; UN Web TV; the Russian statement as published by the Russian Mission (russiaun.ru/en/news/409102026)
Outcome	No outcome document. The Secretariat and a majority of speakers called for a "full, immediate and unconditional ceasefire"; the United States called for negotiations; Russia rejected the premise
Контекст	7 Oct: combined strike (Kh-101/Iskander/Zircon, Geran drones) on nine regions; 8 Oct: Kramatorsk buses; 12 Oct: Kremlin rejects 60-day ceasefire; 14 Oct: Russia's Arria meeting on "blind spots" (Fact-check); 15 Oct: HRMMU September update

СПИКЕРЫ

Василий Небензя	Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the UN (since 2017)	Delivered the Russian statement; text published the same day by the Russian Mission
Khaled Khiari	Assistant Secretary-General, UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs / Peace Operations	Briefed with OHCHR figures for the week (>100 killed, ≥429 injured) and for Russia (496 killed, 3,394 injured Jan–Sep, as reported); called Russian strikes "a new horrifying level"
Gemma Connell	Director, Crisis Response Division, OCHA	Presented the $358 million Winter Response Plan; "no amount of preparedness can substitute for protecting the infrastructure civilians depend on"
Andrii Melnyk	Permanent Representative of Ukraine	Requested the meeting; told the Council UN monitors had verified 2,222 civilians killed and 13,000+ injured in 2026

WHAT OTHERS SAID

Соединённые Штаты	"The killing must stop"; the conflict "will not end through military victory on either side, but only through negotiations"; continued mediation of trilateral talks.
Франция	Moscow targets "the very conditions of the Ukrainian people's existence on their own land"; named Pryluky (22 killed) and Kramatorsk (30); demanded an "immediate, comprehensive and unconditional ceasefire" and a moratorium on energy and Black Sea attacks.
Соединённое Королевство	Moscow is "seeking to make the unacceptable appear routine"; cited a Russian MoD post that Ukrainians would "freeze" and the Kremlin's "Achilles heel" remark on energy; "directly targeting civilian infrastructure may constitute a war crime"; 38 new designations.
Norway (for Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Sweden)	Ukraine faces its harshest winter; safe humanitarian access; immediate, unconditional ceasefire.
Европейский союз	Civilian casualties up 55% on 2025; "Food must never be a weapon"; "Ukraine is more than ready for diplomacy. The ball is in Russia's court."
Estonia (for the Baltic States)	Condemned DPRK, Belarusian and Iranian support for the war; urged China to stop enabling it; Russian forces should be excluded from UN peacekeeping.
Польша	"Russia cannot bomb its way to a legitimate peace."
Германия	"Reckless and deliberate disregard for international humanitarian law"; "As Europeans, we stand ready to talk. Ukraine stands ready to talk."
Украина	UN monitors verified 2,222 civilians killed and 13,000+ injured in 2026; strikes on the National Academy of Sciences and on bridges; the Council "must move from discussions to resolutions".
Российская Федерация	Attacks "restricted to military targets"; "It was Kyiv that consciously chose to aggravate the situation and now seeks to promote itself as an innocent victim"; Europeans guilty of "double standards and hypocrisy".

WHAT THE STATEMENTS LEFT OUT

- The toll of the week he was describing, as read to the same meeting by the UN Secretariat: more than 100 civilians killed and at least 429 injured; Pryluky (≥19, later 22, killed incl. 5 children); Kramatorsk (≥33 killed on two buses) (SC/16472, 9 Oct 2026). Neither town is named in the statement.
- That the Russian MoD had itself listed an enterprise in Pryluky, "Plastmass-Pryluky", among the 7 Oct targets (MoD via Telegram, 7 Oct 2026).
- September 2026: 328 civilians killed and 2,105 injured — the highest September toll of the war; 53% of casualties from long-range missiles and drones; civilian casualties recorded in Kyiv on 22 of 30 days; 2,570 killed in Jan–Sep 2026, 59% more than in the same period of 2025 (HRMMU, 15 Oct 2026).
- The ICC arrest warrants of 5 Mar 2024 (Kobylash, Sokolov) and 24 Jun 2024 (Shoigu, Gerasimov) for directing attacks at civilian objects and the crime against humanity of inhumane acts in the 2022–23 campaign against Ukraine's electricity system (ICC Pre-Trial Chamber II).
- Germany's attribution of the Leipzig airport drone: "police investigations, patterns of the offences and intelligence findings" establish Russian responsibility (Interior Minister Dobrindt, 1 Sep 2026); ambassador summoned, consulate closed. Russia's reply demanded evidence and offered none.
- The Kremlin's own words on talks: "deeply on pause", "no new ideas" (Peskov, 28 Aug 2026); 60-day ceasefire for elections rejected (Peskov, 12 Oct 2026); "we are not going to have a pause" (Lavrov, same Council, 23 Sep 2026).

КАК ЭТО РАСПРОСТРАНЯЕТСЯ

The Russian Mission published the English text within hours (russiaun.ru, 9 Oct). The Council's own record is SC/16472 of the same day; the version that travels in Russian media omits the Secretariat's figures.

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УТВЕРЖДЕНИЕ, ФАКТЫ, ПРИЗНАНИЕ (1–4)

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CLAIM 1 · VASSILY NEBENZIA · 9 OCT

«Нашими целями были и остаются исключительно военные объекты и инфраструктура, задействованная в обеспечении боевых действий».

Statement at the 10237th meeting, russiaun.ru/en/news/409102026
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ОПРОВЕРГАЕТСЯ НАБЛЮДАТЕЛЯМИ

Доказательства **A**

At the same meeting the Secretariat reported, on OHCHR figures, more than 100 civilians killed and at least 429 injured in the preceding week; a missile on 7 Oct "destroyed a residential building" in Pryluky (≥19 killed incl. 5 children) and a glide bomb on 8 Oct hit two passenger buses in Kramatorsk (≥33 killed) (SC/16472). HRMMU's September update: 328 killed, 2,105 injured, the worst September since Feb 2022; long-range missiles and drones caused 53% of casualties (15 Oct 2026). The ICC found reasonable grounds in 2024 that Russian commanders directed attacks at civilian objects (warrants of 5 Mar and 24 Jun 2024). The Commission of Inquiry found drone attacks on civilians in Kherson to be crimes against humanity "part of a coordinated state policy" (28 May 2025).

Что признаёт утверждение: That the standard is military objectives only — AP I art. 52 — and that Russia accepts it as binding.

CLAIM 2 · VASSILY NEBENZIA · 9 OCT

“…why Ukrainian forces are stationing air defense systems, weapons and ammunition depots… in residential areas… none of the Western countries would even consider blaming Kiev for violating Article 58 of Additional Protocol I…”

Statement at the 10237th meeting, russiaun.ru
russiaun.ru/en/news/409102026

ОПРОВЕРГАЕТСЯ САМИМ МИНОБОРОНЫ РОССИИ

Доказательства **B**

Russia's Ministry of Defence described the 7 Oct strike as "massive strikes on enterprises of Ukraine's military-industrial complex" and listed the enterprise "Plastmass-Pryluky" in Chernihiv region (MoD via Telegram, 7 Oct 2026) — a plant, not an air-defence battery. The same morning a Kh-101 cruise missile hit a five-storey apartment building in Pryluky; 22 people were killed, including five children, and 54 injured (regional administration/DSNS, 8 Oct — B). No Russian source has claimed a military objective in the building, in the Kramatorsk buses, or in the Kyiv residential districts hit on 7 Oct. Art. 58 obliges a defender to take precautions "to the maximum extent feasible"; art. 51(8) says a breach by one side does not release the other from its obligations.

Что признаёт утверждение: That Russia aimed at Pryluky on 7 Oct — and that art. 58 is law, which means arts. 51, 52 and 57 are too.

CLAIM 3 · VASSILY NEBENZIA · 9 OCT

“…the Russian Armed Forces naturally responded by targeting Ukrainian defense and industrial facilities, as well as energy infrastructure used for military production and logistics.”

Statement at the 10237th meeting, russiaun.ru
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САМООБЛИЧЕНИЕ

Доказательства **A** **C**

The statement itself puts energy infrastructure on Russia's target list and frames the strikes as a "response" to Ukrainian strikes inside Russia. HRMMU: on 30 Sep attacks "damaged generation, distribution and transmission facilities in three regions and Kyiv city"; Russian forces "resumed large-scale coordinated attacks" on electricity and heating (15 Oct 2026). The ICC's warrants of 5 Mar 2024 (Kobylash, Sokolov) and 24 Jun 2024 (Shoigu, Gerasimov) cover exactly this category — attacks on the electricity system as war crimes of directing attacks at civilian objects and the crime against humanity of inhumane acts. Reprisals against civilian objects are prohibited (AP I arts. 51(6), 52(1)); "used for military production and logistics" is Russia's characterisation, with no facility named.

Что признаёт утверждение: The energy campaign, its timing before winter, and a reprisal motive.

CLAIM 4 · VASSILY NEBENZIA · 9 OCT

“As early as 25 June, the head of the Kiev junta loudly announced a 40-day operation to force Russia into peace…”

Statement at the 10237th meeting, russiaun.ru
russiaun.ru/en/news/409102026

FAIR TO SAY — THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS REAL

Доказательства **A** **C**

On 25 Jun 2026 President Zelensky wrote: "I approved a 40-day operation by the Service to influence the aggressor state in order to press for an end to the war" (Reuters, 25–26 Jun 2026 — C). Ukraine's strikes have mainly targeted oil refineries, fuel depots and airfields. OHCHR recorded reports of 496 civilians killed and 3,394 injured in Russia in Jan–Sep 2026 (SC/16472); HRMMU says it "could not verify most of these claims" (15 Oct 2026). The same rule applies to Ukraine; a Ukrainian campaign does not make Ukrainian civilians a lawful target (AP I art. 51(6)).

Что признаёт утверждение: That Russia dates its escalation to a Ukrainian campaign aimed at ending the war — i.e. that the strikes are retaliation, not a response to a military necessity at the sites hit.

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CLAIM, RECORD, CONCESSION (5–7)

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CLAIM 5 · VASSILY NEBENZIA · 9 OCT

“The latest example is the so-called drone incident in Leipzig… They're resorting to various provocations and hoaxes.”

Statement at the 10237th meeting, russiaun.ru
russiaun.ru/en/news/409102026

ДОКАЗАТЕЛЬСТВА НЕ ПРЕДСТАВЛЕНЫ

Доказательства A C

A drone carrying explosives was found near a runway at Leipzig/Halle airport after the night of 4–5 Aug 2026. On 1 Sep 2026 Germany's Interior Minister Alexander Dobrindt said that "police investigations, patterns of the offences and intelligence findings" establish Russian responsibility for the attempted attack; Foreign Minister Wadephul announced the closure of a Russian consulate and summoned the ambassador (Reuters, Euronews, 1 Sep 2026). Russia's answers — Peskov: accusations "should be supported by evidence"; Embassy: "fabricated provocation" — offer no alternative account. The attribution is a state finding, not a UN one; no UN body has examined it.

Что признаёт утверждение: That the incident happened — the dispute is over who sent the drone, and Russia has put nothing on the record.

CLAIM 6 · VASSILY NEBENZIA · 9 OCT

“Russia has never refused to engage in negotiations aimed at a just and sustainable resolution of the Ukrainian crisis. However, this is impossible without overcoming the legacy of the Maidan, removing the root causes… we will continue to achieve the objectives of the special military operation by military means.”

Statement at the 10237th meeting, russiaun.ru
russiaun.ru/en/news/409102026

CONTRADICTED BY RUSSIA'S OWN STATEMENTS

Доказательства A C

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov, 28 Aug 2026: talks are "deeply on pause", "there are no new ideas at the moment" (Interfax). Lavrov to the same Council, 23 Sep 2026: "we are not going to have a pause in our special military operation" (transcript, 10227th meeting). Peskov, 12 Oct 2026: Russia will not agree to a 60-day ceasefire for Ukrainian elections, offering only not to strike "specifically on election day" (TASS/Meduza). Ukraine "has agreed to a full, immediate and unconditional ceasefire" since March 2025 (joint statement of the EU and 46 states, 23 Sep 2026); the Secretariat asked for the same on 9 Oct (SC/16472). Resolution 2774 (24 Feb 2025) calls for a lasting peace; the ceasefire proposed at Jeddah on 11 Mar 2025 was accepted by Ukraine and not by Russia.

Что признаёт утверждение: That the war continues by Russia's choice until its political conditions — "root causes", the "legacy of the Maidan" — are met.

CLAIM 7 · VASSILY NEBENZIA · 9 OCT

“…the total number of people injured by the AFU in various regions of Russia exceeded 8,000 people, including at least 425 children… Last week alone, 29 civilians, including two children, were killed… Out of 228 such incidents [attacks on civilian vessels] since the beginning of the special military operation…”

Statement at the 10237th meeting, russiaun.ru
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НЕ ПОДТВЕРЖДЕНО

Доказательства A

OHCHR relays Russian figures but cannot verify them: for Jan–Sep 2026 it "recorded reports" of 496 civilians killed and 3,394 injured in Russia (SC/16472); for September HRMMU notes Russian authorities' statements of 53 killed and 462 injured in Russia and 87 killed and 436 injured in occupied territory, and "could not verify most of these claims"; it verified 18 killed and 44 injured in occupied territory (15 Oct 2026). The 8,000 injured, 425 children and 228 vessels figures are Russian government figures with no independent verification; OHCHR has no access to Russia (OHCHR, 29 Jun 2026, para. 14). The Hub applies the same label to unverified figures from any side.

Что признаёт утверждение: That civilian casualties are the measure that matters — the measure on which the UN's verified count for Ukraine runs to 17,257 killed (DiCarlo, 23 Sep 2026).

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ФАКТЧЕК THE RECORD SIDE BY SIDE

WHAT RUSSIA SAYS, WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS

Each line sets a Russian statement against the finding of a mandated body or, where none exists, an independent investigation. Tiers are marked on every source.

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QUESTION	WHAT RUSSIA SAYS	ЧТО ПОКАЗЫВАЮТ ФАКТЫ	ИСТОЧНИК
Targets of the 7 Oct strike	"Enterprises of the military-industrial complex" incl. "Plastmass-Pryluky"	Five-storey apartment block in Pryluky hit by a Kh-101; 22 killed incl. 5 children; Kyiv residential districts; Dnipro, Kremenchuk high-rises	Russian MoD, 7 Oct (RU); SC/16472 (A); Meduza, AP 8 Oct (C); DSNS (B)
Civilians killed in Ukraine, week of 2–9 Oct 2026	Not mentioned	> 100 killed, ≥ 429 injured	SC/16472, 9 Oct 2026 (A)
Civilians killed in Ukraine, September 2026	Not mentioned	328 killed, 2,105 injured; +85% vs Sep 2025	HRMMU, 15 Oct 2026 (A)
Civilians killed/injured in Russia, 2026	> 8,000 injured incl. 425 children; 29 killed "last week"	496 killed, 3,394 injured Jan–Sep — reports relayed, not verified by OHCHR	russiaun.ru (RU); SC/16472 (A); HRMMU 15 Oct (A)
Energy infrastructure	"Used for military production and logistics"	Attacks on generation, distribution and transmission in three regions and Kyiv on 30 Sep; ICC warrants for the 2022–23 campaign	HRMMU 15 Oct 2026; ICC 5 Mar and 24 Jun 2024 (A)
Negotiations	"Never refused"	"Deeply on pause" (28 Aug); "no pause" (23 Sep); 60-day ceasefire rejected (12 Oct); Ukraine accepted unconditional ceasefire since Mar 2025	Peskov, Lavrov (RU); joint statement of 46 states, 23 Sep 2026 (A/C)

СПРАВЕДЛИВОСТИ РАДИ

Zelensky did announce a 40-day "operation… to press for an end to the war" on 25 Jun 2026, and Ukrainian long-range strikes have hit refineries, depots and ports inside Russia. Civilians have been killed in Russia; OHCHR records the reports (496 killed Jan–Sep) and the rule protecting them is the same.

Art. 58 of Additional Protocol I does bind Ukraine, and HRMMU has in the past noted cases of military objectives in or near residential areas. That is an argument for precautions by both sides, not a licence under art. 51.

The Leipzig attribution rests on a German state investigation that has not been published in full; no international body has reviewed it. The Hub labels it a state finding.

The toll figures for Pryluky differ by date: the Council heard "reportedly 19" on 9 Oct (OHCHR, as of that morning); the final Ukrainian figure is 22 killed, 54 injured (8 Oct, B).

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ФАКТЧЕК THE LAW, WHAT TO SAY

ESTABLISHED, PATTERN, POSITION

What mandated bodies have established, what the record shows as a pattern, and what is a position — kept apart. Then the lines to take and the questions to expect.

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ПРАВО

Additional Protocol I, arts. 48, 51(2), 52(2): attacks are limited strictly to military objectives; civilians and civilian objects shall not be the object of attack. A residential block and a city bus are presumed civilian (art. 52(3)); the burden of showing otherwise is on the attacker, and Russia has not tried to meet it.

AP I art. 51(6) and 52(1): attacks against civilians or civilian objects "by way of reprisals are prohibited". "We responded" is a motive, not a defence.

AP I art. 57 and art. 51(8): constant care and feasible precautions in attack; a violation of art. 58 by the defender "shall not release the Parties to the conflict from their legal obligations with respect to the civilian population".

Rome Statute art. 8(2)(b)(i)–(ii), art. 7(1)(k): the ICC has already charged intentionally directing attacks at civilian objects and the crime against humanity of inhumane acts for the energy campaign (warrants of 5 Mar and 24 Jun 2024). *Установлено:* ICC reasonable grounds; COI findings. *Закономерность:* HRMMU monthly data. *Позиция:* Russia's "only military targets".

LINES TO TAKE

1. "Russia told the Council it strikes only military facilities. The Council had just heard the UN's count for that week: more than 100 civilians killed."
2. "Russia's own Ministry of Defence listed Pryluky among its targets on 7 October. A cruise missile destroyed an apartment block in Pryluky that morning. Twenty-two people died, five of them children."
3. "Nebenzia did not deny the energy strikes — he explained them. The ICC issued arrest warrants for the last such campaign."
4. "'Never refused negotiations' — the Kremlin's own words were 'deeply on pause' on 28 August and 'no' to a 60-day ceasefire on 12 October."
5. "Ukraine accepted a full and unconditional ceasefire in March 2025. Ask the Russian delegation what date it will name."
6. "A breach of Article 58 by one side does not suspend Article 51 for the other. The Protocol says so in Article 51(8)."

ВОПРОСЫ И ОТВЕТЫ

"Ukraine puts air defences in cities — isn't that the cause of civilian deaths?"	Article 58 binds Ukraine and we say so. But Russia's own Ministry said it aimed at an enterprise in Pryluky; the missile hit an apartment block. No Russian source has claimed a military objective in the building or in the Kramatorsk buses. Article 51(8) is explicit: the defender's failings do not release the attacker.
"The UN itself says Ukrainian strikes kill civilians in Russia."	Yes — OHCHR relays Russian reports of 496 killed in January–September and says it cannot verify them, because Russia gives it no access. The Hub uses the same label for unverified figures from any side. The rule protecting civilians is the same on both sides of the border.
"The energy grid feeds the war industry — it is a legitimate target."	That is the argument the ICC judges heard in 2024 before issuing warrants for the 2022–23 campaign. Attacks that cut heat and water to millions before winter are not made lawful by calling the grid 'logistics', and reprisals against civilian objects are prohibited outright.
"Germany has published no proof on Leipzig."	True — the attribution is a state finding from an ongoing investigation, and we label it as such. Russia's reply was a demand for evidence, not an account of what happened. Calling it a 'hoax' at the Council is itself a claim with nothing behind it.
"Russia is ready to talk; Ukraine and Europe want war."	Since March 2025 Ukraine has accepted a full, unconditional ceasefire. The Kremlin's spokesman called the talks 'deeply on pause' on 28 August and rejected a 60-day ceasefire on 12 October; Lavrov told this Council 'no pause'. The record of who refuses is Russia's own.
"Zelensky announced a 40-day operation — Russia is only responding."	He did, on 25 June, and said its aim was to press for an end to the war. A response that destroys apartment blocks is a reprisal against civilians, which Article 51(6) forbids whatever the provocation.

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Answer "only military targets" with the Council's own record of 9 Oct — SC/16472 (>100 killed in one week) — and the MoD's own 7 Oct target list naming Pryluky · ask Russia to name the military objective in the Pryluky apartment block and the Kramatorsk buses, or withdraw the claim · put the energy concession on the record alongside the ICC warrants of 5 Mar and 24 Jun 2024 and support the moratorium on energy and Black Sea attacks · ask the Russian delegation for a date for the unconditional ceasefire Ukraine accepted in March 2025 · request that OHCHR be given access to Russia so that Russian casualty figures can be verified like Ukraine's · circulate HRMMU's September 2026 update (15 Oct) to capitals before the next Council meeting.

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