

'ALL INTENDED TARGETS WERE HIT'

On 19 November 2025 Russia's Ministry of Defence said its overnight strikes had hit defence-industry and energy facilities and drone storage sites in western Ukraine, and that 'all intended targets were hit and the objectives of the strike were achieved'. That morning Kh-101 cruise missiles had hit two nine-storey residential buildings in Ternopil. By 8 December the police counted 38 killed, eight of them children. Two claims, the record, and what they concede.

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38

killed in Ternopil, among them eight children; three adults still missing

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Ternopil Oblast Police, 8 Dec 2025 (via Ukrainska Pravda)

94

injured, among them 18 children

B

State Emergency Service, via Interfax-Ukraine, 27 Nov 2025

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nine-storey residential buildings hit by Kh-101 cruise missiles from strategic aviation

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Air Force of Ukraine, 19 Nov 2025 (via Ukrinform)

40 · 34

Kh-101 cruise missiles launched at Ukraine that night · shot down or jammed

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Air Force of Ukraine, 19 Nov 2025, 10:00 (via Ukrinform)

BOTTOM LINE

Russia did not name Ternopil. The ministry listed defence-industry and energy facilities and drone storage sites in western Ukraine — none of them in or beside the two blocks of flats that were hit.

'All intended targets' leaves two readings. Either the residential buildings were intended targets, or the statement that every target was hit is false.

Part of a pattern. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights pointed to 'powerful long-range missiles combined with waves of drones increasingly being used by Russian forces' (Nov 2025).

THE 2 CLAIMS

Russian Ministry of Defence · 19 Nov 2025

"All intended targets were hit and the objectives of the strike were achieved."

Self-incriminating or false: two blocks of flats were hit

Russian Ministry of Defence · 19 Nov 2025

"[Our forces hit] defense industry and energy facilities that supported their operations ... [and] long-range drone storage sites in western Ukraine."

Not shown for Ternopil: no such facility named in or beside the buildings hit

WHAT WE ASK

Security Council members: name the Kh-101 and the strategic bombers in statements on long-range strikes · states: supply air defence for regional centres far from the front and sanction Kh-101 producers and component suppliers · support the investigation of the strike on Ternopil.

Sources: Russian MoD via The Moscow Times, 19 Nov 2025 · Air Force of Ukraine via Ukrinform, 19 Nov 2025 · Ternopil Oblast Police via Ukrainska Pravda, 8 Dec 2025 · State Emergency Service via Interfax-Ukraine, 27 Nov 2025 · UN Secretary-General on X, 20 Nov 2025 · V. Türk via Gulf News, Nov 2025



WHO SAID IT, WHERE, AND TO WHOM

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

THE OCCASION AND THE RECORD

Occasion	A night-long attack on Ukraine, 18–19 Nov 2025: 476 drones and 48 missiles by the Air Force's count
Where the claim was made	Daily briefing of the Russian Ministry of Defence, 19 Nov 2025, reported by The Moscow Times

THE SPEAKERS

Russian Ministry of Defence	Daily briefing, 19 Nov 2025	Said its forces hit 'defense industry and energy facilities that supported their operations' and 'long-range drone storage sites in western Ukraine', and that 'all intended targets were hit and the objectives of the strike were achieved'
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WHAT OTHERS SAID

UN Secretary-General	Condemned the overnight Russian missile and drone attacks on several Ukrainian regions (20 Nov 2025).
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights	Pointed to the growing use of long-range missiles with waves of drones by Russian forces (Nov 2025).
Ukraine	Said it would raise the strike on Ternopil at the Security Council meeting of 20 Nov 2025 (via Ukrinform).

WHAT THE STATEMENTS LEFT OUT

- That two nine-storey residential buildings in Ternopil, on Stusa Street and 15 Kvitnia Street, were hit that morning.
- That rescuers searched the rubble for four days and pulled 46 people out alive, seven of them children.

HOW IT TRAVELS

The statement was carried by Russian state media on 19 November 2025 and quoted in international coverage the same day, alongside the rising toll in Ternopil. It did not mention the city.

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CLAIM, RECORD, CONCESSION

Each claim as made, with the date, the venue and a link; the record it runs into, with the tier of the evidence; and what it concedes. Words in square brackets are the Hub's.

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CLAIM 1 · RUSSIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE · 19 NOV 2025

“All intended targets were hit and the objectives of the strike were achieved.”

Russian MoD daily briefing, 19 Nov 2025, via The Moscow Times

www.themoscowtimes.com/2025/11/19/russian-attack-leaves-25-dead-in-western-ukraines-ternopil-a91169/pdf

CLAIM 2 · RUSSIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE · 19 NOV 2025

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SELF-INCRIMINATING OR FALSE: TWO BLOCKS OF FLATS WERE HIT Evidence B

The Air Force of Ukraine reports that Kh-101 cruise missiles launched from strategic aviation hit residential apartment buildings in Ternopil (19 Nov 2025). The Ternopil Oblast Police count 38 killed, including eight children (8 Dec 2025); the State Emergency Service 94 injured, including 18 children.

What the claim concedes: If every intended target was hit, the residential buildings in Ternopil were among the intended targets.

NOT SHOWN FOR TERNOPIL: NO SUCH FACILITY NAMED IN OR BESIDE THE BUILDINGS HIT Evidence

No defence-industry, energy or drone-storage site in or beside the buildings on Stusa Street and 15 Kvitnia Street has been named by Russia or anyone else. In case of doubt an object normally used for civilian purposes, such as a house, is presumed civilian (Additional Protocol I, art. 52(3)).

What the claim concedes: Nothing about Ternopil — the ministry gave no reason for the strike on the city.

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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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THE RECORD

QUESTION	WHAT RUSSIA SAYS	WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS	SOURCE
Targets	'Defense industry and energy facilities', 'long-range drone storage sites in western Ukraine'	Two nine-storey residential buildings in Ternopil, Stusa Street and 15 Kvitnia Street	Russian MoD via The Moscow Times, 19 Nov 2025 (RU); Air Force of Ukraine, 19 Nov 2025 (B)
Result	'All intended targets were hit'	38 killed, among them eight children; three adults missing	Ternopil Oblast Police, 8 Dec 2025 (B)
Injured	Not mentioned	94, among them 18 children; 46 pulled from the rubble	State Emergency Service, Nov 2025 (B)
Weapon	Not specified	Kh-101 cruise missiles launched from Tu-95MS and Tu-160MS strategic bombers	Air Force of Ukraine, 19 Nov 2025 (B)
UN view	—	The Secretary-General condemned the overnight Russian attacks on several regions	UN Secretary-General on X, 20 Nov 2025 (A)

FAIR TO SAY

The ministry's statement covered the whole night's strikes on Ukraine; the Hub does not assess the other sites it named. The verdict concerns Ternopil.

The number of children killed differs between sources: eight in the police count of 8 Dec 2025, seven in some international reports. Injured figures rose from 37 (10:00, 19 Nov) to 94. Three adults were still missing on 8 Dec 2025.

The Russian statement is quoted in English from The Moscow Times' report of the briefing; words in square brackets are the Hub's.

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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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THE LAW

Established (treaty text): attacks must be limited to military objectives (Additional Protocol I, art. 52(2)); civilians and civilian objects must not be attacked (arts. 51(2), 52(1)).

Established (treaty text): indiscriminate attacks are prohibited (AP I, art. 51(4)); in case of doubt a house or other dwelling is presumed civilian (art. 52(3)).

Established (treaty text): an attacker must take all feasible precautions in the choice of means and methods to avoid civilian deaths (AP I, art. 57).

Pattern: the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights pointed to 'powerful long-range missiles combined with waves of drones increasingly being used by Russian forces' (Nov 2025).

Position (Hub): on the record, the strike on two residential blocks with no military object named is an attack directed at civilians (Rome Statute art. 8(2)(b)(i)) or an indiscriminate attack — pending an investigation. No prosecutor's qualification has been located.

LINES TO TAKE

1. "Moscow said all intended targets were hit. In Ternopil the missiles hit two blocks of flats."
2. "38 dead, eight of them children. Russia named no target in the city."
3. "Either the homes were the targets, or the claim is false."

Q&A

"There was a military facility nearby."

None has been named — not by Russia, which did not mention Ternopil, nor by anyone else. Even near a military objective, an attack expected to cause excessive civilian harm is prohibited (AP I, art. 51(5)(b)).

"Ukrainian air defence caused the damage."

The Air Force of Ukraine identifies the weapon as Russian Kh-101 cruise missiles launched from strategic bombers. Russia itself said all its intended targets were hit.

"It was a response to ATACMS strikes on Russia."

Reprisals against civilians are prohibited (AP I, art. 51(6)). Whatever the motive, the rules on distinction and precautions still apply to every strike.

WHAT WE ASK

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WHERE EVERY LINE COMES FROM

All sources were checked on 21 October 2026. Russian statements are listed as the position under review, not as evidence.

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SOURCES		
The Moscow Times (Russian Ministry of Defence)	Russian attack leaves 25 dead in western Ukraine's Ternopil, 19 Nov 2025 https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2025/11/19/russian-attack-leaves-25-dead-in-western-ukraines-ternopil-a91169/pdf	RU
Ukrinform (Air Force of Ukraine)	Kh-101 missiles hit residential buildings in Ternopil, Air Force reports, 19 Nov 2025 https://www.ukrinform.net/amp/rubric-ato/4060547-kh101-missiles-hit-residential-buildings-in-ternopil-air-force-reports.html	B
Ukrinform (Air Force of Ukraine)	Air Defense Forces destroy 442 Russian drones, 34 Kh-101 missiles, and seven Kalibr missiles, 19 Nov 2025 https://www.ukrinform.net/rubric-ato/4060364-air-defense-forces-destroy-442-russian-drones-34-kh101-missiles-and-seven-kalibr-missiles.html	B
Ukrainska Pravda (Ternopil Oblast Police)	Death toll from 19 November Russian strike on Ternopil rises to 38, 8 Dec 2025 https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2025/12/08/8010980	B
Interfax-Ukraine (State Emergency Service)	Report on the end of the search and rescue operation in Ternopil, 27 Nov 2025 https://interfax.com.ua/news/general/1123956.html	B
Ukrainska Pravda (Interior Minister)	Ten killed and 37 injured in Russian strike on Ternopil – photos, 19 Nov 2025 https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2025/11/19/8007968/index.amp	B
Novyny.LIVE (UN Secretary-General)	UN chief responds to Russia's strike on Ternopil — statement, 20 Nov 2025 https://news.novyny.live/en/un-chief-responds-to-russias-strike-on-ternopil-statement-295175.html	A
Gulf News (UN High Commissioner for Human Rights)	UN rights chief 'appalled' by Russia's latest Ukraine strikes, Nov 2025 https://gulfnews.com/world/europe/un-rights-chief-appalled-by-russias-latest-ukraine-strikes-1.500352952	A
Fakty (Ternopil Oblast Police)	Strike on Ternopil on 19 November: the death toll has risen to 38 (in Ukrainian), 9 Dec 2025 https://fakty.com.ua/ua/proisshestvija/20251209-skilky-lyudey-zagynuly-v-ternopoli-vnaslidok-ataky-rf-19-lystopada/	C

METHOD

The claims are taken from the Russian Ministry of Defence daily briefing of 19 Nov 2025 as reported in English by The Moscow Times. Words in square brackets are the Hub's. They are checked against the Air Force of Ukraine (B), the Ternopil Oblast Police and State Emergency Service counts (B), UN statements (A) and the treaty texts cited.

No images of the dead are used. Casualty figures are given as reported, with dates; where sources differ, both are shown.

Tiers: **A** — UN-mandated bodies, international courts and organisations (OHCHR/HRMMU, Commission of Inquiry, ICC, ECtHR, IAEA, OSCE, OPCW, Security Council record); **B** — Ukrainian official bodies, marked "according to Ukraine"; **C** — independent investigators and media; **RU** — Russian official statements, the position under review. Tiers are never combined in one figure.

Sources: see table above

