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Ukraine – a sharp increase of bombing and shelling on civilian infrastructure

“We are deeply concerned by the sharp increase in bombing and shelling on civilian infrastructure in recent weeks. Hospitals, schools, energy facilities, and homes have been largely hit, Russian forces using missiles, bombs, and armed drones in populated areas. In the most recent incidents, Odessa and Soumy were hit on Sunday and Monday, leaving a dozen killed and over 100 injured. Last Sunday, Russia carried out its largest aerial attack on Ukraine in months, hitting energy infrastructure in several major cities, from Odesa in the south and Dnipro in the east to Rivne in the west, depriving millions of civilians of electricity at the onset of the winter season. Ukrainian authorities stated that last October Russia launched around 2,000 drones at Ukraine, approximately one-third more than the previous month.

843 people have been killed since July 2024, making these last 4 months the deadliest in the year. According to the United Nations, more than 12,000 civilians have been killed in the conflict. We strongly condemn bombing and shelling of towns and cities in Ukraine, which is causing catastrophic harm to civilians.”

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