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# Energy, Infrastructure, and Civilians Targeted: Ukrainian Trade Unions Call for Solidarity

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**Dear Sisters and Brothers,**

**The Russian Federation continues its brutal, full-scale war on Ukraine. Every day, Russia launches missiles and drones at Ukrainian cities, destroying workplaces, homes, and entire communities, while imposing its criminal regime on the temporarily occupied territories.**

Today, October 22, in the Kyiv region, a Russian strike killed two adults, a 12-year-old girl, and a 6-month-old infant. At noon, Russia targeted a kindergarten in Kharkiv. Several children were injured.

Russia has not escalated its terror by accident—it aims to inflict further suffering on civilians by depriving them of heat, warm water, and hot food as the cold season begins.

Today, Ukraine has once again endured one of the most massive combined Russian attacks targeting its energy and civilian infrastructure, in particular:

In Kyiv, dozens of missiles and drones struck thermal power plants.

In the Poltava region, the enemy targeted oil and gas facilities, as well as the Kremenchuk Hydroelectric Power Station.

In Zaporizhzhia and surrounding areas, thousands of people were left without electricity.

In the Dnipro region, energy facilities were hit, with massive destruction reported in Kamianske.

In Konotop, dozens of Russian drones struck residential and infrastructure sites.

In the Odesa region, particularly in Izmail, ports and energy facilities were attacked.

In the Cherkasy region, Russian terrorists attempted to damage the Kaniv Hydroelectric Power Plant.

There are also reports of damage to railway infrastructure, causing delays to several trains. Emergency power cuts have been introduced in most regions, while energy workers are already working tirelessly to restore supply and repair the damage.

Just imagine that on the night of October 20, 2025, the city of Chernihiv and surrounding parts of the region remained in a complete blackout: no electricity, no water, no functioning enterprises or hospitals. Russian forces carried out deliberate strikes on Ukraine's critical energy infrastructure, plunging hundreds of thousands of people into darkness without electricity, heat, water, or communication. To grasp the scale, the population of Chernihiv affected by the blackout is comparable to that of major European cities such as Bonn (Germany), Ljubljana (Slovenia), Bydgoszcz (Poland), Córdoba (Spain), or Aarhus (Denmark).

According to the State Labour Service of Ukraine, during the first eight months of 2025 alone, 766 workers were injured and 154 were killed in work-related accidents caused by hostilities. This is a staggering violation of all labour and human rights.

We call on all trade unionists and defenders of human dignity and democracy to:

- Clearly and unequivocally condemn Russia's attacks on Ukrainian cities and the war.
- Push for intensified sanctions against the Russian Federation.
- Insist on the prosecution of all those responsible for war crimes.
- Demand the release of all Ukrainian prisoners of war and civilian hostages –including trade unionists – and the

immediate return of all abducted Ukrainian children.

Ukrainian workers and trade union members continue to resist and fight, giving their lives and health for the sake of peace in Ukraine, in Europe, and in the world.

We stand for the right to live and the right to work.

We resist and fight for freedom and the fundamental right to peace.

We ask you to stand with us.

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