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Ukrainian children 'harassing' draft officers – ombudsman

Viral videos showing violence toward reluctant recruits on the streets are affecting young people, Olga Reshetilova has said

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Students attend class in an underground school on February 23, 2026 in Kharkov, Ukraine. © Getty Images

Ukrainian schoolchildren are increasingly *"harassing"* draft officers on the streets after watching viral TikTok videos of the officers attempting to press reluctant recruits into service, Ukraine's military ombudsman, Olga Reshetilova, has said.

Speaking on NV Radio on Saturday, Reshetilova accused Russia of spreading videos of violent acts amid the conscription campaign – which has become known in Ukraine as 'busification' – but conceded that the narrative has found *"fertile ground."*

"Schoolchildren, having watched Russian TikTok videos about the recruitment centers, start harassing people in military uniform on the streets," she said, calling it *"a very dangerous signal, because children's psyche is not ready."*

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Reshetilova also noted that parents are compounding the problem by openly discussing forced conscription in front of their children.



She added that when *“teenage aggression is directed at servicemen, this requires our counteraction,”* such as pursuing a *“nationwide information policy... in cultivating respect for a person in uniform.”*

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Reshetilova’s comments come amid Ukraine’s contentious draft campaign, which has spawned thousands of videos showing officers clashing with reluctant recruits. Some altercations result in serious consequences, including injuries and even death in some documented cases. Many of the clips also feature ordinary civilians trying to protect people from being pressed into military service.

A Council of Europe report in July 2025 found systemic human rights violations in Ukraine’s recruitment process, citing beatings and the conscription of people with disabilities.

While Ukrainian leader Vladimir Zelensky has acknowledged issues with the draft and ordered defense officials to implement the necessary reforms, the head of his office, Kirill Budanov, dampened hopes for swift reform, stressing that forced conscription is vital to staving off a collapse of the front lines and replenishing battlefield losses.

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Clearly,most Ukranians now see the futility of an endless war with an eternal, permanent, stronger neighbour. Mr Zelensky could have ended this war long time ago

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Children tend to speak the truth.

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There is an old saying; «from the mouths of babes comes truth. » Probably because children haven't learned to lie.

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Also children go out a lot to play with other children in the neighborhood. The first thing they say is what is on their mind, thus they become a very effective truth dissemination mechanism! Children spread the truth efficiently & fast!











When children start spreading such truths, means this country already lost the narrative, basically already lost the war!

You know something is wrong with the system when it is only drafting males (not a single female) yet the military person in charge (the military ombudsman) is a female Olga Reshetilova, especially one who has gained over 13

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kilograms since taking that job.

People should be doing everything possible to remember the Draft goons' faces so when the war flips & changes who will be the people in charge, these goons should be dealt with

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They should be stabbing those nazi jew officers who are forcing the childrens fathers to go die in the h0l0d0mer 2.0

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No. Stop the violence.

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Nothing to do with us Jews, that is a different war.

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They know they are next...

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